

**Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Agenda**  
**December 12, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Location: AMR**

**Athletic Director:** Teague Ridge  
**Assistant AD:** Kristin Jansen  
**Treasurer:** Brian Soverns  
**Secretary:** Jessica Shaw

**Members Invited:** Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Brian Soverns, Jessica Shaw, Chris Gregory, Tom Cushing, Dennis Jones, Dink Horstman, Dave Baker, Darla Radcliff, Juli Evers, Louie Schweickhardt, Pam Amon, Rick Hynes, Sean Murphy, Theresa Garrett, Patrick Paris, Sara Morris, Nick Ising, Stephen Hoard

**In attendance:** Teague Ridge, Kristin Janesen, Jessica Shaw, Chris Gregory, Sara Morris, Dink Horstman, Louie Schweickhardt, Pam Amon, Brian Soverns, Nick Ising, Dennis Jones, Darla Radcliff, Dave Baker, Stephen Hoard

**Sport Coordinators:**

Girls Volleyball:	Kristin Jansen
Flag Football:	Teague Ridge
Track/Cross Country:	Dennis Jones
Soccer 3-8:	Nick Ising
Soccer JK-2:	Sara Morris
Girls & Boys 3-8 Basketball:	Dink Horstman
JK-2 Basketball:	Chris Gregory
Boys Volleyball:	Dave Baker
Swimming:	Juli Evers
Field Hockey:	Pam Amon
Baseball:	Teague Ridge

**Discussion Items:**

**Financial Report** (Brian) revenue up from last year (currently at 120K revenue), not including the 2022 basketball;. K-2 sports income is the largest source through October. 10% of athletic board revenue goes to the parish. Discussed possible equipment to purchase: electronic basketball goals to raise/lower (rather than manual setting); four panels of padding to back of gym with large logo (required for insurance); Dink will work on pricing.

**CSAA VIP Cards:** (Teague) issued CSAA VIP cards to board members for game entry to all CSAA sports

**Prayer Cards:** (Teague) Father to provide prayer cards for coaches to use

**Ipad / Credit Cards in concession stand:** (Teague) Teague has spoken with Theresa about getting a square so people may use credit/debit card to pay for gate/concession, if needed. Cash still encouraged.

1. November Athletic Board meeting was not held due to schedule conflicts, illnesses
2. JK-2 soccer - Sara Morris requested soccer balls be replaced soon; Suggested a central location to store balls, goals, etc. rather than coaches bringing them to each practice; Dennis shared he already has approval for a concrete walkway leading to the storage unit, if we can clear out some of that space, we can use it.
  - a. Equipment Nick has nets for the large goals and/or can make PVC goals
3. 3rd-8th grade girls and boys basketball update - Dink Horstman  
Basketball season is going, it's busy. Workers and volunteers are set for the year and for the Christmas tournament.
4. Longhorn Invitational Christmas Tournament - Teague Ridge
  - a. Schedule Athanasius is partnering for scheduling
  - b. Split the pot approved for one tournament-long \$5 pot (not individual games)
  - c. Winning teams Rings for prizes
  - d. Gate/concession workers still need more help; Kristin will continue to email sign-up genius for volunteers
5. JK-2 Basketball update - Chris Gregory volunteers/staff scheduled for the year, doing well. Refs have been receptive to feedback.
6. Swimming update - Juli Evers not present
  - a. Registration open for boys & girls grades 1-8
  - b. Practices begin (at St. X) January 8th
  - c. CSSA swim meet February 25th
7. Boys Volleyball - Dave Baker
  - a. Dave voluntarily stepping down following 2023 season
  - b. Dave to train Stephen Hoard to replace him as coordinator for 2024 season - Stephen was introduced
  - c. Start date TBD by CSAA Need to line up coaches. Pam will coach 7th and 8th (estimated 12 kids). Only 2 kids from 5th and 6th signed up, so could pull those up to have two 7th and 8th grade teams. Kristin is going to open signup. Brian will reach out to Agnes about 1st/2nd grade boys volleyball league; girls volleyball will remain a fall sport
8. Soccer 3-8 - Nick Ising
  - a. Practice may begin February 28th board agreed to open a free signup for 7th 8th in order to gauge interest in a team
  - b. Rosters due to CSAA March 2nd
  - c. League play begins March 19th
  - d. Tournament play begins May 15th
9. Track - Dennis Jones/Brian Soverns - discussed potentially shortening elementary season
  - a. Practice may begin March 1st
  - b. Registration due to CSAA March 3rd
  - c. City Championship (grades 5-8) April 24th
  - d. Fun Run May 4th
10. Field hockey - Pam Amon

- a. Practice may begin March 21st
  - b. Rosters due to CSAA March 28th
  - c. League play begins May 16th
  - d. Tournament play begins June 6th
- 11. Fish Fry Planning - Teague Ridge/Louie Schweickhardt
  - a. Dates Discussed 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 4/7 (first weekend of spring break)
  - b. Volleyball league In need of parishioner to replace Kristin to run league as she will be part of the fish fry team; if no athletic board member is interested, position will be advertised in bulletin & parish email
- 12. Winter Sports Blessing - Kristin Jansen reminder provided to coordinators
  - a. All masses weekend of January 21st/22nd
- 13. Sports Photos & 8th Grade Banners board agreed that Teague will continue taking photos due to excellent quality, state-of-the-art sports photos over traditional sports photos; significant positive feedback from parents and other schools about the product; also received complaints from a small number of parents about timing of release and conflict of interest as Teague serves as AD; Teague spoke with Fr. Adam about this concern; board discussed barriers that caused delay (Teague had allowed parents to bring children at varying times in an effort to be flexible; this caused delays due to waiting on children to have their photos taken as well as different lighting/positioning that affects green screen technology/product creation); Teague explained that Ascension School and Ascension parents are not charged a fee for taking the photos (as is done for other clients and as other photographers do); team composites are provided to coaches and Ascension School at no cost; parents may choose to purchase individual digital or print photos of their children; Teague pays for 8th grade banners as a form of stewardship to the school; discussed that communicating this information with parents may have alleviated some complaints because parents would have a better understanding of the situation; will be communicated with parents moving forward; discussed importance of athletes having their photos taken at their assigned time with their team moving forward; Sara suggested putting a photography coordinator in place to remove any conflicts of interest and for communication purposes and the board was in agreement; board was asked if anyone is interested in this position; no interest expressed during the meeting; members were asked to consider and notify Teague if interested in serving in this role; Teague will follow-up with Fr. Adam; no board member concerns voiced
- 14. Gym Status
  - a. Floor- discussed the floor not being as well kept; floor seems dirty/slick; Heavy use from kids' time, recess. drips from ceiling is significant concern for PE classes and sports teams; Dennis reported leaks are not due to roof, but condensation from HVAC system instead; feels the ducts need to be insulated; can't do until summer.
  - b. Restrooms Discussed the bathrooms being very dirty on weekends. Discussed employing some on weekends and pay from game revenue.
  - c. Concession Dennis wants to do renovations on concession area, look at blowing out the space- adding on towards the playground; will report back
  - d. Ceiling - see above
- 15. Softball - Teague Ridge waiting to hear from CSAA if league will be offered
- 16. Baseball - Teague Ridge waiting to hear from CSAA if league will be offered

17. Tennis / Golf - Teague Ridge

Board approved Katie Earley as tennis coordinator

18. Miscellaneous

Significant positive feedback with the sport-specific spirit stores; parents are asking for additional sports spirit wear; discussed checking into a generic “Ascension Athletics” store; Dink will work with Kratz and report back

**Next Meeting:** January 9, 2023 @ 6:30 PM in Library