

**Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Agenda**  
**February 21, 2024**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Location: Library**

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

**Members Invited:** Fr. Robert, Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Jessica Shaw, Brian Soverns, Chris Gregory, Dennis Jones, Dink Horstman, Dave Baker, Darla Radcliff, Pam Amon, Rick Hynes, Sara Morris, Nick Ising, Stephen Hoard, Justin Amburgey, Theresa Garrett, Patrick Parris, Stephanie Koenig, Ashley Altman, Chris Neichter

**In attendance:** Fr. Robert, Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Jessica Shaw, Dink Horstman, Rick Hynes, Darla Radcliff, Pam Amon, Nick Ising, Stephen Hoard, Justin Amburgey, Stephanie Koenig, Chris Neichter, Matt Sandefer (guest), Laura Ridge, Chris Gregory, Brian Soverns

**Sport Coordinators:**

Girls Volleyball:	Kristin Jansen
Flag Football:	Ashley Altman
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 Neichter
Boys Volleyball:	Stephen Hoard
Swim:	Stephanie Koenig
Field Hockey:	Pam Amon
Baseball/Softball:	Teague Ridge
Golf:	Justin Amburgey
Tennis:	

**Discussion Items:**

1. 2/12/24 Athletic Board meeting rescheduled for 2/19/24 due to CSAA basketball games hosted at Ascension
2. 2/19/24 Athletic Board meeting rescheduled for 2/21/24 due to unexpected work event conflict with Teague and unknown return travel time with Kristin
3. Opening prayer - Fr. Robert
4. Review January board minutes - Teague Ridge **Approved**
5. Athletics eligibility - Fr. Robert & Teague Ridge

- a. All Ascension students are eligible to play sports. Non-students may also play - contact Eddie, youth formation director, to determine if they meet eligibility
6. Safe Environment Training - Father Robert
  - a. All coaches or anyone who works with children must complete an initial in-person Safe Environment Training class and have background check completed. Online Safe Environment renewal classes and background check is required every five years. Sport coordinator should provide Donna a list of all coaches and those who work with children prior to sport beginning. Donna will communicate with individuals who need training/background check and will manage that database. Father will find out if youth volunteers (high school, etc.) need this
7. Revisit Concessions Manager - Fr. Robert & Teague Ridge
  - a. Kristin will have this position posted; will close March 31st
8. 3-8 Boys & Girls Basketball Recap - Dink Horstman
  - a. Teague discussed it was a great season for 7th and 8th grade boys. #2 won city championship, #1 runner-up. The support from the school community was amazing.
  - b. Teague shared we have received amazing feedback from schools, coaches and parents across the CSAA again this year about our Christmas tournament
  - c. Dink shared 3rd and 4th grade had good seasons. Parents elected for 12 on 1 team instead of two teams of 6 (girls).
9. JK-2 Coed Basketball Recap - Chris Neichter season went well. Preferred games here to Gabriel. Brian had to fill in for ref. Want to host again.
10. Coaches Evaluations - Teague Ridge evaluations sent out for basketball, responses coming in.
  - a. Evaluations will be sent to coordinators to disseminate
  - b. Matt Sanderfer addressed the board about basketball - concern over lack of interest in playing at middle school level for girls. He suggests 5th & 6th grade girls have a lack of playing time during games and practice for some girls which may cause lack of interest/enrollment. Several board members have witnessed and validated this concern. Once Dink has time to digest the feedback around this coach, the board will discuss again.
11. Swim Update - Stephanie Koenig: Kristin shared info that Stephanie provided prior to the meeting: practices going well, meet in March
12. Boys Volleyball Update - Stephen Hoard
  - a. 8th grade boys coach needs to get training updated (expired)- make sure Donna has initiated a background check. Trained individual will fill in in the meantime
  - b. Season has started. 2 teams at 1st and 2nd grade. 3rd and 4th grade - 1 team (starts Saturday). Hosting games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dink and Chris helped Stephen with concessions and hosting our first game last night.
  - c. Hoard asked if workers need to be in high school. Board agreed workers should be in high school, if possible.
13. 3-8 Soccer - Nick Ising
  - a. Goals update They're here and on the field. Nick got nets, Chris knows a welder, need to ask him if he will do it. We need to move the gaga ball pit for field placement.

