

**Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Agenda**  
**July 5, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Location: AMR**

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

**Members Invited:** Fr. Robert, Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Brian Soverns, Jessica Shaw, Chris Gregory, Dennis Jones, Dink Horstman, Dave Baker, Darla Radcliff, Pam Amon, Rick Hynes, Sean Murphy, Sara Morris, Nick Ising, Stephen Hoard, Katie Earley, Justin Amburgey, Theresa Garrett, Patrick Paris

**Members Present:** Fr. Robert, Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Jessica Shaw, Darla Radcliff, Rick Hynes, Dave Baker, Nick Ising, Justin Amburgey, Dennis Jones, Chris Gregory, Sara Morris, Dink Horstman, Brian Soverns, Stephen Hoard

**Sport Coordinators:**

Girls Volleyball:	Kristin Jansen
Flag Football:	
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:	
Boys Volleyball:	Stephen Hoard
Swimming:	Juli Evers
Field Hockey:	Pam Amon
Baseball/Softball:	Teague Ridge
Golf:	Justin Amburgey
Tennis:	Katie Earley

**Discussion Items:**

1. Welcome, Fr. Robert! - **Introductions from all board members present**
2. Field Hockey Recap - Pam Amon - **unavailable**
3. Track Recap - Dennis Jones - **no update provided**
4. 3rd-8th Soccer Recap - Nick Ising - **good season overall, however, was difficult with numbers**
5. Tennis Recap - Katie Earley - **unavailable**
6. Golf Recap - Justin Amburgey - **six-week season went well, however, was also difficult at times with children playing other sports; children appeared to have fun; received positive feedback from parents; will look into additional options to build program**

7. Girls Volleyball Update - Kristin Jansen
  - a. Registration Closed June 16th
  - b. 3rd-8th Grade Tryouts July 10th, Alternate Tryout Date July 12th
  - c. Registration Final Numbers:
    - i. 1st/2nd 11
    - ii. 3rd/4th: 17
    - iii. 5th/6th: 22
    - iv. 7th/8th: 9
  - d. Playing Up Policy Review & Vote - board discussed current policy and began drafting a new policy, however, decided to put on hold and let bylaws/policies subcommittee address; for the 2023 season, board agreed to two 11-person teams instead of three 8-person teams with two 3rd/4th graders being pulled up; all present board members acknowledged/agreed playing time will be very difficult for coaches, players and parents with 11 children per team, but ultimately came to agreement due to potential forfeit concerns with 8-player teams (several children play club soccer/have other sport and family commitments as well as current and possible injuries); 5th-8th grade policy is not equal playing time and will be communicated to parents and players; as much playing time as possible for all kids will be given, however, 5th-8th policy is play to win.
  - e. Brian expressed concern with a parent serving as an evaluator at volleyball tryouts - Kristin shared parents do not serve as evaluators; outside evaluators are brought in for volleyball tryouts; coaches utilize feedback and numbers/rankings from evaluators in choosing teams; some volleyball coaches are parents, some volleyball coaches are not parents - this is the same for other sports at Ascension and other schools as well; parents are willing to volunteer their time to serve as coaches
  - f. Dennis shared that the athletic board attempted to get coaching evaluations from parents in the past, however, very few were ever submitted; board agreed to resume coaching evaluations regardless of the number received
    - i. Concern expressed with a coordinator reviewing a coach's evaluations if the coordinator is also the coach; by-law/policies subcommittee will discuss, but suggestion was made that a small group of board members other than the coordinator review the coach's evaluation for any sport this situation applies to; discussed that there have always been/will likely continue to be coordinators who also serve as coaches in volleyball as well as other sports due to the positions being volunteer roles at a Catholic grade school
  - g. 1st Practice: Week of July 24th
  - h. New jerseys from Flyboy Athletics; will be ordered this week; 3-week turnaround; \$35 will be collected when jerseys are distributed
  - i. Team shop gear has arrived and is in process of being distributed prior to season
8. Cross Country Update - Dennis Jones - no update provided
  - a. Registration closes August 22nd
  - b. Current registration 8
  - c. 1st Practice August 15th
    - i. Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm at Des Pres Park

