

St. Patrick Athletic Association – February Meeting Minutes 1/25/2015

Neil Miros opened the meeting at 6:30pm with prayer

■ **Present:** Lisa Bartlett, Tammy Bengel, Angie Beckhold, Sherri Dixon, Kim Drake, Carol Gunderman, Randy Hodge, Dan Lawless, Sheri Platte, Sara Pratt, Janet Pung, Eva Pung, Pat Russman, Heather Scheurer, Kevin and Teresa Schneider, Keith and Shayla Schneider, Kim Schrauben, Sue VanLente, Neil Miros, Amy Zimmerman, Fred Doll, Kelly Shaw, Sarah Townsend, Heather Hendges-Davis, Doug Smith, Deb and Mike Wilcox, Kevin and Kris Schrauben, Pat and Jackie Fitzsimmons

Previous Meeting minutes will be adjusted to reflect further discussion regarding softball donation.

Reports:

■ Secretary's Report. (Carol Gunderman) - none

■ Treasurer's Report. (Tricia Beachnau) – not present. A new financial statement is not available due to the meeting being held prior to month end.

■ Sports Raffle. (Eva Pung)

- December Winners: Don and Pauline Schafer Roy and Faith Kissane
Raymond Krzeninski Patrick Vashaw

■ A.D. Report. (Pat Russman)

- Youth Boys Basketball (5/6 grades) hosting of tournament went very well. Thank you to the Dixon family for all the help. Hosting the finals at Lansing Catholic Central earned us \$443.
- Please remind 5/6 boys to turn in basketball uniforms and practice jerseys by Friday, Jan 30 to Mr. Russman in Room 216. Thank you coaches and players for a great season.
- JH girls basketball: the 2/25 game vs. Saranac is 8th grade only
- CYAC 5/6 girls' basketball: the official schedule should be posted on the CYAC website and added to the SPS website soon. Home dates are available as follows: 2/7/15 vs. St. Joe 10:00 and 11:15am; 2/21/15 vs. St. Gerard (Falcons) 10:00 and 11:15am; 3/7/15 vs IHM/St. Casimir 10:00 and 11:15am. We may be hosting additional tournaments. Amy Zimmerman and Kris Schrauben agreed to be the assistant AD's
- JV and Varsity Boys Basketball DATE CHANGE: The Carson City contest has been moved from 2/10/15 to 2/11/15 at PMS with a 6:00pm start.
- February 20, 2015: Varsity Basketball double header: Dance night with Mrs. Robydek at halftime of the boys' game. The Varsity girls' halftime is Parent Night. Parent night for boys has not been determined. Mr. Russman will check with the coaches.
- Girls basketball MHSAA District Update: Wednesday March 4, 2015 Ashley vs. SPS at Fowler 6:00pm; Fowler vs. Fulton at Fowler 7:30pm. District Finals are Friday, March 6 at Fowler 7:00pm.
- Boys Basketball MHSAA District Update: Wednesday March 11, 2015 SPS vs. Ashley at Fulton at 6:00pm; Fulton vs. Fowler at Fulton at 7:30pm. District Finals are Friday, 3/13 at Fulton with 7:00pm start.
- Winter sports banquet tentative dates: March 25 and 26. Still need to check for any conflicts.
- Softball Update: We will have one team this year. We will not have a regular season JV schedule. We will look to schedule 4 JV scrimmages (varied innings and no charge). Coaches are Jocelyn Rockey and Sarah Fox.
- Thank you to Tony Dixon and Bruce Barber for grinding the cracked concrete outside the gym steps.

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New Business:

