

St. Patrick's Athletic Association
October 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Dan Lawless at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Participants: Dan Lawless, Teresa Kmetz, Neil Miros, Tony & Gayle Thelen, Kaye Sandborn, Sue VanLente, Christine Wilcox, Kevin Goodwin, Pat Russman, Mary & Dave Kramer, Chris & Janet Pung, Carol Gunderman, Kim Schrauben, Jayne Klein, Eva Pung, Randy Pung, Pat Schneider, and Randy Hodge.

Secretary's Report: Minutes, taken by Neil Miros, for the September meeting held on August 30, 2009 meeting were approved. Seconded by Carol Gunderman.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Smith was not in attendance to provide treasurer report.

Athletic Director's Report: Pat Russman provided the Athletic Director's Report.

5th and 6th grade girl's basketball practices have begun. There will be four (4) games this year, two games with St. Mary's and two games with PW elementary.

Future Captain's education camp will be held in November which teaches the student/athlete leadership skills. There will be 6 sophomores and 6 juniors participating in this training.

There will be winter cheerleading this year as there are enough participants to field a team. If anyone is interested in coaching this team please contact Pat Russman.

7th and 8th grade boy's basketball sign up has occurred. There are 5 – 7th grade student/athletes and 8 – 8th grade student/athletes.

The first JV/Varsity girl's basketball game will be with home against Morrice on 11/30/2009. This game will be held in the Saint Patrick's school gym as we "Pack the PIT". Additional seating will be made available on the stage (currently the weight room).

Money will be needed to repair the water sprinkling electrical box that was accidently broken during the Homecoming game when the sprinkler system came on during the 2nd quarter of the game.

It was suggested that a "Code of Conduct" for student/athletes be added to either the annual student handbook or passed out to each student/athlete at the beginning of each sport season. Pat Russman will be writing this document and will include such items as: Bus rides, Parents/Coaches conduct, General Info.

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OLD BUSINESS

Fall Festival Update

Christine Wilcox provided the fall festival update.
The fall festival is on October 11, 2009.

Raffle tickets are ready to give to the student athletes. Reminder that the tickets will be \$5.00 each and the prize drawing will be at 3:00.

Mary Cook has reported that the Worker List is full.
Connie Vallier has reported that the Craft booths are full.
There is a new route for the 5K race this year.

There is a concern if there will be enough tables and chairs. Table and chair set up for this event will occur on Friday night at 5:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Student/athletes should wear t-shirts with Saint Patrick's on them.

Old Bus (Pickle) update

Tony Thelen reported that the old bus has been sold to a private individual for \$1000.

Season Passes

Dan Lawless reported that there have been over 650 season passes distributed this year.

Sports Raffle Sales 2009/10 Sales update

Amy Smith was not in attendance to provide an update.

Homecoming Update

The winner of the 50/50 raffle donated the money back to the Athletic Association. All events went very well. Many thanks to all those involved in the coordination of this event.

Bus Drivers – NEEDED

Randy Hodge reported that the bus has passed the Michigan State Police inspection for this year. It has been serviced by the International dealer in Lansing. There were three (3) recalls on the bus for different items, but all have been corrected and/or replaced. Bus regular scheduled maintenance will be taken care of by the Bus Director, Randy Hodge.

We need additional drivers. To meet the qualifications please contact Randy Hodge if you are willing to be a driver. Costs for the necessary classes are reimbursed by the Athletic Association.

Texas Hold-em (November 5th – 8th) – Workers still needed

There is still one shift that needs to be covered for the Texas Hold-em fund raiser on Sunday, November 8, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

An additional Texas Hold-em event will be held by Mark & Brian Scheurer with the money going to the basketball and baseball team accounts. More discussion on this will occur at future meetings about how money is to be spent (individual player items or team items).

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50/50 status of application

Tony Thelen submitted the fall 50/50 raffle license. It is taking about 11 weeks for the State of Michigan to process applications, so winter license will need to be applied for once the winter sports schedule has been finalized. An additional solution would be not to award more than \$100 at the 50/50 raffles which is the limit for needing to report the amount.

Grove Street utilities

Dan Lawless provided the monthly cost statement for both water and electrical bills for the Father Flohe Field that is currently being paid by the Parish Office. The Parish Office would like the Athletic Association to pay half this bill. After much discussion it was agreed to pay half. Neil Miros motioned to the agreement of paying half of the bill. Kaye Sandborn seconded.

Assistant AD Positions

Freshman Basketball (Boys & Girls) – Pat Russman will ask a freshman parent.
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball – Jon/Jean Shattuck
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball – Bill/Connie Vallier
Jr. High Boys Basketball – Mike/Lori Wieber (subsidy?)
Jr. High Girls Volleyball – Carol Gunderman

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Sports Banquet

Date will be 11/12/2009. We will need to check the availability of the K of C hall and Mark & Diana Simon for that night.

Field/Locker & Bus Clean Up

Randy Hodge reported that the bus will be cleaned up after the volleyball season by the volleyball teams. The locker rooms are used daily by students in school. The fields (leaf raking) will be cleaned on “Pay it Forward” day and will need to be cleaned again in the spring as there are oak trees which do not lose their leaves until during the winter.

New account to save for new bus

Randy Hodge reported that there may be an issue that will need to be addressed with this and other monies related to the parish business office and the Athletic Association. Details could not be provided at this time and will be discussed at future meetings.

How do we generate more funds?

Dan will provide the ideas (Lenten Fish Fry, Spaghetti Dinner, and Additional Chicken Dinner) to the fundraising committee for their approval. It has been mentioned by several members that working at MSU and other events such as these are not the best of the limited volunteer time that we have available for the amount of money that being made.

How do we get more members?

There are currently 30 active Athletic Association members. We are targeting parents of students in grades 4th through 8th grade involved in the Athletic Association. More discussion on this will occur at future meetings.

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Sprinkler winterizing at Father Flohe Field

Pat Russman reported that this is set to be closed.

Recognition

Thank you to those who stepped in to help fill in the holes for the fall sports.

Thank you to Debbie Lange for filling out the Texas Hold-em applications.

Thank you to Tony Thelen for the disposal of the old bus (Pickle).

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 a.m. Gayle Thelen motioned. Kevin Goodwin seconded.

Next Meeting: November 1, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Miros

Remaining Athletic Association Meeting 2009-10 Date Schedule:

November 1, 2009 – November meeting

December 6, 2009 – December meeting

January 3, 2010 – January meeting

February 7, 2010 – February meeting

March 7, 2010 – March meeting

March 28, 2010 – April meeting

May 2, 2010 – May meeting

June 6, 2010 – June meeting