

St. Gertrude Athletic Boosters Meeting Monday September 16, 2013

In attendance: Bob Volz, Rose Walsh, Marc Gerwel, Andrew Tallarigo, David Fermann, Greg Logsdon, Heather Brizendine, Judy Suddendorf, John Mulvaney, Gretchen Finniff, Brad Bursa and Bob Siebert.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm followed by a prayer led by Heather Brizendine.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Girls Basketball – Bob Volz reported that girls' basketball is going well; we have 10 more players this year over last year. Expressed concern over poor condition of gym and bathrooms after parish events prior to games we are hosting. Paint was found on the gym floor.

Football – We have 114 players in the program this year. The first home opener went very well, and thanked the small group of core volunteers that stepped forward in setting up and cleaning up. Announcement to be made at the end of each home event asking for assistance to clean up. Brian Redden stepped forth to offer assistance as past coordinator as this was our first home opener. Thank you to MaryAnn Logsdon (PepsiCo/Frito-Lay) for her continued support and donation to the Boosters.

Girls Volleyball – Judy worked with Boys' Basketball and Parish Office to work out gym schedule for practices and game time. CYO is considering changing the rule about serves and point accumulation for younger aged players, in an effort to increase ball touches amongst the team. School volleyball coordinators are weighing the options and to cast vote with CYO. Evaluations are scheduled for November 11th and 12th.

Boys Basketball – We have 71 players signed up so far and registration was extended to Sept 20th. Every team will have three games within first two weeks of the season due to holidays and the way they fall this season. Coaching positions seem to be filled just waiting on confirmation from coaches affirming they want the opportunity. A pre-season interest survey was sent out to all of the 8th grade parents regarding team break-up and the consensus seems to be A-B-B teams with B teams being evenly distributed by position talent.

Track – We are presenting our track program to St Mary in an effort to have them run with us this upcoming season. Nativity and Good Shepherd are on board with running with us again. All Saints is discussing the option run with our program or stand-a-lone as their own entity. Hoping to have coaches in place by November so that we can get all necessary training completed well in advance of start of season.

Baseball/Softball – Nothing new to report. Notes from last meeting: Coleen Glorius reported that she will put out an interest survey in October or November prior to registration to gauge the interest in having teams for the spring.

Cheerleading – Would like to see a comprehensive list of sports, their associated registration fee, and grade levels that are eligible listed on the website for easy identification. Coordinators are polling cheer

parents to see what the interest is for participating in a cheer competition hosted by the GCYL held in November.

Concessions – Still need concessions coordinator for boys' basketball and girls' volleyball. Concessions ran smoothly for our first football home opener. A few things need to be tweaked for better setup and cleanup but will work bugs out as the season progresses.

Virtues – Virtue committee is considering instituting an annual SportsLeader recertification for coaches. They are hoping to host a train the trainer event for SportsLeader to broaden the pool of trainers. Archdiocese is anticipating a release very soon of guidelines for virtues in sports. The parish deadline for completing the Virtus workshop for ALL existing volunteers is December 31, 2013. Workshops are listed on the calendar located on the booster website.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Our annual operating budget is heavily dictated by the outcome of the Jayne O'Neill tournament. Our sponsorships were down this year, which cut in to our fundraising ability. We need to closely monitor our budget for the remainder of the year. Working on putting together an organization wide operating budget in addition to individual sport budget. Compiling football expenditure to coordinate with Seton for reimbursement.

Secretary – Position is vacant.

Vice Presidents – Presented the final modification to the handbook and constitution. A vote was held and the modifications to the handbook and constitution were approved for the upcoming year. You can find a copy of the updated handbook on our website.

President – Reiterated the requirements that both head coaches and assistant coaches had complete prior to being allowed to participate in practices or games. Reminded coordinators to update the coach tracking spreadsheet to make sure all coaches have met the requirements. Reviewed a letter sent to Sr. Mary Aquinas addressing poor behavior witnessed in church by some of our athletes during our fall sports mass.

OLD BUSINESS

Sport Coordinators would like to have training on the website to better utilize its resources. Will work with webmaster to schedule training date and time.

Reminded winter sport coordinators to make sure their coaches are aware they have to complete the concussion awareness training- link found on our website.

NEW BUSINESS

Presented the option of having a grandparent booster membership, option was voted down. Presented a new program called Adopt a Bulldog. The program will be a way for any individual to donate to the St Gertrude Booster program to assist in offsetting registration costs or enhancing our facilities and equipment.

Researching guidelines on what is allowed and not allowed when posting pictures online on our website.
What type of consent is needed to post team or event pictures?

Held vote to affirm: Andrew Tallarigo as football co-coordinator and Ron Trubisky as boys' basketball co-coordinator.

The next Booster meeting will be held on October 21st at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Gerwel