

**St. Catharine Athletic Meeting
September 21, 2009
School Gym**

Attendees: Tom Brandwie, Heidi Plank, Beth Sweeney, Beth Burkhart, Tony Phillips, John Mackessy, Steve Zehala, Duffy Sweeney

Absent: Mark Pirik, Mike Mueller, Ben Hale, Ed Macioce, Trevor Cooke, and Rita Long

Meeting began @ 7:07 pm. Tom led the group with a prayer.

Review and approval of Board Minutes from July 29, 2009 and August 17, 2009.

Report from The President- Tom Brandwie

Tom passed out the Charter for the Athletic Board. This will be voted at the next board meeting October 19, 2009 @ 8pm. Tom discussed the structure, organization and the duties and responsibilities of the executive board, sports commissioners, and coordinators of the Athletic Board. Tom emphasized the need for unity, fellowship and friendship on the board.

Report from The Treasurer-John Mackessy

August was a down month with expenses for the fall sports of Field Hockey, Football and Volleyball. No income was listed in August for the above-mentioned sports. Income will show in September for fall sports once all fees have been turned in. At the end of August the current checking was little over \$2,000 and savings little over \$21,000.

Fall Sports

Soccer- Tom Brandwie

One team was formed for boys in grades fourth & fifth. Lew & Karen Smith took on the responsibilities of the Soccer Commissioner. They helped with getting the field lined, scheduling, putting goals together and tear down, main contact with the dioceses, and with the Athletic Board.

Discussion was made about eliminating the Soccer Commissioner on the Athletic Board. This does not mean that that soccer will be eliminated but that parents would have to take active role in getting the sport ready with the dioceses if teams are formed. Mark Quinlan was mentioned as a possible candidate to fill this position. Beth Sweeney was going to contact Mark to see if he had any interest. The board was asked to think of any other individuals that they might think would be interested. If no candidate comes forth a vote will be taken at the next meeting to eliminate the Commissioner spot at the October Meeting.

Football- Trevor Cooke- Presented by Tom Brandwie

The number of Football Players is down from past seasons. Three teams formed in: Varsity (7th & 8th Graders), Sr. Reserve (6th graders & some 5th graders) and Jr. Reserve (4th & 5th Graders). John Mackessy reported that the Football team had an expense of little over \$4,000 for the season to have safe equipment (helmets, pads) for the Green Wave Players. All Football coaches have PGC and Fingerprinting on file from the list that was given by Kevin Smith and Trevor Cooke.

Trevor would like to have a fundraiser for green wave apparel sold mainly online and also idea of having a photographer that would provide action shots. The attendees at the meeting thought it was a great idea.

Volleyball- Rita Long – presented by Tom Brandwie

Volleyball has 65 girls playing this year in grades 4th –8th Grades. Five players are from CCD. The total number of girls is up by 16 participants. Total of Seven teams: 1-4th, 1-4/5th, 1-5th, 1- 6th, 2-7th, and 1- 8th. Rita has collected \$5,467.00. \$767.00 was from camp. The Diocesan fee was \$930.00 and Officials fees are \$1900.00 with approximately \$500 more for additional games and tournaments. Cost to participate in Volleyball is \$80. Volleyball spent \$700.00 on volleyballs during the preseason. 8th grade girls placed 3rd out of 12 teams in a pre-season Diocesan tournament last Sunday. Tom informed the group that the Dioceses would not have a tournament for girls in 4th & 5th grades. They have had a total of 12 games this year up from last year. Official fees went up from a year ago. We have a torn net on the non-crank side it will be addressed after the season. All Volleyball Coaches have PGC & Fingerprinting on file from the list given by Rita Long.

The board is currently still searching for Rita's replacement for next school year.

Field Hockey- Beth Sweeney

Field Hockey had one team with girls in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade. A total of 12 girls playing this year. One from St Pius and 11 from St Catharine School. 3-6th graders, 3- 7th graders, and 6- 8th Graders. 11 out of 12 participation fees are in. Cost to play was at \$60. Income of \$660 collected and \$60 needs to be collected. Expenses this year: \$ 556.56. \$ 480.00 to cover official fees for the Seven Home games & 76.56 for Game & Practice Balls. The Season will wrap up on Thursday Oct 8th at Home. Next season will look to add 4th & 5th graders to help with the low numbers from this season. Coaches for Field Hockey have PGC & Fingerprints on file from the list given by Beth Sweeney.

