

Saint Thomas Athletic Boosters

Athletic Boosters Meeting

November 15, 2011

Present: Matt Tietema, Keith Barth, Kathy Barth, Michelle Kane, Jennifer McWain, Louis Bandlow, Tracy Bandlow, Mike Trenshaw, Amy Drees

Minutes from last meeting were discussed and approved.

**Presidents Report:**

Matt Tietema discussed the Poinsettia sale need some ideas to sell more. One idea was to have 8<sup>th</sup> graders man a table at conferences. Since this meeting the Poinsettia sale doubled its sales from last year.

Spirit wear is displayed in the school by the art room along with order forms to take home. Discussion was had about whether or not Spirit Wear was actually "worth" the effort put into it.

Matt offered his Concessions stand concerns. It is getting increasingly more difficult to get parents to work in the concession stand. In addition, we are seeing a pattern where parents do not bother to show up for their time slot. When this happens, someone else has to work longer or if they have to leave, Louis or Tracy Bandlow have to fill in. Parents should be reminded that if we have to close the door we lose a great deal of revenue and maybe more importantly, it does not look good for Saint Thomas to have a full day of games and not have concessions. One of the problems is getting five different families in one day. We need to communicate to everyone that it is their responsibility to help. There were ideas to improve this. Make it easier for the parents to run the stand, like a DVD to watch on a step by step of how to do everything. -Have a binder of instructions. -Pay a fee to get out of it. -Get each team to do a day. -Have two families to do one day together (tag team)

**Treasures Report:**

Jennifer McWain reported on the current financial situation relative to last year and at the start of this school year.

Jennifer suggested that Spirit wear is moving along but needs to sell more to cover inventory costs. There was a question if there was enough Student items. One idea is to put a display in the gym with order forms to take home. Also do a table at conferences. Matt thanked Jennifer for all of her work.

**Athletic Director Report:**

Louis Bandlow presented the fact that Fall sports went well. There were some referee problems that are being addressed at the GRACEAC level. Anyone 16 years or a junior in High School may now be a Jr. Referee for GRACEAC.

Louis suggested that everyone loved the new football uniforms. There is a football committee in place to see what can be done to help with the numbers decrease.

A **BIG** thank you to Coach Jim Ens for 15 years of Christ centered football coaching. The Athletic Boosters presented him with a personalized jersey at the football banquet.

GRACEAC is moving forward with offering Lacrosse. There was conversation about how much equipment we will be able to supply. It costs about \$300 to outfit one player. Could we supply one item? Idea was shared to check out local colleges for used equipment.

Louis passed out MHSAA Recruiting rules for high school sports. We need to be aware of this issue.

Basketball is up and going the gyms are full of practice. The basketball teams will use the SAL again this year. There will be no additional cost for insurance; the rental will be \$200 per month.

Track is still in need of coaches. There are five other schools that practice with us and we need parent help. Training will be at the CAT. Contact Amy Drees for more information.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Bandlow (alternate secretary)