

## St Catharine Athletic Meeting

Monday January 18, 2010

School Gym

Attendees: Mary Hale, Tom Brandewie, Heidi Plank, Ed Macioce, Pete Pasini, Steve Zehala, Beth Sweeney, Duffy Sweeney( last 30 minutes)

Absent: John Mackessy, Mark Pirik, Trevor Cooke, Mike Mueller, Tony Phillips, Ben Hale, Rita Long, Tony Tanner

Tom led the group with a prayer. The meeting began @ 8:02 PM

Report from the President- Tom Brandewie

Tom discussed attendance of Board Members since August. Tom would like to see higher participation and attendance by all board members. This issue will be discussed at the upcoming Charter meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> and regular Board Meeting on February 15th.

Report from the Treasurer: Tom Brandewie

Tom discussed the December 2009 finances. We had a negative net income for this month at \$1566.85. We also have a negative net income for the past 5 months of \$7,170.64.

Basketball did not break even for the 2009-2010 season. A few reasons for this is not raising fees from last year to help all families due to the current situation of the economy, purchased new uniforms for some of the upper grades, and purchased new basketballs.

Frazier Fields was paid in December from a spring 2009 invoice of over \$3,000.

We currently have \$21,890.91 in savings and checking.

Winter Sports

## Basketball- Tom Brandewie

Tom is looking for ways to improve the competitiveness of our teams especially the upper grades of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Tom feels that we are behind with other schools. Main reasons: Lack of gym time, need to work on fundamentals. Tom suggested taking a look next year at raising the fees for the upper grades. To support extra gym time, purchasing warm ups, etc...

A few issues have been brought up about parents yelling during the games, yelling at the team coaches. Discussion was brought up by having a parents meeting before the season and also looking for a code of conduct for parents to sign.

Pete Pasini brought up the idea of what Hartley does for its athletic team's players, parents and Coaches. He believes it is a National Program called "Respect the Game". Beth will look into finding more information about this program to bring to St Catharine.

## Uniforms

Beth turned into Heidi Volleyball and old basketball jersey that was found in the Lost in Found at School.

Heidi purchased new uniforms for a few of the Basketball teams. Very pleased with how they turned out. Will be looking to add new uniforms for next year if we can afford that expense.

It was decided that each Basketball coach will be responsible collecting team uniforms. We will be having an end of season coaches meeting to discuss any issues, ways to improve basketball and turn in all uniforms to Heidi. Date TBA...

## Lacrosse- Pete Pasini

The fee for Lacrosse will be \$65. This will cover the referee fees.

Three teams again this year:

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: Coached by Carrie Kebe need another volunteer coach

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Still looking for coaches.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>: Coached by Kendra Smith/ Abby M will help when she can.

Hope to have 15 girls per team. Girls from St Catharine School & Parish, and Other Eastside Catholic Schools.

Mike is working on a schedule for games and practices for all three teams. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will be playing at Bishop Hartley April 17/18. Mike will attend a coaches meeting at St Paul's February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Tom will need a game and practice schedule once completed to turn into the Parish Office. Tom also brought up a few issues from last season about the coaching staffs tardiness to practices and games, and also dress code.

### Softball

We will be including Softball to the Spring Sign-ups. Angel Conlon will be the contact. The fee will be \$70

### Track

Ben needs to talk with Katie Shonk. He also needs to check with Hartley to see if we can use their track for practices. The School field will be available as well as the use of the gym.

Practice can start March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fee to participate will be \$25. Parent Volunteers will be needed.

### Baseball

Fee will be \$70

Uniforms will be needed for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade team.

Practice can start March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion started about if boys can play on a St Catharine team and Travel team. Boys in Grades 4-6 will have to pick between a school team and travel team. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> (13&U) can participate for both Irish and travel but they can start with the travel team until the Spring Diocese league ends around May 20<sup>th</sup>. If any questions about eligibility contact Mark Pirik, Baseball Commissioner.

### Concession

Date TBA after Basketball is completed to move inside concessions to outside area for spring sports.

Joe Sesito has said that Ben Mackessy is doing a great job managing the gym. He has had to handle a few parents that have been removed from the game during games.

## Old & New Business

**Basketball Eligibility Rule:** Ed wanted to tell the group that he talked in person to Joe Sesito and Julius Palazzo from the Diocesan Recreation League. He wanted to clarify that it was ok for a player to participate in the diocesan league and another league if they choose per Joe and Julius. The rule states from the Dioceses that "All players must be members of the parish and/or attend the Parish school in order to play on the Parish. NO player should play in another league or tournament while playing for a parish team." We will continue to enforce that kids will have to choose St Catharine vs. another league during the diocesan season.

Ed also wanted to discuss the need to have non-parents coaching the kids at the 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade level. Those in attendance agreed.

He also wanted to talk about the trouble that he is having of kids participating in multiple sports during the basketball season. He has had to cancel a few practices because of 3 boys that also swim. The group agreed that it is hard for kids to be able to fully commit to two sports but it was best for the families to decide for their children. Also most in attendance felt if we made them choose between one sports or another then one sport would not have enough participation to have a team.

## Gym Safety

Beth Sweeney brought up the issue of gym safety if an emergency crisis would happen in or around St Catharine when the gym was opened for games on the weekends. Beth suggested that we should get an emergency contact to the Columbus Police Department for the weekends in case of any problems. Beth contacted both Officer Tim Schmitz and Officer Jamie Porter for advice. John Mackessy is the weekend contact for the Division of police if any emergency crisis should take place at the gym.

## St Catharine Athletic Board Charter

Tom discussed the need to get the charter in place as soon as we can. A meeting is scheduled for Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8pm.

## Spring Sports Sign ups

Will take place after all masses on February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Deadline for spring sports is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Master Email List

Tom would like to start a master email list from all School and Parish families that participate in athletics.

## Competitive 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade Spring Baseball team

This issue was about a flyer that went out to all boys in grade 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Catharine School from Steve Zehala. The school received a few complaints from parents about the wording and concerns of the competitive team. Both Tom and Mary had discussions with Janet about this issue. Janet decided that a letter should be sent from the Athletic Board to apologize about the flyer. Steve Zehala also apologize to the group at the meeting. Mary was going to get the letter put together and send into school for distribution to the classes.

The meeting adjourned @ 9:18pm.

Next meeting February 15, 2010 @ 8pm in the School Gym.

