

Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Agenda
May 13, 2024
6:45 PM
Location: AMR

Athletic Director: Teague Ridge
Assistant AD: Kristin Jansen
Secretary: Jessica Shaw
Treasurer: Brian Soverns
GameDay Coordinator: Emily O'Daniel

Members Invited: Fr. Robert, Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Jessica Shaw, Brian Soverns, Chris Gregory, Dennis Jones, Dink Horstman, Dave Baker, Darla Radcliff, Pam Amon, Rick Hynes, Sara Morris, Nick Ising, Stephen Hoard, Justin Amburgey, Theresa Garrett, Patrick Parris, Laura Ridge, Stephanie Koenig, Ashley Altman, Chris Neichter, Emily O'Daniel

In attendance: Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Jessica Shaw, Chris Gregory, Rick Hynes, Stephanie Koenig, Laura Ridge, Darla Radcliff, Pam Amon, Dennis Jones, Justin Amburgey, Dink Horstman, Chris Neichter, Steven Hoard, Sara Morris, Ashley Altman, Brian Soverns, Emily O'Daniel (guest Lynn Dwyer)

Sport Coordinators:

Girls Volleyball:	Kristin Jansen
Flag Football:	Ashley Altman
Track/Cross Country:	Dennis Jones
Soccer 3-8:	Nick Ising
Soccer JK-2:	Sara Morris
Girls & Boys 3-8 Basketball:	Dink Horstman
JK-2 Basketball:	Chris Neichter
Boys Volleyball:	Stephen Hoard
Swim:	Stephanie Koenig
Field Hockey:	Pam Amon/Laura Ridge
Baseball/Softball:	Teague Ridge
Golf:	Justin Amburgey
Tennis:	Darla Radcliff

Discussion Items:

1. Review April board minutes - Teague Ridge **approved**
2. Coach's Evaluations - Teague Ridge **Brian Soverns had requested evaluations be sent to gather feedback from all sports. Evaluations were sent to parents of all 2023-2024 sports that have concluded. Some negative comments/concerns came in from volleyball regarding equal play time/practice time with the 5th 6th grade girls coach (similar feedback to what was received after basketball). Board in agreement to give this**

basketball/volleyball coach another season with guidance, feedback, coaching to improve - Kristin to meet with her to discuss and provide modeling for volleyball. Dink has been asked to do the same for basketball. Some concern expressed over coaches who also serve as coordinators (this is the case across sports at Ascension); discussed open-door policy and encouraged parents to communicate concerns with coaches/coordinators instead of discussing amongst the parents alone; discussed and agreed completed evaluations be sent to both AD and GameDay coordinator moving forward

3. 3-8 Soccer Update - Nick Ising not present. No update.
4. JK-2 Soccer Update - Sara Morris Final games this weekend. No concerns/issues
5. Track & Field Update - Dennis Jones Ascension meet last month went well. Good turnout and feedback. (K-4th grade). Made some money over and above what we raised for covering track budget next year; discussed other recent events and finishes.
6. Field Hockey Update - Pam Amon/Laura Ridge Going well after initial uncertainty of 7th/8th grade team (not joining with other schools; Ascension will field own team). Apple Jam coming up; discussed coaches for this season.
7. Golf Update - Justin Amburgey Going well. Justin is getting quotes on prices for shirts. Getting numbers together for tournament participation.
8. Tennis Update - Darla Radcliff going well; only one player; has been registered for tournament
9. Girls Volleyball - Kristin Jansen Kristin unable to provide clinic this year due to change in work and family schedule/conflicts. Several voiced interest in 1st/2nd grade participating in spring league at Gabriel; Ascension was not notified of league this year; additionally, positive feedback was not received from spring Gabriel league from previous years; can explore again next spring
 - a. Registration open; closes 5/31/24
 - b. 3rd-8th grade tryouts: July 8th and July 10th
 - c. Practices begin: July 22nd
 - d. CSAA games begin: August 10th
 - e. CSAA city finals: October 18th-20th
 - i. 2024 Coaches:
 1. 7th/8th #1 Kristin Jansen was only candidate who expressed interest in coaching after Lynn Dwyer voluntarily stepped down; board in agreement Kristin to coach this team
 2. 7th/8th #2 Natalie Ising expressed interest in coaching this team; board was in agreement Natalie to coach this team as she will have a daughter in 7th grade
 3. 5th/6th #1 Kristin Jansen coached this team last year; board agreed she will return to this team
 4. 5th/6th #2 Cassidy McCracken coached this team last year; board agreed she will return with guidance from coordinator/athletic board
 5. 3rd/4th Abby Simon was only candidate who expressed interest; board in agreement that Abby coach this team as she will have a daughter in 4th grade
 6. 1st/2nd Megan Soverns coached this team last year; board agreed she will return to this team

10. Cross Country - Dennis Jones no information shared
11. Fall Soccer - Sara Morris are we interested in participating in 3rd/4th grade fall league at Lourdes again? The coordination and communication was difficult, but the experience for the kids was good. Sara will research to see if there are any other options.
12. GameDay Coordinator Update - Emily O'Daniel Emily is learning the ropes, helped open her first registration (girls volleyball). Coordinators to go straight to Emily to let her know when to open fall sport registration. Sport coordinators responsible for requesting registration communication to go out via school, parish, social media.
13. Concession Coordinator - Teague Ridge
 - a. Questions for candidates were emailed April 25th
 - b. Bio/Responses were due May 10th only candidate that submitted bio/responses was Chris Gordon. Bailey Hoard and Sarah Phelps had expressed interest initially, but never responded. Chris' bio/responses were emailed to board prior to meeting for review. Board discussed and voted, unanimously, to select Chris Gordon for the concession coordinator position. Kristin to notify Chris of position.
14. Fish Fry Recap - Laura Ridge Final numbers are in per Theresa. \$16,500 in cash, purchased new equipment with some of those funds (steam tables, two fryers). Dennis was able to get us a good deal on steam tables. Thank you to all volunteers at fish fry! Another successful year!
15. Intent to Return - Teague Ridge Board positions roll over in July. Reach out to Teague with your intent to return.
16. CPR Training - Kristin Jansen
 - a. Held May 10th and 11th Great training. Several parishioners and athletic board members attended.
17. Sports Blessings - Kristin Jansen
 - a. Summer Sports - June 8th & 9th
18. Highlighting Ascension Athletics
 - a. Coordinators continue to email ascensionsocialpics@gmail.com to highlight Ascension athletics on social media
19. Miscellaneous - all.
 - a. Lynn Dwyer was invited to the meeting by Teague and Kristin to speak about why she had chosen to not continue coaching 7th/8th grade girls volleyball this year despite false information being spread. Lynn stated she has elected to step away so she can spend time with her family.
 - b. Concession remodel- still in talks with contractors-not getting responses, finance committee hasn't approved yet because we don't have firm quotes yet (only estimates). Timeline will have to be next year.
 - c. 3rd grader who recently lost her mom- discussed and agreed athletic board will comp her sports fees and uniform fees moving forward
 - d. Chris Neichter noticed a clog in the drain from the ice machine in the concessions stand and he cleared it. Noted there is also a clog in the floor drain.
 - e. Remaining fish fry materials/equipment in the concession stand will be moved to storage area.

Next Meeting: June 10th, 2024 at 6:30pm in AMR