

Minutes of the August 18th, 2016 SPFL meeting at Visitation

Chaired by: Tom Antonelli (SsPP)

SPFL Schools Represented:

Immaculate Conception	St Francis Xavier
Visitation	Team United
Sacred Heart	St. Joseph
St. Cletus	St. Michaels
St. John of the Cross	Ss. Peter & Paul

No representative present for Queen of the Rosary – emailed in advance of meeting

- **Opening:** Meeting opened with a prayer by SPFL Commissioner, Tom Antonelli.
- **May Meeting Minutes Approved**
- **Financial Report**
 - Balance from last meeting was \$6809.76. Current Balance is \$6026.76.
 - Paid \$783 for Insurance coverage for SPFL Board Members
 - Will keep league fees at \$150 and continue to draw down from the equity to pay for future insurance coverage.
 - There is also still the potential that the league will begin paying for week 8 fields in the future.
- **Immaculate Conception**
 - Immaculate Conception stated at the May SPFL meeting that they had 13 players. There was no hesitation or indication that they had concerns for the upcoming season. There was no communication to the Board regarding any troubles until IC notified the league on July 29th that they would not be fielding a Varsity team this season
 - IC Quarterback decided in May to not return to the team. This created an exodus of other players.
 - IC made attempts to recruit/retain players throughout June. RE recruitment was not an option. IC reached out to QOR and SH without success.
 - By the end of July made the decision that they could not play with the numbers/level of committed players that they had
 - Suggested to league that they would like to play a 'B' schedule. But with so many of the Varsity teams not being able to field a B team, there is actually is no difference between the players of an 'A' or 'B' game—it would be the same players.
 - Unfortunate that the Board was not notified sooner. There are no guarantees that the outcome would have been different, but through an outreach and getting others

involved sooner, may have been able to come up with options—possibly find players from the Western Springs program which folded and had players looking for teams, or SIJ had 8th graders that did not have a team to play for, SC had varsity level players that are now playing for another league. Again, no guarantee that these individuals would have played for IC, but by involving others, a positive workable solution may have been found.

- As a consequence of withdrawing the Varsity team after league schedules were approved, fields secured and paid for, and not reaching out to the Board for possible assistance, the league voted that the IC Varsity team would be play-off ineligible for 2017. (See below for vote tallies)

- **Game Schedule**

- Distributed an updated game schedule indicating the Varsity Bye weeks as a result of IC varsity dropping out.
- Verify that all times/ locations listed on the website are correct. If schools agree to any changes to dates/ times, Wayne Layer must be informed in order to schedule officials. In consideration of Wayne, please give him as much advance notice as possible.
- B Game Schedule distributed. Several schools are able to play B games at the JV level, but only 3 schools are committed to B games at Varsity: Visitation, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Joseph.

- **League Forms**

- All League forms are due ASAP—School info sheets , RE forms & Signed Rosters
- Signed rosters should be sent from a school/parish email account—no personal email addresses.
- Electronic Rosters are due from all schools in the next 24 hours. Please send to SPFL secretary.

- **Weigh-in**

- 1st weigh-in Saturday, Aug. 20th at Visitation. Schedule has been distributed. Also posted on the SPFL website

- **Host programs for Oct. 16th play-offs**

- Host programs: VIS/ IC/ SH/ SJS/ SC
 - Note: If two of the programs slated to host will play each other, then the higher seeded team may claim the home field advantage
- Host programs are responsible for cost of officials

- May be looking for an additional site for Varsity play-offs—down to 3 sites due to IC withdrawing Varsity team
- Varsity now at 7 teams so will need to revise and agree upon a new play-off structure. (See vote tallies below)
- **Championship game Sunday, Oct. 23rd at Montini**
 - Please request Certificates of Insurance for Championship game now
- **Old Business**
 - By-law revisions—vote on revisions was tabled at the May meeting to allow additional time for review. All revisions approved (see below for vote tallies)
 - Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act—each program is responsible for ensuring their coaches and schools are compliant with the new state law.
 - Reminder—for JV B games only, there will be no kick-offs. Instead ball will be spotted at the 30 yard line.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Recommend schools bring copies of rosters for both teams, SPFL rules highlight sheet and SPFL by-laws to all contests

Next meeting, October 13th, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Bauer
SPFL Secretary

SPFL Vote Tally Sheet August 18th 2016								
	IC JV	IC	Varsity	Approve				
	Play-off	Varsity	Play-off	By-law				
	Ineligible	Play-off	Structure	Revisions				
	2016	Ineligible	2016					
		2017	#1 OR #2					
Immaculate Conc.			N/A	YES				
Team United-OLP/ SIJ	NO	NO	N/A	YES				
Sacred Heart	NO	YES	#1	YES				
Ss Peter & Paul	NO	YES	#2	YES				
St. Cletus	NO	NO	N/A	YES				
St. Francis Xavier	YES	NO	#2	YES				
St. John of the Cross	NO	YES	#1	YES				
St. Joseph	NO	YES	#2	YES				
St. Michael	YES	NO	#1	YES				
Visitation	YES	YES	#2	PRESENT				
total	3 of 9	5 of 9	#2=4 votes #1=3 votes	9 of 10				
Varsity Play-off proposal #1								
At end of season will divide division into two sub-divisions--AA and A								
"AA" comprised of teams in 1st-3rd place--using tie break rules, if necessary as outlined in by-laws								
"A" comprised of teams in 4th-7th place--using tie break rules, if necessary as outlined in by-laws								
#1 has a bye week 8 and #2 plays #3 with winner advancing to play #1 in "AA" championship game								
#4 vs #7 and #5 vs #6 in week 8. Winners advance to "A" championship game								
Varsity Play-off proposal #2								
Keep play-off structure same as years past								
apply tie-break rules as necessary to determine seeding								
#1 vs #4--winner advances to championship game								
#2 vs #3--winner advances to championship game								
#5 vs #6--consolation game								
#7 SPFL season is complete								

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