

Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Agenda

March 3rd, 2025

6:30pm

Location: Adult Meeting Room

Executive Committee Members:

Athletic Director: Jose Vega

Secretary: Jessica Shaw

Treasurer: Brian Soverns

Game Day Coordinator: Emily O'Daniel

At Large Member: Darla Radcliff

Members Invited: Fr. Robert, Jose Vega, Jessica Shaw, Brian Soverns, Emily O'Daniel, Chris Gordon, Darla Radcliff, Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Chris Gregory, Dennis Jones, Dave Baker, Pam Amon, Rick Hynes, Sara Morris, Dink Horstman, Nick Ising, Stephen Hoard, Justin Amburgey, Theresa Garrett, Patrick Parris, Laura Ridge, Stephanie Koenig, Ashley Altman, Chris Neichter, Sarah Amback, Nicolette Baines

In Attendance: Father Robert, Jose Vega, Jessica Shaw, Brian Soverns, Dink Horstman, Sarah Amback, Nick Ising, Justin Amburgey, Darla Radcliff, Laura Ridge, Nicolette Baines, Sara Morris, Chris Neichter, Kristin Jansen, Stephen Hoard

Unable to attend:

Sport Coordinators:

Girls Volleyball-	Kristin Jansen
Boys Volleyball-	Stephen Hoard
Girls Basketball (3 rd -8 th)-	Dink Horstman
Boys Basketball (3 rd -8 th)-	Open
JK-2 nd Basketball-	Chris Neichter
Flag Football-	Ashley Altman
Track-	Dennis Jones
Cross Country-	Nicolette Baines
Soccer (3 rd -8 th)-	Nick Ising
Soccer (JK-2 nd)-	Sara Morris
Swim-	Stephanie Koenig
Field Hockey-	Pam Amon & Laura Ridge
Baseball/Softball-	Teague Ridge
Golf-	Justin Amburgey
Tennis-	Darla Radcliff
Spirit-	Sarah Amback
Concessions Coordinator	Chris Gordon
Fish Fry Coordinator	Kris Bates
At Large Members: Chris Gregory, Dave Baker, Rick Hynes	

Discussion Items:

1. **Tryout Policies** Chris wants us to add a protocol for what to do when there is no assigned coach yet at the time of tryouts. We discussed, at length, coach selection but ultimately decided that coach selection does not belong in a tryout policy. The consensus was that these one-off decisions should lie with the coordinator.
 - a. The statement of "Evaluators will provide recommendations, but coaches will make the final selections."
 - b. Change statement 1. "The #1 Team head coach will select their full roster..." to "The #1 Team head coach (or coordinator in the absence of an assigned coach) will select their full roster..."
 - c. No other changes
 - d. This policy will be in effect from July 2025 through July 2026 before being open to new changes.
2. **Basketball Uniforms** 3-8th basketball uniforms are discontinued, can no longer order replacements. What to do with all the uniforms we own and are in the storage room. Dink wants to give old ones away in Alumni Booth at the summer picnic. (No objections). Dink wants to continue to use reversible jerseys. He wants to phase out the current uniforms over the next year so that this year's 7th graders don't have to purchase new uniforms for next year. We still have larger sizes. New uniforms are already in the budget for next year.
3. **Facility Rental** The parish oversees facility rental- decisions lie with the parish office (Jose can help facilitate but parish office has final say). We don't budget for it (meaning we don't rely on it) but it helps bolster our financial solvency. We need to get responses to potential renters timely. Equipment- concerns about renters damaging equipment- we will learn as we go, we can ask them to bring their own equipment. There is a line in the rental contract stating that they are responsible for damages. They also must hold an insurance policy with specific requirements (that the parish office oversees). Safe environment training is required for renters if it is a youth activity. Concern about using net system, ball room etc- how would they access it, would they be trained on how? Chris wants a designated person (from athletics) to be responsible for set up and final checks after rentals. Concerns about access to first aid kits and ice when concession stand is locked (We could put a first aid kit outside of concessions). Currently the only rental in consideration is Falls City. Father says they will either bring it up to the board or to the sport coordinator. Ascension athletics gets priority over renters, we need to have schedules turned in to Jose timely so he can ensure this happens. The board expressed a desire to have visibility into scheduling of any rentals (either via band, communication, or posting on parish calendar)
4. **Ongoing/Next Sport Needs** Golf- signups coming up. Justin will speak to Emily regarding opening signups. Right now, Justin is the only coach. Practices at Oxmoor. Tennis- no coaches right now. Practices at Des Pres Park. Field Hockey registration Friday. Numbers problems with 5th/6th grade- if we don't have enough we may need to combine with another school. Need to purchase more face masks and goalie gear. All coaches are in place. Soccer- no concerns.
5. **CSAA/Competitions**- Parental concerns were brought to Father via Terry from parents inquiring about our vision for athletics as it pertains to competitive play and CSAA. No Christmas tournament because we didn't have enough manpower. We must host a certain number of CSAA games as a requirement of CSAA. No basketball coordinator,

it's not been filled. Jose confirmed his desire to continue having a good relationship with CSAA. Kristin expressed to Father that athletics can have a direct impact on enrollment, and she fears that drastic changes within athletics might affect enrollment.

Executive committee No items for discussion

Next Meetings:

April 7th, 5:30pm - We will discuss scheduling

May 5th, 6:30pm

June 2nd, 6:30

July 7th, 6:30pm

No meeting in August

September 8th, 6:30pm