

# **St. Matthew Parish Athletic Association (SMPAA)**

## Minutes for **March 11th, 2008** Board Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 PM. Present were Board Members Tim Stout, Shelly Madden, Connie Bauer, Jim Shelton, Sue Maurer, Rick Cheaney and Jamie Daun. Also present were Andy Paar, Tom Borts, Marty Chilson and John Otto. Jim Shelton provided the opening prayer. The following topics were covered:

**Financial Statement** – Rick Cheaney handed out the most recent Financial Statement from February of 2008. The statement indicates that the Athletic Association has \$20,491 as a current net gain. This amount will be decreasing once the gym fees for the men's league and school teams are received and paid for. There was discussion as to whether or not to raise the \$5,000 current annual carryover amount. It was decided to table the topic until the next meeting. Rick mentioned that the calendar raffle would actually end up being around \$2,600 to \$3,000 in the red, as opposed to the \$1,720 that we had originally projected. There was a motion to accept the current financials, and the motion was seconded and passed.

**Gym Proposal** – Various concerns were brought forth regarding the ability of the Athletic Association to enter into any type of long term financial commitment, other than potentially the \$5,000 a year, for an undetermined number of years, that we had discussed in the past. There is no guarantee that the current income streams will continue to add to our bottom line in the future. The present environment for athletics in the Archdiocese, particularly soccer, is one where a decreasing number of participants and teams have been competing over the last few years. The continuation of the BVPSL and our spring tournament is more tenuous than a lot of people realize. After this year, there will be a need for inspired leadership with creative solutions if the league and tournament are to thrive. Sue Maurer made a case for modifying the current worship space instead of building a free standing gym.

**Election of Officers** – A review of the current nominations revealed that we have enough people to fill all the vacancies and only one person named for each position. Therefore, after going thru the list of candidates for the various jobs, it was decided to approve the people on the list as new officers in May of 2008. The elected members are: Jamie Daun – Chairperson; Tom Borts – Vice Chairperson; Rick Cheaney – Treasurer; Andy Paar – Secretary; Marty Chilson, Sue Maurer and Brian Wardius were at large selections as parish parents. Shelly Madden will continue as the parish liaison. John Otto was elected as the Athletic Director. (Jamie Daun will take over immediately as Chairperson. He replaces Tim Stout, who needed to resign as the result of potential work related conflicts).

**Floor Items** – Athletic Director Sue Maurer informed the Board that 1) New uniforms are needed for basketball (boys and girls), soccer (boys and girls) and volleyball (girls) and she will start gathering information on the total cost involved; 2) The plan for Athletic Awards is to hand them out during school, as we did last year and ; 3) We need to form a committee to assemble the softball backstop for Mr. Keane;

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Matthew Memorial Weekend Soccer Classic will feature some new elements this year. For Friday night, the plan is to have lighting for the soccer field and to serve meatball sandwiches instead of spaghetti. On the weekend, a K4 division, featuring small-sided soccer, has been added to the mix.

This is the last year that the Soccer Committee will run the event. The Athletic Association has been approached about running it after this year. A motion to take over the execution of the event in 2009 was passed.

**Presentation by Dan Duchniak** – Dan brought the Board up to speed on his understanding of how the fundraising for the gym would be organized and then answered questions from Board members. Key points brought up were 1) It needs to be determined by October of 2008 if it looks like the necessary funding is in place or not; 2) The expectation is that the Athletic Association would be a major facilitator of manpower and resources for the plan; 3) The current proposal does not include the expense of items such as bleachers, backboards, baskets or scoreboards; 4) \$10,000 was still the amount that was being counted on from the Athletic Association for an undetermined number of years. 5) The best alternative, although a challenging one, is to find an individual or corporation that could underwrite a substantial part of the expenses involved, in exchange for naming rights for the gym. Dan will meet with Father Bill to get his thoughts on how to proceed and then get back to us in the near future.

**Adjournment** – The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The meeting relating to Dan Duchniak's presentation was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jim Shelton.