

St. Matthew Parish Athletic Association (SMPAA)

Minutes for **March 15th 2007** Board Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 PM. Present were Rick Cheaney, Jim Shelton, Shelly Madden, Connie Bauer, Jamie Daun, Sue Maurer and Tim Stout. Shelly provided the opening prayer. The following topics were covered:

January Meeting – The minutes from the January 18th, 2007 SMPAA Board Meeting were approved.

Gym Conversion Proposal – The board members spent the majority of the meeting discussing the current gym conversion proposal submitted to the parish by Dan Duchniak. The proposal indicates that the SMPAA would assist in funding the conversion and would contribute \$10,000 a year for eight years.

The board felt that with the SMPAA only having a three-year track record in regard to its finances that it would be best to proceed with caution and not commit to contribute a yearly amount that would potentially put the organization in jeopardy. We have only had the concession stand income for one soccer season, and while it appears that it will be a revenue generator for years to come, the ever-changing landscape of parochial schools and sports connected with them, there are no guarantees.

The final version of SMPAA's position on this issue is as follows – "The St. Matthew Parish Athletic Association (SMPAA) has agreed to provide the St. Matthew Church Gym Fund Committee with a \$5,000 annual contribution for a period of eight consecutive years. The agreement is contingent upon the St. Matthew Church Gym Fund Committee securing the additional financing required for the project to move forward. In addition, the SMPAA agrees to be part of, and assist with, the development of a volunteer program for the physical transformation from church to gym to church."

The possibility of contributing more than \$5,000 a year, contingent upon the fundraising and financial results for that year, was also brought up, and will be explored further at the next few board meetings. In addition, there was mention of potentially donating any money over and above our \$5,000 annual carryover limit, and that will be discussed in more detail as well.

Financial Report - Rick provided everyone with a copy of the financials as of February, 2007. The current reconciliation shows the Athletic Association to be **\$10,575.34** in the black. Some of the gym rental costs and tournament entry fees for basketball are still hitting the books, but our financial status remains solid. We are still hoping to purchase the backstop for the school by the end of April.

Soccer – Sue Maurer provided an update on spring soccer. There was a meeting on March 14, 2007 with Divine Mercy and all went well. The games will be divided between the schools with the same arrangement as last fall. There are more teams entered this spring than there were in the fall, so that is a good sign. The season starts on April 21.

The concession stand can serve as a great fundraising opportunity, but we still need more volunteers to help out, especially with the setting up and tearing down aspects of the operation.

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. 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 attended the last Home & School Meeting, with the intent of generating some interest. However, there were not very many parents at the meeting, so generating awareness, and recruiting potential candidates, was difficult.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM. The next SMPAA meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jim Shelton.