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TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sports Ministry
Team Genesis & LOVE Swimming
Education Ministry
Genesis Academy Christian School

Team Genesis Swim Club & LOVE Swimming

December 2009 Minutes

Swim Symposium #4 of 12

Held Thursday, December 3rd, 2009 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
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“13 Steps to Becoming a Winning Parent” Steps #1 & 2

BBQ Warehouse
Farmington, Missouri 63028

Self Discipline: If you can tame the tongue, you can tame anything. James 3:1-18

Welcome & Prayer

Coach Rudy welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

Attendance Report/Roll Call

A sign-in sheet along with a meeting agenda was passed around which will be attached to the original minutes. Members Present: Coach Alice Oates, Coach Rudolph Oates, Christian Oates and Justin Oates.

Adoption of the December 2009 Agenda and November 2009 Minutes

Coach Alice presented the December 2009 Agenda and November 2009 Minutes for Approval. Motion was made by Justin Oates to approve the December 2009 Agenda and the November 2009 Minutes and seconded by Coach Rudolph Oates.

13 Steps to Becoming a Winning Parent

This was initially introduced in August 2009 and was later put to the side. Steps #1 and #2 says if you want your child to come out in Youth Sports as a winner you are a vital part and without the parent they cannot win without the parent. “No wins unless everyone wins.” Coach Alice discussed the following steps regarding competition in Sports:

1. When defined the right way competition in sports is both good and healthy. The word compete come from com and petere which means together and seeking respectively. Your opponent is your partner not your enemy. The better your opponent performs the more chance you have of having a peak performance. Without a worthy opponent any challenges in sports is not so much fun, the more the challenge the better the opportunity you have to go beyond your limits. You have to have a challenge to go beyond your limits. World Records are consistently broke and set at the Olympics because the best athletes in the world are **seeking together** where the opponent is your partner not the enemy challenging each other to enhance their performance.

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2. No child should every be taught to view the opponent at the “bad guy” or as the “enemy” or someone to be hated or destroyed. Do not model this attitude instead talk to make friends with the parents of your child’s opponent. Root for great performances and good plays not just for the winner.
3. Encourage your child to compete against himself. The ultimate goal of the sport experience is to challenge ones self and to continually improve, this is the ultimate goal. Unfortunately, judging improvement by winning and loosing is both an unfair and inaccurate measure. Winning in sports is about doing the best you can do separate from the outcome or the play of your opponent. Children should be encouraged to compete against their own potential, i.e. Peter and Patty potential; that is the boy should focus on beating Peter competing against himself while the girl challenges Patty. When your child has this focus and plays to better themselves instead of beating someone else, he will be more relaxed, have more fun and therefore perform better.

Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

Mrs. Lisa Robinson chairs our fundraiser this year, however; she is unable to be with us this evening. In summation; our Annual Outreach Raffle Fundraiser made \$194.00. The budget in 2008 was set at \$500.00 so we did not meet our budget for raffle ticket sales. We gave out 350 raffle tickets to be sold to our swimmers which amounted to 10 raffle tickets per swimmer, plus Mrs. Otto asked for an additional 20 raffle tickets and also we gave raffle tickets to our new swimmers. Our raffle ticket sales came from 6 families out of 16 families. The Methvins \$40 for their 4 swimmers, the Vaughns \$30 for their 3 swimmers, the Hicksons \$10 for their 1 swimmer, the Goforths \$10 for their 1 swimmer, the Robinsons \$30 for their 3 swimmers plus the Robinsons also conducted and coordinated and held a raffle ticket fundraiser at Wal-mart, DeSoto, MO. where they sold \$24 the day that they worked and the Oates \$50 for their 5 swimmers. Raffle ticket sales totaled \$194.00 this year. We should look to setting a higher goal for 2010 because we did not meet our goal for 2008 or 2009.

Monthly Coaches Report for November 2009

Coach Rudy reported that our mission entails struggle, inclusiveness and opportunity for all for without the struggle there will be no success. People make mistakes, but if you do not learn from your mistakes then making mistakes becomes a habit. My concern, my focus is going to be in enhancing our mission. What that entails is that our parents, our swimmers have got to fully understand our mission and what that mission entails is, is to provide those less fortunate, it does not mean financially less fortunate, it means kids who have different things that they fall in who would not get an opportunity to move forward. We are not a competitive swim team per se, we be about God’s mission in the respect that Jesus saves. You can ask or answer an important question that might be presented to you, “can you swim?” Irregardless; of the fact that you need to be able to swim 300 yards without stopping and be able to perform several unique strokes. We are not talking about “can you swim?” Can you swim entails knowing or hearing of people who have had love ones, who have lost loved ones through an act of drowning, what are we doing to reach out to those people? What are we doing for those families to bring about a change in their lives since they have lost loved ones?

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Our mission entails Jesus saves and if we truly “Swim for Jesus” then we have to participate in the saving aspect in giving every part of us to be able to follow after the Lord in saving, in helping to directly effect as many people, adults and children’s lives as possible to help save them, to help save them... Everything that has been brought about to my attention this evening is going into review. I am going to revamp everything. It is going into review and basically keep up, keep up. I had a lady one time ask me and also in the same breath tell me “what would God have you do?” and this is His answer to my question. So if those around us cannot participate for one reason or another because they cannot understand, we are going to help them understand and then if they don’t then watch other people do the job that they should be doing.

