

# Minutes

## ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**St. Lawrence Athletics Booster Club  
September 20, 2017 @ 6:00 pm  
St. Lawrence Parish, Utica, Michigan**

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I. **PRAYER**, led by RJ Koss, meeting began at 6:08 pm

### II. **CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

Sarah Tague, RJ Koss, Greg Mangold, Jim Ayer, Paul Barbieri, Maria Meli, Dan Wysocki, Michelle Samartino, Steve Ranger, Matt Bultnick, Rich Artomovich, Michelle Buechel, Jennifer Heppler, Phil Giuliani Fr. Robert and Bill Mason in attendance.

### III. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Jim Ayer made motion, Dan Wysocki seconded, all were in favor.

### IV. **COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF PARISH OR ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Steve Ranger- representing the parish, new business manager. We will see more representation from parish at our board meetings. Michelle Buechel/Jennifer Heppler – Cheer questions and concerns. Doesn't want coach to bring daughter to practices, should be focusing on the girls. Indiana cheer competition? Coach not attending games. Greg replied, we had a difficult time finding coaches for cheer, we do have the word out. We do not want our coaches to bring minor children to practice and fully expect them to attend games. We do not want our cheer to travel to Indianapolis for a competition, will fully support local competitions. Greg to speak with Cami on the concerns. Bill Mason- He represents the silent majority that are afraid to speak out due to repercussions from the board. Not happy with the soccer program and terrible communication from the board and Greg. Can't believe we do not have a Facebook page or any social media. He said it was time for a change? RJ asked him what his basis of the complaint was about as he understood from the email back and forth between him and Greg it was his daughter was not asked to be part of the varsity team (she is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and the coaches did not think it would be a good idea. Greg told him that and he did not like the answer he received. He said no, it was terrible from the beginning of the season, horrible communication, kids should be cut if necessary. Greg responded that he did the best job he thought at the time, trying to make everyone happy. He reached out to CYO numerous times to get their input on the situation. He also had a meeting with coaches to try and remedy the situation. In hindsight Greg stated he should have scrapped the JV soccer program for the season. Phil Giuliani had to step in as Bill was getting heated and stated they want better communication, and sooner, possibly allow 4<sup>th</sup> graders to play and social media. We explained the board would of course take these into consideration, we had to move on. Rich Artomovich- made a horrible mistake, basketball tryouts closed Sunday at midnight, he signed up 7:30 am Monday morning. Does not want his child penalized for his mistake and would do whatever necessary to try and make this right. We explained our process and we would discuss late. He said he coached last year and would do so again this year if it would help.

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### V. COMMITTEE APPROVAL AGENDA:

#### VI. ATHLETIC PROGRAM REPORT (Athletic Director)

Greg Mangold- Gave an update on fall sports thus far. Minor fall coaching issues have been raised and addressed. Prep bowl tickets need to be put on-line, 10/21 at Ford Field. Trainer issue discussed again, tabled until we have further clarification on cost for all sports.

Basketball numbers, 3 V boys (cuts), 3 JV boys (cuts) 1 Varsity girls team, possible cuts, 2 JV Girls, does not see cuts at this time. Home games would go for about 12 hours. Cheer, one JV and one Varsity. Soccer, only two children signed up so far.

Need to have inventory of keys, who has them, and for which doors.

New basketball uniforms have been ordered. Pursuing purchase of new soccer and cheer uniforms, need three bids.

Discussed protocol for finding new athletic director. Steve Ranger to help us on this.

Discussed possibly having a separate meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities of the board, adding new members (PR/Concessions). Possible an asst. AD. Definitely believe we should have a separate meeting on these issues.

#### VII. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT (Treasurer)

- **Reconciliation and checks to be paid** Presented by Dan Wysocki, signed and approved.
- **Review of Current Financials thru 8/31/2017** balance \$68,711.43 as of 8/31/17.

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### **VIII. THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- Volunteer Coordinator Update. – short on volunteers for this weekend, will send a blast out to get more people signed up. Sign up by this weekend or we will charge their account for the non-participation fee.
- Website Coordinator. Will start a Facebook page for us.
- Still Need a Picture Coordinator, Sarah said she will take this over.
- Fall Sports Apparel Update– Maria, numbers were up with EA Graphics.
- Applefest Update – Maria, From what Barb Corona said all numbers were up and we should be receiving additional money over last year, not sure on specifics yet.
- Gala Update 2018. Second Friday in February, Millionaires party theme. RJ to work with PTO on this.
- Cheer Expenses, bows, competitions as we have in the past will be covered.
- Trainer
- Discussed having a representative from athletics on hand at Open House and Packet Pick up to answer any questions.

### **IX. Closed Session**

### **X. Items for Next meeting,**

### **XI. Adjournment 9:05 pm.**