

ST CECILIA

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2009

The meeting came to order at 7:30 PM, with an opening prayer

Board Members Present: Dan Siesel (president) Russell Scott (treasurer) Gus Spohn (secretary)

Association Members Present: Mike H, Dan F, Steve L, Jeff B, Cliff K, Dan G, Brian B (late)

TREASURER REPORT: Russell passed out the treasury spreadsheet for all present to see. Baseball had a mixed up expense from last year's uniform purchase. See the treasurer's spreadsheet for the error and correction. Volleyball & football from the 2009 season made money. \$15,398 dollars are in the bank. Basketball was able to cut the fees by \$1,500.00 this year. Russell and/or Dan owe Steve L an explanation on the difference reported on the "Crusader fund" and the bank balance.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

- Basketball Girls: No commissioner was present, so no report was given
- Basketball Boys: Mike Hanley was present but had no report.
- Softball Girls: Jeff Beattie was present but had no report. He also stated that he is not fully committed to be the softball commissioner.
- No other commissioners present at the time of reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COMPENSATION PROPOSAL:** Dan S talked with Father Leo and stated that it would not pass once it came to him for approval. Hike H said he would rather eliminate the fees to the kids instead of paying the commissioners. We need to have people just "volunteer" and not do it because it was a paying job. Mike then had to leave to coach his boy's basketball team. As Steve L put it, it was brought up for proposal in good spirit. Steve then threw out a quick thought proposal of instead of compensation, we reduce the cost of kid's fees for commissioners, but no volunteer hours are to be turned in. Cliff K brought up that this may not be the best time to bring up this type of proposal. Compensation to commissioners was brought to a vote and the "neighs" have it.
- **SPORTS UNIFORMS:** Dan S is in favor of a letter to explain the way uniforms are being purchased. The classes whose uniforms are owned/by the athletic association and the ones purchased and kept.
- **SPORTS FEE SCHEDULE:** This proposal will also be done. A range would be given to compensate for any unexpected price increases that would be required when the sport starts.
- **COACHING REQUIRMENTS:** Father Leo is going to require that all coaches and commissioners go through the "Parent to Parent" course. Father also said the Athletic Association will be asked to help fund this program. Father also sent out the "Parabole" and Dan passed it on to all coaches.

- **EQUIPMENT NEEDS LIST:** Dan asked all present to start listing equipment needs and/or a wish list. Talk to Marcy Gifford about setting something up on the website to allow people to send suggestions to the athletic department.
- **COURT TIME ISSUES:** As of 12/15/09 only \$125.00 has been spent on teams utilizing the “Big Run” proposal. It was reaffirmed that no “Big Run” rental will be allowed on Holy days of obligation. Brian B informed the association how OLPH rents “Big Run” or other gyms. They purchase hours of court time before the season starts and they use the extra court time as part of their practice times for each team. Maybe we could take this into consideration for next years basketball season.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **EXTRA TEAM TOURNAMENTS:** Brian B proposes that the athletic association picks up the fees for a diocese sponsored holiday tournament, including the officiating fees. A motion was made by Brian B for the athletic association to pay for a team to play in a holiday tournament. The motion was second by Dan Gatley. Before the vote was taken, Jeff B stated that we should vote on this for all sports and not just one sport (basketball). Dan S agrees with Jeff that the vote should cover all sports. It was agreed that the athletic association would only pay for one tournament for each grade. Jeff B agrees with Brian and thinks that we should cover the fees for teams playing this year. Dan S motioned to wait until next month to vote on this proposal for the 2010 sports year. The motion was second by Dan Gatley. This proposal will be discussed again at the January meeting before any vote is taken
- **EQUIPMENT COMMISSIONER:** Gus S proposed turning one of the eliminated “commissioner positions” into an “Equipment Commissioner”, after the issue of receiving the basketball uniforms the morning of the first games. This did not allow any time to correct the mistakes made. Uniforms also had to be borrowed for the sizes on back order. Gus also suggested buying next years uniforms this year. Dan S stated he was already going to do this and they would be purchased after the first of the year.
- **VACATION PRACTICE TIMES:** Dan S will be putting out a schedule for the holiday practice times. This will be based on the commissioner’s availability to open the doors to let teams in. The church office can let teams in during their normal working hours.

Gus Spohn made a motion to conclude the meeting at 8:35pm, Jeff Beattie 2nd the motion and the meeting was closed with prayer.

REMINDER: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday January 19th, 2010 at 7:30PM (time and date subject to change).