

**St. Patrick Athletic Association Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: October 6, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Neil Miros opening with prayer.

**Meeting Participants:** Tricia Beachnau, Tammy Bengel, Sue Bosworth, Sherri Dixon, Mary Kramer, Carol Gunderman, Neil Miros, Scott Pline, Sara and Eric Pratt, Chris Pung, Glen Pung, Pat Russman, Heather Scheurer, Kevin and Teresa Schneider, Kim Schrauben, Gayle Thelen, Christine Wilcox, Kim Drake, Angie Beckhold, and Dennis Klein

There were 22 people in attendance at this meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were emailed to members and posted on the website within 14 days after the September meeting. They were accepted as written.

The email list is generated by the sign in sheet for the meetings, if you or anyone you know would like to be added to the Athletic Association email list, please send Carol Gunderman an email at gundermc@mail.gvsu.edu.

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial statements were presented by Tricia Beachnau. While the year-to-date numbers appear to be strong, it was noted that there are a number of items causing the Net Income (Loss) from Operations to look better than expected; i.e. timing of gate and concessions income, Fallfest income being reported earlier than prior year and bills for football and volleyball uniforms not in yet. The baseball team account received a generous donation of \$5,000 from the Carl Spitzley Estate. If the Assistant AD's are running out of the correct change in the cash boxes, please let Tricia know and she will make adjustments as needed.

**Statement of Activity - Summary**  
**As of 9/30/2013**

	Current Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Net Income from Fundraising Activities	16,703.46	33,914.66	28,457.50
Total Athletic Program and Other Expenses	(14,626.13)	(35,935.33)	(48,393.50)
Net Income (Loss) from Operations	2,077.33	(2,020.67)	(19,936.00)
Team & Bus Account Activity	6,938.30	10,246.41	0.00
Net Income (Loss)	9,015.63	8,225.74	(19,936.00)

**Sports Raffle:**Raffle Winners:September 1: Scott and Sharon BrownSeptember 8: Calvin CrossSeptember 15: Joe CookSeptember 22: Josephine Fox

Sue Bosworth reported 207 raffle tickets sold to date. Sales are down 50 from last year at this time. Discussion surrounded why sales were down and how we can improve sales of these tickets. Ideas for next year included giving each member 5 to 10 tickets to sell. Ideas for sales included having them at first games and at open house. This has been done – many people do not carry their checkbooks with them anymore, so direct “on the go” sales do not seem to yield a gain.

**Athletic Director’s Report:** Pat Russman provided the Athletic Director’s Report.

- Youth Football is at Dansville on the day of Fall Fest – these games have been scheduled later in the day to allow for the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade students to work their shift at Fall Fest.
- October 18 will be Youth Night at the SPS vs. Battle Creek St. Phillip football game. Pat Russman proposed that all students grade 5-8 attend the game for free to promote equality in gender sports. Dennis Klein motioned. Scott Pline second. No objections. Accepted. Pat will give Gayle Thelen (who is the gate worker that night) a full list of students. Students that do not already have season passes need to check in with her at the gate before entering.
- The promotional arm of the school board sent out flyers to area Catholic schools for St. Patrick School. On this flyer is a free pass to one home game. If you are working gate, please be on the look-out for these passes.
- Freshmen Basketball: it looks like there will be enough boys to make a team. Fred Kramer has agreed to coach.
- There will be no freshmen girls basketball.
- Team schedules for winter sports are being completed.
- Team Warm-Up T-shirts: The school board has policies in place in the Athletic Handbook that contains a detailed description of the process and items that garner an approved shirt. These procedures are in the process of being revised to a more user-friendly format to be issued to coaches. The MHSAA states that anything worn to athletic events as a team is considered a uniform. This includes t-shirts individually purchased by a team. All “uniforms” must be approved by administration.
- Proposal for new artwork on uniforms was submitted to the school board. This artwork is a cross with a shamrock in the middle reflecting the Celtic cross that is on the corners of the school building and above each stairwell. The school board

further requested a drawing of the risen cross on the “new addition”. The school board will make its final decision in the near future. The Athletic Association’s role will then be to determine if it is financially feasible to put these on the uniforms.

- A request from a long time, volunteer coach to transfer her sports pass to her father who likes to attend spring sporting events was presented. This was discussed and tabled to the next meeting.
- Bruce Bennett was inducted into the BCAM Hall of Fame for being a friend of basketball. Congratulations Bruce!

### **Old Business:**

Fall Festival: Christine Wilcox reported all is going on schedule. She needs someone to help supervise the football players Thursday night to transfer supplies from two sites to the cafeteria. Scott Pline volunteered.

Season Passes: On target from last year.

Scrap Metal: October 19 - Nick Bengel will be onsite for Freon removal.

Merchant Night/Homecoming: Neil Miros sent out over 200 postcards to merchants. Less than 10% response. We will continue this as a thank you to our merchants.

Bus Drivers: We still need more – if anyone is interested, please contact Randy Hodge or Neil Miros for more information.

### **New Business:**

- **Cake Sale:** At the Burr Oak football game, Burr Oak was raffling off cakes and cupcakes. This activated a spirit of fun competition in the crowd, both home and away. Neil Miros proposed presenting this to the fundraising committee for a trial run for the October 18 football game. Dennis Klein motioned, Scott Pline second. No objections. Approved. Deb Miros will check with State Licensing. If approved by administration. Neil Miros will coordinate this event.
- **Assistant AD position descriptions:** It has been reported that the current descriptions are out of date and not directly related to various sports. If you are a current assistant AD, please take a look at the description, note changes, and send back to Carol Gunderman for revision.
- **Recognitions:**
  - Parish Lot Clean Up – 20 people came out to help clean the lot on Church St – much appreciated!
  - Dave and Mary Kramer would like to thank all who have helped clean the football field on Saturday mornings when we have a Saturday night game. Again, lots of hands make light work – thank you!
- **Gym Plans – Tables** until next meeting.
- **December Athletic Association meeting:** The December Athletic Association meeting is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend. Neil Miros requested this be changed to November 24 to accommodate the majority of our members. No objections.

Meeting ended with prayer; Adjourned at 7:30pm. Gayle Thelen motioned. Chris Pung second. No objections.

**Next Meeting: November 3, 2013** – 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**NOTE: December meeting changed to November 24**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Gunderman