

**Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Agenda**  
**July 2, 2024**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Location: AMR**

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

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

**In attendance:** Teague Ridge, Jessica Shaw, Father Robert, Nick Ising, Darla Radcliff, Brian Soverns, Chris Gregory, Chris Neichter, Sara Morris, Dink Horstman, Justin Amburgey, Stephanie Koenig, Kristin Jansen, Emily O'Daniel, Chris Gordon (virtual).

**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. June 10th athletic board meeting was canceled due a large number of members being unavailable
2. Review May board minutes - Teague Ridge
3. 2024 - 2025 Athletic Board
  - a. Meeting Dates: 6:30pm in AMR

- i. August 8th
  - ii. September 12th
  - iii. October 10th **May be adjusted as this is during fall break.**
  - iv. November 14th
  - v. December 12th
  - vi. January 9th
  - vii. February 13th
  - viii. March 13th
  - ix. April 10th
  - x. May 8th
  - xi. June 12th
4. 3-8 Soccer Recap - Nick Ising **Good seasons. Every team had 1 forfeit d/t numbers (no charge b/c we gave advance notice). 5th/6th to semifinals**
  5. JK-2 Soccer Recap - Sara Morris **Spring went well.**
  6. Track & Field Recap - Dennis Jones (Brian)- **Good season. Multiple school records this year. Meet went really well and schools all want to do it again**
  7. Field Hockey Recap- Pam Amon/Laura Ridge **Program is doing really well and has garnered a lot of passion**
  8. Golf Recap - Justin Amburgey **tournament went well. Finished 7th overall, Caleb D. tied for 2nd (8th grade). Oxmoor didn't charge us very much for practice fields**
  9. Tennis Recap - Darla Radcliff **Ascension had one participant in the CSAA tournament - Noelle I. Noelle did very well and won several matches.**
  10. Girls Volleyball Update - Kristin Jansen
    - i. 7th/8th: 15 registered **Board agreed this is too many girls for one team. Ascension will have two 7th/8th grade teams with 6th grader(s) playing up. All 6th graders will be invited to try out for 7th/8th. CSAA policy states athletes from younger #2 team play up for older #2 team and athletes from younger #1 team play up for older #1 team. Athletes must play for both 5th/6th and 7th/8th teams. If there is a game conflict, the athlete's grade level is preferred, but not required. Discussed number of hours or practice/games per week. Recommended athletes attend a portion of both teams' practices; coaches will discuss with parents.**
    - ii. 5th/6th: 13 registered **Board agreed this is too many girls for one team. Ascension will have two 5th/6th grade teams with 4th grader(s) playing up. CSAA granted an exception to the playing up policy (above) because Ascension doesn't have enough athletes for a 3rd/4th #2 team. All 4th graders will be invited to try-out for 5th/6th. Evaluators/coaches will determine which 5th/6th grade team a 4th grade athlete(s) will be a best fit for based on skill/position. Since CSAA considers 3rd/4th "developmental" and since 3rd/4th does not have a CSAA tournament, parents of 4th graders who make a 5th/6th grade team may decide if they want their child to play on both 3rd/4th and 5th/6th or just 5th/6th grade team. Board encourages playing on both, but not required. If playing on both, it is recommended athletes attend a portion of both teams' practices; coaches will discuss with parents. If there is a game conflict, the athlete's grade level is preferred, but not required.**

- iii. 3rd/4th: 10 registered Board agreed to one team
    - iv. 1st/2nd: 17 registered Board agreed to two teams - Kristin has been in contact with St. Agnes regarding Sunday afternoon league
  - b. 3rd-8th grade tryouts: July 8th and July 10th. Outside evaluators will be present at tryouts: collegiate volleyball players, club volleyball players, volleyball coaches - all not in relation to current Ascension athletes
    - i. Coaches have been identified for all teams
  - c. Practices begin: July 22nd
  - d. 3rd-8th Uniforms have been ordered
  - e. August 15th - no practice at 7:00pm due to Feast of the Assumption
  - f. CSAA games begin: August 10th
  - g. CSAA city finals: October 18th-20th
  - h. 1st/2nd will play in Agnes league; start date TBD
11. Cross Country Update - Dennis Jones not present
- a. 7 registered
  - b. Registration Closes 7/28
12. Fall JK-2 Soccer Update - Sara Morris
- a. 44 registered for fall. Could be more. Request to stripe JK field- we have all the supplies for that.
    - i. 3rd and 4th fall league up in the air right now- Sara will look into it
  - b. Registration Closes 7/28
13. Flag Football Update - Ashley Altman We have 3 coaches
- a. 6 registered More 1st graders will likely register. Teague suggested flyers to new parents about soccer and flag football for young ages
  - b. Registration Closes 7/28
14. Concession Coordinator Welcome - Chris Gordon Chris has been in contact with Laura for role training; volleyball games begin August 10th
15. GameDay Coordinator Update - Emily O'Daniel
- a. Discussed Emily potentially working in collaboration with Donna Schabel, if needed, to ensure all coaches are up to date with safe environment training
16. Cheerleading/Spirit Squad Proposal - Sara Morris Sara discussed proposal; need to identify a coordinator and coaches (Sara is aware of someone who is interested). Board agreed to move forward. Position will be posted and registration communicated with the parish; those interested in coordinating/coaching should email Kristin Jansen. Emily will open registration in GameDay (\$0 registration). Sara noted we have pom-poms etc in storage and discussed other possible needed items.
17. Gym Painting - Teague Ridge Working with Tony Forns. Hoping painting of the gym will be completed after the end of volleyball tryouts and before the beginning of volleyball practices. New curtain will be installed as well. He will look at the light over the visitor bench as well while he's up there.
18. Highlighting Ascension Athletics
- a. Coordinators continue to email [ascensionsocialpics@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionsocialpics@gmail.com) to highlight Ascension athletics on social media
19. Miscellaneous - all
- a. Teague has decided to step down from AD role as this timing is best for his family. Kristin has decided to step down from assistant AD. Kristin will continue

as girls volleyball coordinator and volleyball coach. Teague will continue as basketball coach and golf coach. Father Robert will have AD position posted. Teague and Kristin will train the new AD together this year and as long as needed.

i. Per Father Robert:

1. Athletic board structure will be revised to include a five-person executive committee for voting on policy matters. Executive committee will be comprised of AD, Treasurer, Secretary, Game Day Coordinator and one coordinator appointed by Father
  2. Coordinators would need to attend during their relevant season (welcome to attend always); up to three at-large members welcome to attend always
  3. Board will continue to meet monthly
  4. Executive committee will meet after regular board meeting if there are any voting policy matters
  5. Coordinators will vote on Secretary, Treasurer and Game Day Coordinator after their term is over
  6. Executive committee and coordinators will serve one, three-year term with one, renewable three-year term if desired and approved. If someone wishes to renew at the end of their second three-year term, he/she can apply to the posting and potentially be renewed, but preference will be made to new individuals who apply
  7. All current athletic board members will have one, three-year term in their role. At the conclusion of that three-year term, the position will be posted. If someone wishes to renew at the end of that term, he/she can apply to the posting and potentially be renewed, but preference will be made to new individuals who apply
  8. The executive board structure will be effective immediately
- b. Brian reported during the summer festival none of the “Square” card readers were working properly. He’s working with Theresa to get estimates on replacement systems
- c. Board meetings have been changed to Thursdays, so Father can attend when able. See dates above.

**Next Meeting: August 8, 2024 at 6:30pm in AMR**