Mater Dei Academy Boosters

Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2018

Meeting opened at 7:32pm with a prayer.

All members had previously reviewed the minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting. All were approved with no changes.

In order for there to be better communication between the Board members and the parents, Athletic Director Tom Madden has created an email address to be used for questions/concerns. Parents can contact any of us through materdeicyo@gmail.com

Board members have been asked to try to answer any questions that might be addressed to them from parents. If the question(s) asked have answers that are not known, please driect the person to another Board member of find the answer and get back to the person directly.

Due to the fact that the entire Board is new to their positions, Tom requested the members consider staggering their exits from the Board so that there is never another time that the entire board is brand new. This discussion will be continued.

The Board was asked to consider long term registration goals. The question “How do we get more kids involved?” is one we are discussing. This led to a discussion on financial burden for those who may have more than one child participating during any one season. Perhaps beginning next year we would consider “multiple children discounts”, partial payment to hold a registration, and a payment plan.

President Dan Kilbane discussed the CYO Football meeting he attended. He was given a practice template with very specific information concerning practicing. A meeting in July will discuss mergers (if needed). Football Clinic information was given and there is a Coach/Player clinic in July at Holy Name High School. More information concerning that could be found on the CYO website.

There will be one 7th grade football team sponsored by MDA; all the rest appear to be merging with St. Mary Mentor.

Dan is the contact person for contact football. Tom is the contact for flag football.

All Fall Sport practices/tryouts may begin July 25, 2018. This is a new date set by CYO…allowing for tryouts to occur prior to the August 1 practice date.

Dan suggested an idea for a Golf Outing fundraiser, possibly Summer 2019. Tom wondered if Survey Monkey might be a good idea to see if there is any interest in this type of fundraising. This led to a discussion on other fundraising possibilities, ie. Bowling, gold, Night at the Races.

Keven (VP) indicated he would be willing to take any questions concerning registration.

Mike’s (Treasurer) report shows a balance of $47, 594.00

Tom requested financial information from the past to see how we compare. Mike Sloger (past Treasurer) was to be contacted for that information.

Lori (Secretary) asked that any agenda ideas for the next meeting be sent to Tom/Dan so they can be put on the agenda.

Tom’s number will be put on the MDA website.

A contact person for Bulleting information at Immaculate Conception is needed in order to get pertinent CYO/Booster info to parishioners.

Joyce suggested we update the MDA Facebook page. Ashley has agreed to keep up on social media for MDA Athletics.

Danette (Equipment Manager) is still collecting Spring Sport uniforms (XC and boys volleyball). She will get the names of those still outstanding and send a personal email to encourage the return.

All appears ready for Fall Sports. New uniforms were purchased last year. New volleyballs were purchased as well.

Cheerleading coach requested pom poms, socks, briefs, and signs. Registrations shows there should be 4-10 girls on the squad.

Small sized footballs and flags (CYO specific) for flag football also will need to be purchased.

$1,000.00 was spent for 28 helmets to be re-conditioned and painted.

“Spirit Wear” for parents was discussed/on hand or to order? It seems “on order” might be the most financially responsible at this time.

Shirts for Booster Board members—purchased by members. These would help to make ourselves noticeable during events (particularly tournaments).

Ashley (Concessions) asked about cash for purchasing goods in the Stand. She will contact Casey Hatcher (past Stand mgr.) concerning money and Sign-up Genius use.

Possibility of cash register use in the Stand was suggested. A better way to track inventory and protocol for the Stand is being researched by Ashley and Steve.

The digital Concession Stand board discussion has been tabled.

John (VB Commissioner) is working to contact coaches to see if they plan to return. He will then try to fill in slots where coaches are needed.

Tryout evaluations are done by “outside” coaches who run the drills in the tryouts. 6th, 7th, and 8thgrade teams with enough kids for more than one team will be evaluated and placed.

Pre-season preview or a vb tournament? The issue seems to be gym availability. John will look into what gyms are available during mid/late Fall.

Tom (Athletic Director) went to the mandatory CYO meeting for the 2018-19 seasons. Much information was given, if anyone would like to look at the information, please see Tom.

Priorities for MDA Athletics: growth of the program, financial stability, increased participation, addition of more/different sports, formation of coaches, remembering the Mission—TO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE GOD THROUGH ATHLETICS.

Developing relationships with parents and asking for help are keys to building the program.

The 8th grade awards were given during their Awards Program on May 30, 2018 (2/$1000.00 scholarships, Male/Female Athlete of the Year, and Male/Female Christian Leadership Awards).

Communication with Pastors and Principal is important, so information should go to them regularly. Steve has offered to be liaison. (minutes???)

A basketball skills camp will run two days in early July for 4-6 graders run by Coach Laryy Luciano.

FACILITIES UPDATE:

IC gym not available until September 4

MDA gym not available until July 30

CPL gym (being checked due to FEST)

REGISTRATION UPDATE:

Cheerleading—4

Football—21

Flag football—9

Volleyball—52

XC—9

Keven to give “last chance” reminder for registrations, to be sent out June 27.

June/July timeline: July 18 Coaches meeting

July 25 Parent Meeting

OPEN DISCUSSION:

John Sweet proposed a change in photographers for team photos. He has a contact and will gather quotes for the next meeting.

John mentioned that NEO Sports Plant in Euclid has open vb during the summer and anyone is welcome.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:58pm with a prayer.