December 2009 Activities

Coach Alice reported:

1. Personal Best Time Swim Meet this Friday, December 4, 2009 at 5:30pm. We have 9 swimmers registered for this swim meet.
2. On Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 9:30am we will be supporting and participating in Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Clubs Swim Teams first Personal Best Time Swim Meet. We are very excited about this Meet because they have been very supportive and very loyal to our Personal Best Time Swim Meets and they are just getting started. We are very happy and proud of them and we intend to lend as much support as we can to the Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club Swim Team.
3. On Monday, December 7, 2009 is the deadline for anyone interested in signing up for Winter Training Swim Camp. We have had 4 swimmers sign-up so far for this Camp. All registrations have to be in by Monday, December 7, 2009.
4. On December 11, 12 and 13, 2009 we will be traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana to the Indy Dolphins Winter Invite at the IUPUI Natatorium.
5. On Friday, December 18, 2009 we will be having a Personal Best Time Swim Meet and LOVE Swimmers and Team Genesis Swimmers need to be signed-up and registered for this Swim Meet by December 11, 2009.
6. On Saturday, December 19, 2009, we will be having our Annual Swim Team Christmas Party and a Swim America Practice at Vetta Sports – Concord. We will leave Vetta Sports and go to Dave and Buster’s and be there from 11:00 am – 3:00pm which we also plan to do a Christmas Gift Exchange.
7. On Sunday, December 20, 2009 we will be doing Swim America Coach Instructor Training at Webster University.
8. From December 21st through 26th, 2009 will be our 1st week of Winter Training Swim Camp. We will not have Winter Training Swim Camp on Friday, December 25, 2009 in honor of Christmas. The hours for Winter Training Swim Camp have not been set yet however; we will have Camp in the evening while school is still in. On another note; Rudolph Oates, Jr. our Swim Team Captain will be returning home from Frankfurt, Germany on December 21st, 2009 and he will be participating the 2 full weeks of Winter Training Swim Camp and he looks forward to it.
9. On Sunday, December 27, 2009 we will be having our Monthly “Free” Swim Clinic, our Monthly Dive Technique Clinic and Swim America Practice at Webster University.
10. From December 28th through January 2nd, 2009 we will be completing our 2nd week of Winter Training Swim Camp. All of the swimmers that have signed-up so far will be doing the 2 full weeks of Camp.

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Swim Team Website and On-line Store

Coach Alice reported that our website has had over 1200 hits in 2 months. Our website prior to this one had 1900 hits in 9 months. Our website has a solid template and is constantly being built-up. Our website will exceed our prior website in hits by the 1st part of January 2010. We have received compliments from John Cruzat at USA Swimming and other dignitaries who not only utilize but compliment our website. Our goal is to have our website and on-line store be able to meet all of your swim team needs on-line by March 2010.

10th Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Banquet Report

Mrs. Jamie Methvin is the Committee Chair for our Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Banquet. Mrs. Methvin's husband, Dr. Methvin called and she became gravely ill this afternoon and is unable to give her report. Coach Alice reported in Mrs. Methvin's absence until she returns to give the final report. Currently we have 12 families on our Swim Team; 17 LOVE Swimmers and 6 Team Genesis Swim Club Swimmers for a total of 23 swimmers. We had 10 out of our 12 families attend our Awards Banquet. Mrs. Robinson reported that we had 6 tables at our Awards Banquet. From calls made by Coach Alice a total of 48 people attended our Awards Banquet and 7 were guests so we basically had 41 swim team members attend our Awards Banquet.

Coach Alice also mentioned that in March 2009 Symposium Minutes we added awards:

1. We decided to add to the Bible Award, certificates, medals and a scholarship. We only had 1 swimmer who completed the writing of all of the Bible Verses out of 36 swimmers rostered for 2008-2009. Justin Oates a swimmer for Team Genesis Swim Club was the only swimmer who wrote all of the Bible verses and he did receive a beautiful Trophy.
2. Another award we would like to change is the Practice Attendance Awards were we would like to give certificates and medals.
3. For the Personal Best Time Award we would like to add certificates.
4. We give out Swimmer of the Month Trophy Awards now, we started those in March 2009.
5. For the Most Improved Swimmer we would like to add Trophies per age group right now we just give out 1 Most Improved Swimmer.
6. For the Novice Award we decided to add a certificate.

All of this was passed in March 2009, however; we did not get to do it this year and hopefully these new changes will all be implemented by our next Annual Awards Banquet.

