

St. Gertrude Parish
Athletic Boosters Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2016 (Approved)

In attendance: Ken Albers, Michael Blasi, Dave Fermann, Nick Frohlich, Marc Gerwel, Leisa Grothaus, Travis Johnson, Stan Kaniecki, Michael Mason, Todd Naumann, Andrew Tallarigo, Jill Woods.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by a prayer led by Mike Mason.

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Girls Basketball – Dates have been provided for tournaments. Pictures have been taken. New uniforms will be needed for next year, particularly for the younger kids. Discussion ensued on whether to continue the player wall posters. Responses from parents have been positive. At this point parents are paying for posters separately from any required fees/payments.

Football – Regular season ended yesterday. Playoffs start this week and will hopefully run through the first weekend in November. Surveys are being readied to be sent out.

Cheerleading – Jill Woods is stepping down to transition to volleyball coordinator.

Girls Volleyball – Seven teams have been filled, possibly eight. Coaches are needed for third graders. Team registration and payment are due by the end of the month. Discussion ensued on how to divide St. Gertrude players and non-St. Gertrude players. An assessment of players will be conducted by coordinators, along with communication to parents.

Boys Basketball – The numbers have increased. Work is being done on evaluations, practice schedule, and coaches. Two possible candidates have been contacted for 8th grade coach. A number of payments (approx. 10) are pending.

Track – No report submitted.

Baseball/Softball – Mr. Gerwel has reached out to the current coordinator for input on the future of the program. No response has been received. Additional efforts will be made to reach out to the coordinator. The booster will decide on the status of the program and coordinator position during its next meeting.

Concessions – No report submitted.

Virtues – No report submitted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – There was a problem with the last two registrations. Several families did not pay the booster fee due to a misstep on the registration form setup. It is conjectured that those who have registered for winter sports and it is the first time this year they are registered did not pay the booster fee. Efforts will be made by Mr. Fermann to collect outstanding fees.

Secretary – No report submitted.

Vice Presidents – No reported submitted.

President – The board reviewed and discussed the annual Booster letter. Means of dissemination were discussed. The letter will likely be sent via email to all families, etc. The following input on the letter was provided:

- Condense information
- Provide bulleted information
- Add section/topic headings

Mr. Gerwel shared a note from one of the Seton priests praising the coaches and the football program for the positive influence that is being made on the boys.

Discussion ensued on whether or not "G's" and pins would continue to be provided.

Coordinators for winter sports need to provide first aid kit numbers to Mrs Gerwel

Spiritual Liaison – An updated list of coaches needs to be provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising – Buddy cards are still available for purchase. Cards will be sold during this weekend's Masses. The website is being checked regularly for online sales. The tailgating event has been postponed. Tentative date discussed was November 5.

Equipment – Barb Kenny has offered to serve as a uniform coordinator. This will involve cataloguing and assessing uniforms, excluding football. It was recommended that only two dates be provided for uniform pickup and two for uniform drop off. Coordinators need to determine by next meeting exactly what and how much equipment/uniforms will be managed by the coordinator. A job description will need to be created for the coordinator position.

NEW BUSINESS

Spirit Wear – Mr. Gerwel will be meeting with the spirit wear coordinators. Members and coordinators need to provide any questions/requests to Mr. Gerwel for spirit wear coordinators. It was recommended that all communications go through spirit wear coordinators and not the coordinators. A new shooting shirt was developed and is available at a discount for players. The shooting shirt needs to remain the same year to year.

Booster Calendar – Regularly scheduled event dates should be added to the annual booster calendar. All dates will be tentative. Mr. Gerwel will provide a template for date submission.

Parish Center – Marc Gerwel has been in contact with a painter who will repaint the bulldog on the two gym walls. The full color bulldog with two-toned grey will be painted. Painting will commence this Thursday at 2:00 PM. The approximate cost will be \$700. Ray Butschie will have the skirting for the bleachers finished in the next two weeks. Finally, the Parish is seeking some assistance to help prep the gym prior to games during the weekend.

Lobby Monitoring – Complaints have been made about kids being in the Parish Center lobby during games. The board discussed possible solutions, such as assigning a lobby monitor among parents that would periodically check the lobby. Coaches need to be notified.

Board Positions – The following positions are needed: boys' basketball co-coordinator, cheer coordinator (possibly change to co-coordinator as we are merged with SASEAS for cheer), and track co-coordinator.

Booster Website – Eric Kenny has been working on the website, making miscellaneous changes. Analytics have been added to the website to monitor website usage and traffic. The website will undergo changes in phases.

The next Booster meeting will be held on Monday, November 21 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Travis Johnson