

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2009**

BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Michelle Fulks, Bob Bair, Amanda Padamadan, Eric Wolford, Mindy Eisnaugle, Sherri Akers, Bill Stover, Joe Dimel, Jerry Testa, Susan Donovan, Rich Williamson and Debbie Badger

Members Absent: Mel Traversa and Scott Lindsey

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the Minutes for the July meeting was made by Bill Stover and seconded by Jerry Testa.

Rich informed the Board that we would have a guest speaker at the General Meeting, David Frea of the Stewardship Committee. He would be discussing parish and school long-term fundraising.

Rich also discussed his resignation as Athletic Director. Mindy Eisnaugle will take over as Athletic Director, and Rich will remain on the board in an advisory position for the remainder of the year.

Reports:

Girls' AD:

Mindy reported that volleyball is underway. Evaluations were completed and practices have begun. There are two 8th Grade competitive teams; two 7th Grade competitive teams; one 7th/6th Grade split team; one 6th Grade team; two 5th Grade teams; and two 4th Grade teams.

Boys' AD:

Rich reported that football is underway. There are three teams: one 7th/8th Grade team with 22 players; one 5th/6th Grade team with approximately 16 players and one 4th/5th Grade team with approximately 16 players.

Due to the low numbers, there have been preliminary discussions regarding merging with St. Cecilia in the future. Issues to be decided include a team name, and locations for practices and games.

K-3 Director:

Joe reported that the forms for K-3 fall sports will go out this week to be returned by September 8th. Practices would start the weekend of September 14th with games to start September 19th.

It was decided that notification regarding the forms, which will be posted on the website and located in the area at the back of the church, will be sent home in this week's communication envelope. In the future, all athletic notifications will be sent out via the school's new e-mail system. Jerry will coordinate all communications.

Financial Liaison:

Rich discussed the current financial statement for this year. Although, we appear to have a negative balance, the checks for participation fees and camp fees (approximately \$11,000) have not yet been deposited.

Other items discussed included in the financial statement include a profit of approximately \$1,700 from the Grove City Alumni Tournament; expenditures of approximately \$2,500 for the softball diamond; end-of-year parish allocations for concession expenditures; charity and scholarship expenditures.

Pastoral Coordinator:

Mrs. Donovan asked on behalf of Debbie Ippoliti for the volunteers forms collected at the parent meetings.

Mrs. Donovan also discussed the need for due diligence regarding the upcoming flu season suggesting that perhaps the football players could bring their own individual water bottles as opposed to sharing water bottles on the sidelines.

Athletic Director:

Rich passed along the Athletic Director's Information Sheet from the Diocese to Debbie for completion and submission.

Rich then discussed the mandatory parent meetings. The meetings seemed to be well received and were well attended. 242 guardians attended representing 401 children. There will be no fee assessed this year for individuals who missed the meetings; however, a make-up session is mandatory. The make-up session for fall sports is August 30th. Two suggestions for improvement included better communicating that the sessions were meant for all sports, and scheduling the meetings one before school starts and one after school starts.

Mindy then suggested that we post an Athletic Calendar on the website. This calendar would include starting dates for sports; due dates for forms; evaluation dates; among other items. Also discussed was communication with PSR families. Jerry will contact Camille regarding an e-mail list for PSR families.

Rich reported to the Board that the bleachers in the gym are scheduled for repair on September 11th. The cost will be \$2,000. It has not yet been decided how the cost for these repairs will be shared by Athletics/Parish/PTO. Also, it was reported that for now the outside bleachers will not be replaced. Lastly, Scott is getting quotes for new mats for the gym walls which may or may not include the school logo based on costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sport Evaluations

Bob discussed parent concerns that have been brought to his attention regarding volleyball evaluations. Unclear communication regarding evaluation process, i.e. camp participation and past play, has raised some questions. Mindy made it clear that camp participation had nothing to do with evaluations and that only one player was unable to attend an evaluation and was rated based on past play.

Rich has suggested that before basketball evaluations take place later this year, the Board confirm the policy regarding evaluations. Mindy is going to take the lead on this.

Parking Lot Concerns

Bob discussed his concerns regarding the haphazard parking behind the school and the possibility for injury. Numerous suggestions were discussed, including lining the area, however, it is important to remember that first and foremost the blacktop area behind the school is a playground.

Bill addressed Bob's concerns as follows: Bill has posted directional signs; Bill is working on a gate to facilitate a clear path for emergency vehicles; Bill is also working on a snow fence to facilitate a walkway. Bill will continue to work on the parking concerns and report back to the Board.

Lastly, Bill reported to the Board that electric to the shelter house was installed for no cost.

Flag Football

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Board's decision last month to open up flag football to K-1. Numerous options were discussed and the Board has decided on the following option:

Volleyball will be offered to Girls 2-3; Soccer will be offered to both Boys and Girls K-1; Flag Football will be offered separately both to Boys K-1 and Boys 2-3. In the event there are not enough teams to form two separate flag football "leagues", parents will be given the option of letting their son either play up in flag football or play soccer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amanda briefly discussed the fall fundraiser. Order forms are due on Friday, August 28th, with the product being delivered in October. Amanda will contact the commissioners to notify the parents/players when the product will be available for pick-up.

Coffee & Doughnuts are scheduled for November 15th, 2009 and February 21st, 2010.

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GENERAL MEETING

Attendance: Michelle Fulks, Bob Bair, Amanda Padamadan, Eric Wolford, Mindy Eisnagle, Sherri Akers, Bill Stover, Joe Dimel, Jerry Testa, Susan Donovan, Rich Williamson, Debbie Badger, David Frea, Julie Freeman and Jen Wiethe.

Stewardship Committee

David Frea of the Stewardship Committee spoke to the Board to invite the board members to a series of ten Development Webinars. Several topics related to fundraising and participation may particularly pertain to the Athletic Board. These webinars will occur monthly beginning in October.

David also suggested that the Athletic Board consider posting pictures/bios on the website as done by the Parish Board.

Cheerleading

Julie Freeman addressed the Board regarding cheerleading. Julie and Jen Wiethe will be the K-3 cheerleading commissioners and Chrisana Eversman and Melanie Roach will be the 4-8 cheerleading commissioners. There are currently seven 4th Graders and 1 5th Grader who have signed up to cheer. At this time, there are only five 6th/7th Graders. It was decided that you can sign-up for either football or basketball or both. Due to time constraints, fall fundraising will not be mandatory. Fundraising dollars raised by individuals who have participated in the fall fundraiser due to their participation in volleyball will be allocated ½ to volleyball and ½ to cheerleading. The cheerleaders will have the opportunity to participate in winter fundraising.

Next Meeting:

September 28th, 2009
Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
General Meeting – 7:30 p.m.