Coach Alice reported that we did have some issues with our deadlines and most of our assignments were done at the last minute within 6 weeks of the Banquet and we do not want this to happen next year. The plan is to do better for next year. **The Awards Banquet Date for next year is Saturday, August 28, 2010 with a location pending.**

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Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Banquet Income was as follows:

1. The **Silent Auction** bid sheets have been misplaced, however; Mrs. Methvin is trying to find the sheets. Our Silent Auction made \$173.00 and as soon as the bid sheets are located we will be able to report what was sold and for how much. We do know how much was spent and this is how we made our deposit: Mrs. Lisa Robinson spent \$20.00, Mrs. Laurie Smith spent \$23.00, Mrs. Linda Roth spend \$20.00, Mrs. Jamie Methvin spent \$25.00, Mrs. Caine spent \$33.00 and Mrs. Nona Goforth spent \$52.00 at the Auction which totals \$173.00.
2. The **Guest Book** was found this morning, however; not everyone signed the book and Mrs. Methvin is trying to put together a guest list so that we know who and how many were in attendance.
3. As stated earlier by Mrs. Robinson, Chair of the Raffle Ticket Committee reported **Raffle Ticket Sales** totaled \$194.00 – we did not meet our goal of \$500 as was set in 2008. We had 5 families sell raffle tickets. A lot of our current families did not sell any raffle tickets.
4. **Program Ads** for our Annual Program Yearbook totaled \$0.00. Mrs. Methvin reported that no one purchased program ads this year. Last year our goal was \$500.00.
5. **Donations** received this year as reported by Coach Alice was \$100.00 from Mrs. Laurie Smith and \$500.00 from Bank Star of the Leadbelt totaling \$600.00 in donations for 2009. Mrs. Methvin reported no other donations so far. Last year our Donation goal was \$500.00
6. **Exhibitors and Vendors** is something that we would like to have at our next Annual Awards Banquet. Last year we had a goal of \$100.00 and we had no exhibitors or vendors last year or this year.
7. **Sell Items** we would like to sell items at our Awards Banquet, i.e. Mr. Robinson a carpenter makes trophy shelves and donated one at our Awards Banquet that sold in our Silent Auction, however; at this time we do not know to who or for how much. Maybe we could get families with talent to donate their time and materials to help raise money for swim team by selling items that they make at our awards banquet. Mr. Sebold a carpenter did this at several of our Awards Banquets held during the years 2000 through 2004.

Total Income for our Awards Banquet was \$967.00.

Expenses were as follows:

1. **Award Expenses** was \$350.00 on t-shirts (we have done this every year) and \$527.40 on Swimmer Awards (which is about the same amount we spend every year which included 42.98 in shipping), Last year we budgeted \$850.00 and we feel our total cost was a little more because the shipping cost was more. The Awards are the same each year so this cost changes very little if any.
2. **Room Rental Expense** budgeted in 2008 was \$250.00 but this year we had \$0.00 cost because Dr. Methvin secured the hospital conference room and we did not have to pay rent for our room.
3. **Refreshments** budget allocated in 2008 was \$50.00 and Mrs. Methvin spent \$73.20 total on all supplies (refreshments, decorations, etc.). This year Mrs. Methvin spent \$275.80 on refreshments (\$143.22 for BBQ – 12 pounds, \$33.82 for napkins and paper cups, \$56.00 for chocolate and \$42.76 in table cloths).

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4. **Decorations** budget allocated in 2008 was \$65.00. Mrs. Methvin spent \$135.91 on balloons.
5. **Raffle prizes** budget allocated in 2008 was \$325.00. This year (2009) we are awarding \$425.00 in raffle prizes (\$200 home improvement gift card, \$100 retail gift card, \$75 gasoline gift card, \$50 grocery gift card and five \$5 restaurant gift cards) due mainly to the increase in donations received last year.
6. **Door prizes** budget allocated in 2008 was \$50.00. This year we had no expenses because Mrs. Methvin did not get the opportunity to coordinate door prizes.
7. **Publicity** cost was \$0.00 in 2009 because Mrs. Methvin did not get the opportunity to coordinate publicity for the Awards Banquet this year.
8. **Miscellaneous** costs totaled \$66.59. We spent \$44.00 in postage to mail out invitations and \$22.29 for invitation envelopes and stationary
9. **Athlete Services Fund** 50% of money Raffle Tickets Fundraised totals \$97.00
10. **Outreach Services Fund** 50% of money Raffle Tickets Fundraised totals \$97.00

Total Expenses \$1,999.59 for this years Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Banquet

In Summation

967.00 Total Income 10th Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Banquet
-1,999.59 Total Expenses 10th Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Banquet

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-1,032.59 Net Loss 10th Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Banquet

+98.48* Fund Balance from 2008

-934.11 Adjusted Net Loss 10th Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Banquet

*Mrs. Methvin was given \$180.00 in 2008. She spent \$73.20 on all supplies and Mrs. Coile spent \$8.32 on a roll of raffle tickets so we were left with a balance of \$98.48.

Personal Favorites Facts Sheet

Coach Alice passed out a Personal Favorites Fact Sheet to be published in the 2009 10th Annual Outreach Fundraiser and Awards Program Yearbook. Coach Alice also hopes that some of our swim families will still place a Program Booklet Ad.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

None discussed.

Next Monthly Symposium

Coach Rudy said that our next monthly Symposium will be Thursday, January 7, 2010 at Mario's II, Bonne Terre, Missouri @ 6:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Coach Rudy thanked everyone for coming to tonight's symposium.

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