9. JK-2 Soccer Update - Sara Morris
  - a. Registration closes July 28th
  - b. Current registration 38
  - c. Sara working on identifying coaches and will coordinate practice schedules with flag football
10. 3rd/4th Non-CSAA Soccer Update - Sara Morris
  - a. Registration closes July 31st
  - b. Current registration 3 - continuing to gauge interest to determine if Ascension will participate in league
11. Flag Football update - Teague Ridge
  - a. Coordinator needed - board discussed advertising/seeking coordinator for next season
  - b. Registration closes July 21st
  - c. Current registration 12
  - d. Travis Altman, Gabe Plamp, Chase Adams - coaches
  - e. Discussed new flags
12. Girls Flag Football update - Teague Ridge - not much interest at Ascension perhaps due to other fall sports offered; registration open several more weeks
  - a. Registration closes July 21st
  - b. Current registration 7th/8th: 0; 5th/6th: 1
13. Kratz fall sports team shops update - Kristin Jansen
  - a. Team shops will be extended one week, if needed; Kratz needs minimum order to proceed
14. JK-2 Basketball Coordinator Needed
  - a. Sara is unable to fully commit to coordinator, but happy to assist; Brian left meeting prior to this discussion, but Sara to discuss his potential interest outside of the board meeting; position will be advertised if needed; will discuss again at next meeting
15. Gym & Field Calendar - Teague Ridge
  - a. Discussed gym calendar that has been created; field calendar will also be created
16. Basketball & Volleyball Private Lessons Update - Teague Ridge
  - a. Discussed individuals who have expressed interest in providing private basketball and volleyball lessons in Ascension's gym for Ascension students as well as others
  - b. Insurance policy with Ascension named is required to be on file with Theresa in the parish office
  - c. Discussed potential individuals that may be interested in providing lessons
17. Sports Photography Coordinator Needed - Teague Ridge, Brian Soverns
  - a. Teague/Talgrace to continue 8th grade banners at no cost - banners will be displayed in gym throughout the school year and will be given to students at conclusion of the year
    - i. Board agreed photography coordinator position not needed; each sport coordinator would coordinate photos with the photographer instead
    - ii. Kristin will reach out to TSS Photography for information based on recommendation from Brian
18. Financial Update - Brian Soverns - no update provided

- a. Coordinators to provide Teague, Kristin & Brian estimated costs for requested equipment for 2023-2024
    - i. Teague shared per Theresa, concession stand income was tripled from previous year
- 19. Bylaw & Policy Review Subcommittee - Teague Ridge, Dink Horstman
  - a. Those interested in serving on subcommittee to email Kristin; Kristin will schedule meeting(s)
- 20. Athletic Board Google Drive - Kristin Jansen
  - a. Board member and sport coordinator contact info, sports information, agendas/minutes, bylaws, policies, athletic blessing dates, fish fry dates, etc.
    - i. To improve communication within board and amongst community
- 21. Concession Stand Remodel Update - Dennis Jones
  - a. Topic is on Building & Grounds committee project list; B & G to provide plans, athletic board to discuss and determine which plan we recommend
  - b. Stephen discussed drawings that have been put together and will share with board via email
  - c. Specifics on plan for remodel needs to be agreed upon
  - d. Gym Ceiling discussed - leaking ceiling is a safety issue for students in PE and indoor recess as well as during sports practices and games; board is asking for repair
  - e. Gym painting - Teague shared a quote has been provided by Tony Forns; waiting to move forward
- 22. Field Improvement Update - Dennis Jones -
  - a. Goal posts - will be taken down Monday, July 10th; Dennis has arranged someone to take pieces for scrap metal purposes
  - b. Football tower - Dennis checking into removal
  - c. Board discussed next steps to get field back into good shape
    - i. Dennis suggested getting sprinkler heads looked at
    - ii. Board agreed conversion from summer grass to cold season grass is not necessary; keeping grass cut short is the priority; Dennis will contact Farrison about for more frequent cuts
    - iii. Board agreed holes in field are safety concern and is a priority- field needs grating/crowning; soccer coordinators suggested organizing team, including Dennis, to manually fill holes
  - d. Discussed Holy Trinity football renting main field - Teague shared he has been in contact with Holy Trinity, but will get specifics; Sara shared several soccer coaches had concerns with field schedule last season; Teague will ensure any concerns are addressed
- 23. CPR Trainer Needed - Dink to check with Chris Neichter and report back to board
- 24. Highlighting Ascension Athletics
  - a. Coordinators to continue to email [ascensionsocialpics@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionsocialpics@gmail.com) with information/photos to highlight Ascension athletics on social media
  - b. Coordinators to email Kristin Jansen with important game/match/meet dates/times to be shared with the community
- 25. Fall Sports Blessing - Kristin emailed parish office to inquire about dates - will be shared with board once confirmed

26. Athletic Board Interest - Kristin emailed Donna and Theresa asking if any parishioners expressed interest in athletic board ministry; waiting to hear back
27. Possible August Meeting Date Change due to PTO Conflict - Chris Gregory
  - a. Meeting will be rescheduled; Kristin will communicate new date and location
28. Miscellaneous - all none shared

**Next Meeting: To be discussed**