

## Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Agenda

July 7, 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:** Jose Vega, Jessica Shaw, Brian Soverns, Nick Ising, Darla Radcliff, Laura Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Chris Neichter, Ashley Altman, Sarah Amback, Nicolette Baines, Dink Hostman, Stephen Hoard, Sara Morris

### Sport Coordinators:

Girls Volleyball-	Kristin Jansen
Boys Volleyball-	Stephen Hoard
Girls Basketball (3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> )-	Dink Horstman
Boys Basketball (3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> )-	Open
JK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Basketball-	Chris Neichter
Flag Football-	Ashley Altman
Track-	Dennis Jones
Cross Country-	Nicolette Baines
Soccer (3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> )-	Nick Ising
Soccer (JK-2 <sup>nd</sup> )-	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. Father Robert is leaving, replacement coming.

2. Updates to concession stand (Dink)- ceiling, floor, exhaust system (installed but missing one piece- a controller), on track to finish end of July. Dink anticipates it being done before volleyball games begin.
3. 2024/2025 Sport Seasons recap-
  - a. Christmas tournament was missed
  - b. Grass on fields looking good
  - c. Boys volleyball was solid, no complaints, should have solid teams this year coming- if we can keep the kids interested/engaged
  - d. Complaints about Lourdes 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> soccer- not a good experience. If another school offers a league Chris might coach, upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will have interest in playing
  - e. Girls volleyball was a success, two champions, a second place and a third. Good feedback from parents.
    - i. During banner ceremony we should have announced the names of the players for recognition
    - ii. Banner ceremony to be organized by AD and sport coordinator in future
  - f. Communication recap
    - i. Band- mixed feedback. The information is there, it's transparent, it's just difficult to find/keep up with (notifications)
    - ii. Board communication is transparent/consistent
    - iii. Gameday open/close times for signups- no complaints
    - iv. Minutes/agendas- no complaints
  - g. Athletics as a youth ministry- no issues/complaints
    - i. Was nice when an "our father" was said before the volleyball championship. Could we do this before games we host? Maybe a very simple sports prayer that could be read by an adult before the game
    - ii. Father suggested having team attend a mass together before or after a championship. Also suggested team-specific masses in addition to season sport masses
4. Board meeting attendance and vacancies- The bylaws say if they miss three meetings the executive members can vote to have them replaced.
  - a. Dennis Jones would like to step down as track coordinator
  - b. Just a general reminder to board members that we do have an attendance policy
  - c. Boys basketball coordinator remains open (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)
  - d. Jessica's last year (need a new secretary)
  - e. Will be Sara's last year with JK-2 soccer would like to start getting interest for next year

- f. Jose will post vacancies when school starts
  - g. Athletics to have a table set up during back-to-school night for information for new parents (Dink and Darla)
- 5. Finance update
  - a. Brian sent out budget for comment
  - b. Line item for operation is what we give to parish, need to label this more clearly
  - c. Concessions- We didn't host as much therefore didn't make as much. Also need to review pricing/inventory
- 6. Sportsmanship contract- last year we gave a two-page doc to the school for distribution/collection
  - a. Laura will send to Terry to see if he can have it added to handbook
  - b. Will give paper copies to coaches
- 7. Senate Bill 181 (electronic communication with minors)
  - a. Workers for games/scheduling- archdiocese does not want texts to minors, they do not want exceptions made for this. We must schedule workers through parents instead of through the workers.
  - b. Requested father to advocate for us to archdiocese for youth workers/volunteers.
  - c. Kristin to bring this up to CSAA
- 8. Flag football league –
  - a. Low tackle football numbers
  - b. A lot of kids want to football but can't or won't play tackle
  - c. Offer flag for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> this year and see
  - d. Several other schools our size are interested/supportive
  - e. Nick is willing to put the effort in to start it
  - f. Will pause to bring to the new pastor.
  - g. Need to know by August 1
  - h. Jose will advocate this to the new priest
  - i. Board is in support as long as CSAA approves/doesn't object
- 9. Girls Volleyball-
  - a. Clinics in June were successful.
  - b. Tryouts July 10, 14
  - c. Practices start July 21
  - d. Kristin to send practice schedule to Sarah Amback so she can plan cheer practices
  - e. One 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade team; one 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>; two 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> graders invited to try out for numbers); two 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> graders invited to try out for numbers).
  - f. Jamborees 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Uniforms been ordered should arrive soon

- h. No games over Labor Day or fall break
- i. CSAA tournament Sept 29<sup>th</sup>
- j. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade will do St. Agnes league
- k. Kristin inviting coaches to a coach clinic sponsored by Kiva (free and voluntary)- Kristin to share with Stephen so he can invite boys coaches if open to boys
- l. Registration closed
- m. New balls are in, doors locked, labeled with Ascension athletics (Jose suggested writing number)
- n. Letting coaches know that they need to announce to parents that we need two safe environment trained adults at every practice, invite parents to become trained.
- o. September 6<sup>th</sup> is an available date on CSAA Kristin will be unavailable d/t 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser- need a gym manager, or walk that date back

No August meeting

Next Meeting: September 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Addendum: Prayer written by Father Robert to be considered before games

God Our Father, we ask your blessing on the game we are about to play.  
 Help us to do our best.  
 Give us courage, perseverance, and respect for the members of the opposing team.  
 May all of our words and actions be pleasing to you.  
 Bless each one of us, especially the players, coaches, officials, and parents.  
 Protect us from injury, and lead us all to the rewards of your kingdom. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Addendum 2: Response from Soctt Fitzgerald to Father Robert's inquiry re: SB 181 and communication with gate workers/volunteers: "Any and all correspondence with minors must include the parents"