

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 Eisnagle, Sherri Lantz, Bill Stover, Jerry Testa, Scott Lindsey, Susan Donovan, Rich Williamson and Debbie Badger

**Members Absent:** Joe Dimel

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the Minutes for the August meeting was made by Bill Stover and seconded by Michelle Fulks.

**Reports:**

**Girls' AD's:**

Mindy reported that we are two weeks into the volleyball season. Of the two 8<sup>th</sup> grade competitive teams one is 2-1 and one is 0-3; one 7<sup>th</sup> grade team is 2-1 and one is 3-1; the 7-6 split is 1-2; the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team is 3-0; both 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams are 0-4; and both 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams are 1-2.

Mindy also reported that due to her new position of Athletic Director, she has asked John Ruth to take over the position of Girl's AD for 7-8, and he has accepted.

**K-3 Director:**

Jerry reported that K-3 fall sports started on Saturday. There are 4 volleyball teams; 8 soccer teams and 4 flag football teams. Also, we are in need of a referee for the flag football games. Bill Stover will possibly volunteer for this position. Spring sports are scheduled to finish by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Financial Liaison:**

Scott provided an updated financial report. While we are showing a deficit of \$4200, Scott indicated that the following income has not yet been applied, i.e. fundraiser income, K-3 sport fees, fall sport concessions and gate revenue and spirit wear. Scott believes that all expenses have been deducted; however, there are two upcoming expenses, i.e. padding for cables in the gym and a net cart for volleyball.

### **Pastoral Coordinator:**

Mrs. Donovan indicated that Father John is on retreat, and that she has nothing to report from Father. However, there was a discussion regarding clean-up after sporting events. In particular, the gym floor and bathroom were left in an unacceptable condition this past weekend. Mindy will e-mail the coaches regarding this matter.

### **Athletic Director:**

Mindy discussed the recent incident involving football parents, including the steps that followed. All parties were met with to hear their side of the story and then the appropriate measures were taken regarding the parents in question. Also, a mandatory parent's meeting was held to review the Code of Conduct. As a result of this incident, Mel Traversa has resigned from the Athletic Board. Mindy then read a letter from Mel to the Board regarding his decision.

Rich then discussed Mel's numerous contributions and service to the Athletic Board as a coach, implementing the tuition raffle, building and field maintenance, participation in fundraising events, including the alumni tournament, Saint's Night Out and the Parish Festival, among others, where Mel and his employer have donated an abundance of product and door prizes. Rich stressed Mel's importance as a member of both the Athletic Board and the Parish community. Although Mel has resigned from the Athletic Board, he has pledged his continued support to our efforts.

As a result of Mel's resignation, Rich will take over administration duties for the Boys 7-8 AD position and continue in his role as a consultant to the Board. Rich also strongly suggested that we begin to document the responsibilities of each board position for an easier transition when personal changes.

### **Boys' AD's:**

Rich reported that the 7-8 Grade Varsity team is 1-3. They have a non-league game vs. Grove City Christian scheduled for 5:30 pm this Thursday evening, October 1<sup>st</sup>. It was discussed that we will need to block off the K-3 practice area so that no one parks there on Thursday night. The 5-6 Grade Senior Reserve team is 0-3 and the 4-5 Grade Reserve team is 2-1. Homecoming will be Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Reserve team will play at 3 pm, followed by mass at 5 pm, followed by the Senior Reserve and Varsity games.

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> was chosen for fall sports banquets. Football will go first at 1:15 pm followed by volleyball at 4 pm. Basketball practice will begin the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Rich then reported that due to the recent changes to the board the following opportunities/positions need to be addressed:

1. Administration of tuition raffle. Amanda will take over the tuition raffle with Rich's assistance.
2. Parking for the Parish Festival. This will no longer be done by the Athletic Board/football coaches.
3. Alumni Tournament – need someone to take over if interested in continuing.
4. Building maintenance – need someone to volunteer. At this time, Terry is continuing with mowing and fertilization of the fields.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Fundraising**

Amanda reported that the pick-up night for the fall fundraiser is Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Amanda then discussed family portraits as a winter sports fundraising idea. The players would sell coupons for a free 10 x 13 portrait and the money raised from those coupons would be profit. We would then set up a date for the photography studio to come in and take the portraits. Families would have the option at that time to purchase additional photographs. This portrait opportunity could be tied into a parish directory. Sherri will discuss this with the Parish Council at their next meeting. In the meantime, Amanda is moving forward with this project with a possible Thanksgiving timing for the date. Along with the players selling the portrait coupons, we would sell the coupons at our November coffee and donuts.

### **Sports Evaluations**

Mindy reported that evaluations for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade basketball teams will be held on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-9 pm. The basketball coaches' meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> with practice to start the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>.

This led to a further discussion regarding a sports calendar on the school website, together with on-line registration and payment sports. Mrs. Donovan is working on securing permission from the Diocese and Scott is working on the logistics.

## **Stewardship Fair**

A Stewardship Fair is being held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be sign-ups for board members to volunteer to staff the Athletic Board table. Also, this is another potential opportunity to sell portrait coupons. It also was mentioned that we need new signage regarding the tuition raffle for both coffee and donuts and the Stewardship Fair.

## **Protocol to Approaching Emotional Parent/Coach Issues**

Mindy discussed the need to set up protocols on how to handle issues such as the recent football parent issue. She has discussed this with Mrs. Donovan and with Chris Stancovich (sp?). This would be a guideline for coaches to use in the event of an issue. Mindy will e-mail the board to get their input.

## **K-3 3 on 3**

Jerry discussed putting on a 3 on 3 basketball tourney as a fundraiser for K-3 sports. November 21<sup>st</sup> was one date discussed. Jerry will work on logistics.

## **Miscellaneous**

Bill thanked the board for the Giant Eagle GCs and for all of their thoughts and prayers during his recent illness and surgery.

Scott reported that the new wall pads ordered are in and ready to be installed. Pads for the doors also have been ordered.

Rich reported that we have received a tractor on loan from Green & Sons for use during the fall sports season.

Bill reported that 3 lights will be installed in the shelter house. Also needing repair is the bolt on the outside bathroom door and lights need replacing in the batting cage.

**ADJOURN 7:50 PM**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Attendance:** Michelle Fulks, Bob Bair, Amanda Padamadan, Eric Wolford, Mindy Eisnaugle, Sherri Lantz, Bill Stover, Jerry Testa, Scott Lindsey, Susan Donovan, Rich Williamson, Debbie Badger, Julie Freeman and Chrisana Eversman

### **Cheerleading**

Julie and Chrisana discussed the issue regarding conflicts between cheerleading and volleyball. Currently the cheerleading schedule has been adjusted to eliminate the conflicts. Julie suggested that perhaps in the future conflicts can be communicated to the Diocese before the schedules are completed.

Chrisana reported that there is now a 6-8 Grade squad comprised of 8 girls.

### **Cheernastics**

Fees for this year's program were discussed. The fees will be \$40, which includes a t-shirt, and uniform fees will be \$30. Also, there will be a uniform exchange held the same night as the uniform fittings. Previously used uniforms may be donated to the program and any money made will be used as a fundraiser for the program.

Julie also discussed the need for new mats. (The old mats were discarded before they did not comply with Jarrod's Law.) She will provide the necessary information to Scott so that new mats can be ordered.

### **Next Meeting:**

October 26th

Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

General Meeting – 7:30 p.m.