- **Bus Update:** Randy Hodge reported that the bus has been in for unexpected repairs. It is temporarily back for the busiest two weeks of the year. The list of items needing to be fixed include (but not limited to) oil pressure gauge; oil leaks; new gauge panel; replace turbo charger; and the heat is not working efficiently. The cost of the repairs far exceeded the budgeted transportation line item for the year. Discussion surrounded how much we have in the new bus fund from the scap metal drives (\$12,087.83 as of 12/31/14). Also questioned if these repairs could have been avoided or spread out over time. Unfortunately, it was brought in for an oil leak and all other problems were found. Routine maintenance and check ups are conducted by a bus mechanic on a yearly basis. The bus also must pass State inspection every year. Neil Miros requested to use the new bus fund budget for any amount of the repairs above the yearly budgeted amount to pay for the bus repairs. Tammy Bengel motioned, Sheri Dixon second. No objections.
- **St. Patrick's Day Celebration.** March 14, 2015 6:00pm at the KofC Hall. Heather Henges-Davis, Angie Beckhold and Kim Schrauben have been hard at work organizing this first time event. The idea for the first year is to keep organization items to a minimum. We may add events like an Irish Dance Troop and other attractions next year. Angie explained the Goat Insurance Concept and passed around a sign-up sheet for workers. Flyers are going out soon. Contact the committee at shamrockthegoat2015@yahoo.com to enter the chili cook-off contest or nominate someone to win Shamrock the Goat!
- **Auction Wish List Item:** Neil Miros explained the largest need for the school is to replace the current gym floor and bleacher system. Our current gym floor is made up of tiles, which are cracking and coming up from the floor. These are being replaced by generic sticky tiles. They are posing a hazard to the players and PE students. Also, the bleachers do not have handrails and pose a risk for our fans. Randy Hodge said two quotes are in: one for a 20 year rubberized floor at \$40,000, the next for a 50 year Terraflex floor for \$67,000. Mr. Hodge wants to get more quotes. Keith Schneider provided a quote for the bleacher system: \$25,000 for a 7 row with handrails to seat 296; \$19,500 for a five row with handrails that seats 214. Also, bleachers can be installed on the stage with a rail between the stage and the gym. Even when a new gym is built, the existing gym is needed for alternate practice times, dual games, and PE. Re-fabbing existing gym floors from larger schools that are being replaced has been talked about. So far, this option has not panned out, but is still on the table if one with enough usable materials comes forward. This item will be voted on at the March meeting when more quotes come in. There is some money already earmarked for the gym floor from donations and a grant (around \$10,000). Questions arose as to why the gym floor is not on the strategic plan on the website. Answer is that the gym floor came under disrepair after the strategic plan was written. A suggestion was brought to update the strategic plan to current needs.
- **Lenten Soup Supper –** March 20, 2015. Sue VanLente has the sign-up sheet for soups, breads, and set up.
- **Fall Fest Update:** Deb and Neil Miros are looking for someone to shadow Sunday Kitchen coordination for 2015. Carol and Don Gunderman are looking for someone to take over as coordinators of the event for 2015. Sherri Platte volunteered to help coordinate for 2015 as she has someone who will help her with the Arts and Crafts coordination.
- **Scrap Metal Drive and Pop Can Drive:** March 28, 2015

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Old Business:

■ Athletic Association **Fund-Raising Committee** (Neil Miros/Carol Gunderman) –

The Wagon Wheel is hosting comedy nights. Similar to the wine tasting. This has been approved by administration. Kim Drake volunteered to coordinate this event.

■ **Auction Theme** – “The 50’s – Greasers vs. Jocks”

Eva Pung and Sherri Dixon have raffle tickets available for sale.

Need help filling chairperson. Victoria Klein is stepping down after this year.

■ **Election Year 2015** – Nomination forms were distributed at the meeting. We will try to get them out in the school newsletter this month. Need not be a current attending member to be nominated. Anyone over 18 and a Parish member is eligible. Nominations will be taken until March 29, 2015. Calls will be made to nominees. Nominees will be announced on May 3. According to the bylaws, voting must occur at the June meeting.

Spring Sports Banners: Sheri Platte and Kim Drake are coordinating this effort. Sherri Dixon will assist.

Around the Room:

■ Questions surrounded the process of donating items to the school/athletics. A donation of supplemental uniforms and equipment was made to the softball program. The donation was presented without proper channels or administration approval. An attempt was made by the donor to contact administration, but never came to fruition. The donated items did not meet the team apparel requirements. The coaches, donor and administration met to explore options how the non compliant donated items could be best utilized. Concerns were voiced by parents that as we try to raise funds, we cannot turn down donations. Other concerns were that the donor, donated in good faith and has done a lot for the school/athletics. An explanation of the donation process was given: monetary donations are always welcome; general fund donations support all programs; funds can be designated to a team or project; items must go through the approval process with the coaches and administration. A request and suggestions were made to have the donation procedure more readily available to the coaches, parents, and public. Neil Miros explained that the Athletic Association has no power over approval of donations: The Athletic Association raises the funds and sets the budget; policy and procedure is set by the school board; approvals are at the discretion of administration.

Update 01/27/2015: Donations have been approved with modifications

■ Meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:55pm. Sue VanLente motioned. Tammy Bengel second.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Gunderman

2014-15 Meeting Schedule:

6:30 P.M. @ Parish Hall 3/1/2015 3/29/2015 5/3/2015 6/7/2015