- b. 3rd and 4th- two teams. 5th and 6th- one team (13). 7th and 8th- one signed up. (Can sign up to play with Martha).
  - c. Nick was approached about the falls city boys team renting Ascension field for practice.
- 14. JK-2 Soccer - Sara Morris
  - a. Kristin shared info Sara provided prior to meeting: JK-2 soccer signups are going great, looking at 2 teams for jk, k and 1st and 1 team for 2nd grade. We have 4 coaches already and Sara sent out another request today. She will have the nets up on the main goals this weekend. Sara will touch base with Nick and Chris all about any new discussions regarding the new goals/nets later this week if needed
- 15. Track & Field - Dennis Jones Brian provided update- 26 kids signed up- hosting a home championship meet in April at Assumption.
- 16. Field Hockey - Pam Amon
  - a. Registration to open expecting a 3rd and 4th and 5th and 6th grade team. 3 girls interested may play with St. Agnes.
  - b. Practice may being 4/8
  - c. League begins 5/13
  - d. Tournament begins 6/10
- 17. Tennis - Teague Ridge
  - a. Registration to open
  - b. Coordinator needed Kristin will post position; will close 3/31. Darla is interested
  - c. Coach needed Kristin will post. Coaches from last year are not returning
  - d. CSAA tournament 6/10-12 at Sacred Heart (singles only)
- 18. Golf - Justin Amburgey
  - a. Registration to open May be 6 or 7 older kids playing and a few younger kids.
  - b. CSAA tournament 6/3 at Seneca Golf Course. Looking into a scramble.
- 19. Softball, Baseball - Teague Ridge CSAA softball will happen; Kristin will open registration to see if we get enough interest (if not enough for a team, girls may be able to play for another Catholic School). CSAA baseball will not be offered..
- 20. Spring Sports Mass Conflicts - Kristin Jansen
  - a. None per Donna Schabel
- 21. GameDay/IT Coordinator - Kristin Jansen (Emily O'Daniel and Nicolette Baines)
  - a. Candidates have been invited to March meeting for interviews
    - i. Both candidates were not available for February meeting
- 22. Fish Fries
  - a. Dates: 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/ 8, 3/15, 3/22
  - b. [Fish Fry Sign Up Genius](#)
  - c. Laura reported \$7,000+ deposit at first fish fry. Added hush puppies this year- they've been a big hit. 3's-K help was amazing. Drive-thru line 4:30-5:45pm. Kids time kids moved to a classroom, THANK Katie Monaghan for her flexibility!
  - d. All are welcome to help with fish fry; reach out to Teague, Laura, Kristin or Terry, if interested
- 23. CPR Training Update - Teague Ridge Teague spoke to the trainer at Trinity. He will provide dates and price

24. Spring Sports Team Shop - Kristin Jansen **will open it soon**
25. Budget - Brian Soverns **Brian got the last few numbers today so he will get it sent over soon.**
26. Concession Stand Update
  - a. Popcorn machine **fixed and in place.**
  - b. Remodel **Brian said it was discussed briefly in the finance committee, they seemed open to approving since we have the money ready and available. Brian has another 1st grade parent who does commercial design and is willing to help. Steve is working on putting all of the equipment on a CAD. We can narrow in on a more specific quote with this so we can start work right after the summer festival.**
27. Sports Blessings - Kristin Jansen
  - a. Spring Sports - April 20th & 21st
    - i. Date change due to 1st Communion conflict
  - b. Summer Sports - June 8th & 9th
28. Highlighting Ascension Athletics
  - a. Coordinators continue to email [ascensionsocialpics@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionsocialpics@gmail.com) to highlight Ascension athletics on social media
29. Miscellaneous - all **none reported**

**Next Meeting: March 11, 2024 at 6:30pm in AMR**