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball- Tom Brandwie

Discussion was brought up about reducing the fees from last year. Cost to play last year was \$69 per player with a participant fee of \$70. This year cost to play will increase to \$73 per player. The attendee's decided to keep the cost at \$70 to help families during this time. Uniforms might be needed for the grades in 4th, 5th and 6th Grades. 7th & 8th grades will have plenty of uniforms. Sign ups will take place after all Masses on Saturday October 17th & Sunday October 18th. Practice can begin November 4th.

Girls Basketball- Duffy Sweeney

Uniforms might be needed for some grades. Duffy & Heidi are going to take a look and see what might be needed for the upcoming season. Cost will be \$70 for the upcoming season. Sign ups will take place after all Masses on October 17th & 18th. Practice can begin November 4th.

Swimming- Tony Phillips

Open for all boys & girls in 7th & 8th grade. Practices will start in November. Couple evenings during the week & Sundays with the Hartley Team. Cost to swim is \$65. The cost covers meets, pool time for practices, and entry fees for middle school championships. Team suits are available @ extra \$20 per swimmer but this is optional. Green Wave swim caps are also available. Five Dual meets have been set up. The Meets will be in December & January. With a middle school championship on January 23, 2010. Sign ups will take place after all masses on October 17th & 18th.

Sports Coordinators

Concessions- Beth Burkhart

Beth gets the schedules from the Sports Commissioners and then Ben Mackessy is in charge of staffing the concession areas for both inside and outside. All Concessions are staffed by paid workers from the parish. We will take a look at the cost to staff concessions vs. parent volunteers after the sports seasons of Fall & Winter. Volleyball will have three paid workers in charge of games @ St. Catharine. Beth will be informed of any scheduled changes with the gym and outside field so that she can contact Ben.

Uniform Coordinator-Heidi Plank

Heidi has been sorting & cleaning the uniform room upstairs of the gym. She is not sure what needs to be pitched and what are active uniforms for the sports teams. Uniforms will be needed for some grades in Volleyball next year, and Girls & Boys basketball might be needed this year. Heidi will be working with both Tom & Duffy for the upcoming basketball season. Heidi will be looking for a company that will supply us good quality uniforms. Mab Hatter and Quality Stitch were mentioned as possible contacts.

Heidi brought up the idea of having an official uniform day to pass out to the kids and parents vs. having Heidi give the uniforms to the various coaches of each grades to pass out. Decision was made to have the coaches pass out the uniforms with Heidi's help. Should the non-active uniforms be pitched, donated or rummage sale of old uniforms? Various opinions and should be addressed at the next meeting.

Old Business

Cooling of Outside Concession

Complaints by paid concessions workers about the warm conditions in the summer months in the outside concessions. The ideas of having a cooling system added, just a regular fan, or a screen door was addressed. Many thought it was not an urgent issue especially with the cooler temperatures that we have experienced in the summer months. John Mackessy suggested removing some of the Refrigerators to help eliminate some of the extra heat outside.

Field Project, Part I

\$1900 has been paid to Mike Montgomery. Tom will do some seeding work end of October at no cost to the Board. The field is in much better shape then last year. Tom suggested that this should be done yearly. The Stumps have been removed behind the small baseball diamond on Fair Ave in NE Corner.

Field Project, Part II

Will be put on hold until the October Meeting.

Filling of Open Positions

A bulletin Announcement has been placed since the August 17th meeting for the open spots on the board. Tom has received interest for the Athletic Director spot, Mary Hale. The board voted unanimously in favor of Mary Hale as the new Athletic Director. Tom will be working with Mary on her rules and duties as the new Athletic Director @ St Catharine.

Positions still open: Fundraising Coordinator, CCD Communications coordinator, Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, and Soccer.

New Business

Website, Master Schedule

Tom suggested a website for St Catharine Athletics. Would like to have general information about the various sports teams, schedules, game results, pictures, etc. Would

like it to be easily linked with the church and School. Beth Sweeney was going to talk with Greg Krivicich and see what ideas that he might have to make athletics easily accessible on the current church and school sites. It was suggested that board members should take a look at St Mary's German Village site, St Matthews and St Paul's.

Tom is working to have a master schedule for both outside and inside athletic facilities.

Keys and General Access

Will be discussed at the October Meeting. One idea was to have Tom hand out the keys to Sports Commissioners. The Commissioners would then give keys to coaches that would need them for opening the gym, equipment rooms, etc. After the season coaches will return keys to the Commissioners and then back to Tom for past out to the next sports commissioners.

The next board meeting is Monday October 19, 2009 @ 8 pm. Please note the new time change.

The meeting adjourned @ 8:35 PM