

## **St. Veronica Athletic Boosters Meeting September 4, 2018**

Board Members in Attendance: Andy Eiser, Julie Brem, Dave Heilmann, Angie Ford, Laura Hannah, Bill Franz, Melissa Beverly, Rob Buehner, Matt McConnell, James Garvin

Other attendees:

JD Heilmann, Lee Gupton, Bobby Davidson, Monica Smith

### **Update on Current Projects**

- **Update on Proposed Bylaws** – 8 of the bylaws changes that were voted on in the spring were passed directly by Education Commission
  - Education Commission requested slight modifications to bylaws 2 & 6
  - The changes requested were made and the Board voted to approve the requested changes
  - Proposed bylaw #4 was focused on the change to an A-B-C format if a 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade has 3 teams
    - The Education Commission and Parish Council did not approve this and this has removed this from bylaws
    - If there are 3 teams in a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, there will be one A team and 2 balanced B teams
  - Bylaws are now approved by Education Commission and Parish Council and posted on Boosters Website
  
- **Spirit Wear Update**
  - Everything is up on the website and Rob will continue to get new items posted for Basketball
  - Rob requested any feedback from anyone regarding other items that people might be interested in having
  - The feedback so far has been good regarding the ordering process
  - We discussed if we need to have a Spirit Wear coordinator – Rob said he'd talk to Laura Buehner and Mila Crist. The coordination is much less now with the online process than in prior years. Coordination primarily has to do with working with the vendor to select items.
  
- **Basketball Status**
  - Hoopsters and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade sign ups are open to register online
  - The info will be in the newsletter this week and in the bulletin on Sunday
  - Andy will coordinate getting printed copies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grades
  - Information will be posted on Boosters Facebook page this week
  - Coaching applications need to be submitted by Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Tryouts – October 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Both boys and girls tryouts will take place on the same evenings
    - 2 evaluators + head coach will get to select the last 2 players on the roster

- During volleyball there was a question about whether the coaches were supposed to be formally evaluating
    - The bylaw states that only the evaluators will rank the players, the coaches are not doing formal evaluations, they are watching the evaluation and then making the selection of the last 2 players
  - Angie is still working on identifying 6A girls coach
  - Rob said that it would be helpful to have an additional person identified as the Basketball Coordinator – this person could be an overall basketball coordinator for both boys/girls
    - Also mention in the Facebook post that we are looking for an identified basketball coordinator
  - Hoopsters – Matt McConnell and Jenny Franta will co-coordinate 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, we need a 1<sup>st</sup> grade coordinator
    - Rob will coordinate the T-shirts for Hoopsters
    - Andy will make sure that the REP students are aware that they can participate
  - We need to ensure that the spiritual formation meeting is scheduled with Bill Franz for the basketball coaches
    - Tentatively planning for the November booster meeting – tentatively November 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Boys AD Updates**
- Boys and Girls basketball uniforms have been ordered
    - The invoice has been submitted to Matt for 50% deposit
    - They are estimating 2-4 weeks for production
    - The goal is to have them in early October – we anticipate we may need to go back and order a few extras to meet the size needs
  - Golf
    - Golf has been going great according to parent with 2 kids participating
    - Very pleased with the number of kids participating
    - Golf shirts will be collected at the end of season
  - Cross Country
    - First meets have gone well
    - The tent and banner are working well
  - GCCYS Updates
    - Leadership is changing at the GCCYS
    - Rob and Andy will need to plan to attend the next meeting because there will be some items that we will need to vote
    - We will need to respond with availability for hosting volleyball tournament
    - There was some feedback from a couple of coaches regarding the volleyball refs' lack of knowledge of the rules for the different grades – this feedback should probably be passed along to GCCYS

- Boys and Girls basketball will start at the same time this year – Likely first week of December
  - We will receive a refund of fees paid to GCCYS because they are carrying too large a balance
    - Fees will also go down to \$100 per team
- **Girls AD Updates**
- Volleyball going well so far; only 1 weekend of games so far
  - Pink Out – Looking at weekend of October 6/7
    - Angie looking at coordinating some raffle baskets
    - Angie has a vendor for the T-shirts and also a possible sponsor
      - Players will wear the shirts for warm ups – no numbers on back so can't wear for game
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night – October 13<sup>th</sup>
    - Girls play back to back that night: 6:30 and 7:30
    - 7<sup>th</sup> grade A team will assist with all the normal parent duties
    - We should also recognize the Cross Country and Golf
    - We should plan to do this between the 2 games
    - We should coordinate with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade event coordinator to help promote to get all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to come
    - We would like to have Balloons
    - Should coordinate a photographer – suggested Jenny Fithen
    - Dave is getting the banners produced
      - Banners can be hung the weekend before for the pink out
      - They will need to be taken down following the 7:30 game
      - Dave will reach out for assistance when ready
  - The new equipment is working, although there seems to be an issue with getting the net down to 6'. Angie said she would check it this week.
- **Vice President**
- We do want to host volleyball tournament – the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Dave will order banners for 8<sup>th</sup> grade night (see above)
- **Parish Rep**
- Julie has created an evaluation survey that will be sent to parents at the end of a season to evaluate the coaches, the program, the Athletic Boosters
    - The evaluation survey has been reviewed by Board
    - We need to add grade and coach name so that we can use the data in the future to provide feedback to coaches
    - We suggested sending out the week after tournaments

- **Concessions**
  - The concession area has been completely cleaned up and inventory should be filled this week
  - Melissa will be sending out updated open/close instructions
  - Andy is also helping with getting the beverages
  
- **Corresponding Secretary**
  - James has finished 2 team of the week games already
  
- **Recording Secretary**
  - The website is updated, files are all updated
  - Created the 2 basketball flyers that have been posted on Facebook and distributed through the school
  - Minutes will begin being posted
  
- **Treasurer**
  - Big purchases recently:
    - \$4,000 new volleyball net
    - \$2,000 scholarship
    - \$14,000 will be coming out for the basketball uniforms – 50% invoice has been received and is due with order
  
  - Counting the money at concessions close
    - There is a new form that will need to be updated to count the money at hard close
    - Text Matt the amount at hard close
  
  - Invoice Approvals
    - Matt will always send the invoice to the appropriate person to review and approve the invoice before he pays
    - If anything is going to be ordered and spending money, need to let Matt know

### **New Business – Andy**

- CPR Classes & AED Training
  - Angie has a connection with the trainer at West Clermont
  - It would be good to have at least one coach on team who knows what to do
  - Could we look at November time frame?
  
- Board has approved for 2 former Board members Jeff Rausen and Nathan Cherry to help with Open/Close only when their teams are playing

### **Other Priorities for the Future**

- How can we help our coaches improve?
  - Mentoring, workshops, etc.
- DMO Tournament
  - We are currently working on how to make the tournament more equitable where there is a share financially for the Boosters
  - We are working with the DMO organization on how we can make this work
- Trying to establish and improvement relationships with the other organizations within the St. Veronica community
  - PTO, FAB, School Admin, Parish Admin, Educational Commission, etc.
- Re-evaluate our sports fees, and control expenses outside of the scope of the Booster mission (such as donation to the Festival)
- Paying invoices and bills on time
- Better educate our parents on policies and procedures – beyond just stating that the bylaws are on the site
  - Playing time rules
  - Probation policy
  - How important gate/concession are
  - Could we look at some other type of Booster email that could go out regularly to inform parents