

St. Matthew Parish Athletic Association

Minutes for **January 18th 2007** Board Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 PM. Present were Rick Cheaney, Jim Shelton, Shelly Madden, Connie Bauer, Jamie Daun and Tim Stout. Absent was Athletic Director Sue Maurer. Andy Paar observed the meeting and participated in some on some of the issues. Shelly provided the opening prayer. The following topics were discussed:

December Meeting – The minutes from the December Athletic Association Board Meeting were approved.

Financial Report - Rick provided everyone with a copy of the financials as of December, 2006. The current reconciliation shows the Athletic Association to be **\$10,064.21** in the black. Some of the gym rental costs and tournament entry fees for basketball have started to hit the books to reduce our surplus from where we were in November. However, our financial situation remains solid. We have yet to purchase the much talked about backstop for the school, but will put this on our “to do” list for February or March.

Winterfest – It will be held on Saturday night, January 27th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Athletic Association has been asked to lend a hand in the execution of the event. If there is snow, Tim suggested a glow-in-the-dark football game might draw some interest. He will check to see if he has one. Possible tubing on the hill to the south of the school was also mentioned as a possibility. In regards to cars parking on the basketball court for the festivities, we could wrap day-glo tape around the pole to alert drivers so they would not run into it.

Athletic Association Elections to be Held in May – The terms for all board members will be completed by the time of the elections. All positions will therefore need to be filled. It is believed that Athletic Director Sue Maurer has one year left on her term. There will also be replacements needed for the current Athletic Policy Committee members as well. The election of new members will be held in May of 2007, with their duties commencing on July 1, 2007. Jamie is going to put together a flyer to be distributed thru school or in the parish bulletin, and Tim will give a presentation at an upcoming Home & School meeting to create awareness and stimulate interest.

SMPAA Handbook Revisions – The handbook has now been revised and it is ready to hand back to the parish office for final approval. Before it is submitted, the Coaching Selection Policy needs to be secured from Sue Maurer and included, and the titles of various positions within the organization will not have anyone’s name associated with them, reducing the need to change the document every two to three years.

New Business:

- The morning of Saturday, March 10 is Parish Leadership Day. Shelly is attending as a member of a different parish organization, and so she will not be able to represent the Athletic Association. We must decide at our next meeting as to who will represent us at this parish function.

- New backboards and rims are needed for the outside basketball hoops, as well as refurbishing the current poles and painting or marking the courts.
- In other basketball news, the 8th and 6th grade boy's teams are doing well in their respective divisions. The 8th graders are 6-3 and in 3rd place, while the 6th graders are 8-1 and currently tied for 1st place. The 5th grade boy's team has gone thru a challenging season thus far, but showed significant improvement in their last game, when they gave St. Mary's (7-3) all they could handle before ended up on the short end of a 26-20 score.
- Gym Conversion Status – At the present time, the contributions proposed by Dan Duchniak include \$10,000 a year for eight years from the Athletic Association; \$10,000 a year from the Auction; and \$5,00 a year from the Home & School Association. The gym conversion proposal has not yet been formally presented to the Parish Council. Financial commitments from various organizations are needed before moving forward.

The Athletic Association had determined that \$5,000 a year was a more realistic commitment. In addition, the labor involved in setting the gym up and taking gym down is an issue that could present problems if enough volunteers do not come forward. The Athletic Association will vote on how much we want to contribute at our next meeting.

- The Athletic Association will be contributing a basket again for the upcoming auction on February 24th. There will be approximately \$150 worth of items in the basket, including hats, shirt and various other athletic apparel.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM. The next SMPAA meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jim Shelton.