

SHAA August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Amy Bair, Jeremy Brown, Kylie Brown, Reena Cecchini (secretary), Matt Kelly, Jerry Maloney, Erin Mascaro, Steve Mascaro, John Wilson, Briana Zagacki

Welcome / Opening Prayer (Erin): First meeting of the 2023/24 school year!

Treasurer Report (Jill):

Jill was traveling and couldn't attend, but she is transitioning responsibilities to Jerry. Jeremy will circulate the current treasurer's report to everyone when he receives it from Jill.

Fall Sports Update

Girls Volleyball (Steve)

- Girls JV began practices Monday, July 31st and will have a 5th grade and 6th grade team, no tryouts.
- Varsity has concluded tryouts.
- Great turnout for registrations, 50 girls between JV and Varsity.
- Rosters need to be in by August 15th. First matches August 24th.
- The league is running things differently this year with three sections. A and B teams will be matched against each other so that all matches will be competitive.
- We are still looking for a Varsity B team head coach.
- We need to start thinking about 8th grade recognition. We will probably schedule a scrimmage with another school and allow all 8th graders to play.
- May consider holding tryouts in June next year because so many families travel in August.

Soccer (Amy, Kylie, Jackie):

- Overall, registration is around 160, similar to last fall.
- For JV/Varsity they decided to split by grade (since there are enough kids to do that) instead of having tryouts.
- K-2 is ready to begin, everyone has rosters.
- There are 24 kids in 3rd grade (two teams of 12). Also two teams in 4th grade.
- The city gave permits to practice on the oval for Monday nights. This is a new thing. Right now it is just JV and Varsity (2 teams each) plus 2nd grade. 3rd and K are at Panther Hollow. 4th and 1st will probably be at Woodland Hills. All games will be on turf, either at Riverview or Schenley Oval.
- Need to order 3rd and 4th grade uniforms. Amy and Kylie will coordinate. Jeremy received an email from Leway about offloading adidas inventory...might be possible to utilize this.

Cross Country (Keli)

- Practices will start soon (August 15) and will practice two nights a week.
- Need to know if 8th graders will want banners.

Cheerleading (Reena):

- Great turnout with registration, we have 35 on the Pep squad, 21 on JV, and 8 on Varsity. We will probably split the Pep squad into two for competitions.
- The uniform fitting is August 10th. We will need to purchase the extra uniforms to accommodate the increase in registration for JV and Varsity (about 10-12). There will be additional pieces to the uniform that the families will pay out of pocket. SHAA will cover

the upfront cost for everything and then families can submit payments to SHAA via check or PayPal.

- UCA Cheer Camp is August 17-18 at East Catholic Gym. Families will pay SHAA directly.

Coaches clearances - coordinate with Sister Lynn, no coach/parent can participate until clearances are confirmed with the diocese.

Fall, 2023 Registration - closing 8/31/2023, unless otherwise requested

Uniforms / Equipment (Jeremy)

Let Jeremy, Jill, and Jerry know of any needs for the upcoming season so they can approve the requests.

Spirit Wear (Joelle)

Fall spirit wear will be with Pro knit wear. This year we will have three seasonal spirit wear sales, with sport specific apparel. Fall (soccer, volleyball, cross country), Winter (basketball, cheerleading), Spring (soccer, volleyball). Each sale will also have general Sacred Heart apparel. Hopefully this will boost sales and interest.

SHAA Positions

- JV boys basketball – need rep, ideally a parent from 5th grade so they serve for two years
- Social Media / PR – someone to help coordinate constant contact, and help with Instagram and Facebook posting. If anyone has any suggestions of someone who might want to volunteer, let Jeremy know.
- 2024/25 members – if your child is graduating this year or you have concluded your tenure, please think about your replacements. It's becoming more and more difficult to find people to take over these roles. We can do a constant contact to parents advertising the positions that will be opening.
- Discussed ways to increase interest in volunteering for SHAA. Can we do an informal, in person SHAA meeting to attract more people? Should we have an in person meeting every third time or something like that? We will advertise at open house. Can also have an interest sign up sheet at the welcome picnic (Kylie).

SHAA documents, etc. (Jeremy)

- Governance and documentation for SHAA. If anyone is interested in helping to update the bylaws and other documentation, let Jeremy know.
- Parent surveys indicated a need to implement a Coaches Code of Conduct. Coaches are representing the school and the parish. Also, coaching and competitiveness needs to be appropriate for the grade level of the kids.

Concessions (Amy) –

- Amy is ready to pass on this responsibility but will make sure that volleyball is set up. The suggestion is that someone from volleyball maintains concessions during that season, and a boys/girls basketball rep takes charge during the winter months. It is too much for one person to handle for the entire school year. As a first step, Lisa H. will help coordinate a replacement during volleyball season.
- Discussed if there is one company that would deliver...not really. Gold Medal will deliver but there is a minimum of \$400 per order and we usually don't buy that much at a time for volleyball.
- We discussed the issue of the concessions person having to front the money to purchase stock. Sacred Heart/Perces has a credit card, so an order could be placed online.

- Instacart would be convenient, but most of the time is not cost effective to be able to make a profit.
- St Raphaels had a lot of drinks (soda, water, PowerAid) that were left over from the festival that they would like to donate. We need to coordinate people to go and retrieve them. Amy did this before and stored some of it in the soccer storage room.

Keys - working to switch over to electronic key entry

Storage room switch - Discussed the possibility of switching the ball room and spare equipment room so that we have a larger, locked room for storage. Everything that doesn't need to be locked can go into the current ball room, and things stored in the boys shower area can then be stored in a locked area.

Old uniform inventory - We can sell anything that is excess and in good condition at the open house.

Fall / 8th grade pics (Amy)

Slick 6 Sports, Sept 26-29. It is multiple nights this time so it won't take as long and we can work around match/game schedules. Winter sports photos are not scheduled yet, but could possibly be the week before Thanksgiving.

Fundraising

- **Sponsorship** (Matt / Jeremy) – The email went out. We are trying to get an earlier start this year. We would like to get the banners in place before the 150th celebration. It was very successful last year...allowed for the gym floor, uniform purchase, etc.
- **Steelers blocks** (Amy) – There are only 31 blocks left, if it sells out it will raise a little over \$5,000. It will be advertised in the church bulletin. Kylie agreed to take it over for next year.
- **Slides / Crocs** (Jeremy) – Central did this last year. Slides are \$35, Crocs are \$40. Approximately \$10-15 per pair comes back in fundraising

SHES 150 (Erin) – Registration is live, waiting to see how many people sign up for the basketball teams and then we will make a tournament. There will be bowling, cornhole, and basketball, and probably a foul shooting contest. Also discussed having horse, knock-out, 3 on 3, and other options that aren't as intense.

Miscellaneous

- Paul Dolan is the new business manager at Perces.
- Bleachers need to be cleaned and inspected
- Score table needs to be repaired.

Open Discussion

Sports participation gifts - last year we did sport specific gifts. This year we will probably do the same.