**April 2, 2017**

**Downingtown Area Christian Sports League (DACSL) –** www.dacsl.org

**Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2017**

**Attendance**
Calvary Chapel, Christ Community, East Brandywine Baptist, Gateway Church, Grace Church Downingtown, Grove United Methodist, Hibernia United Methodist, Hopewell United Methodist, Mission Community, Morgantown Community, St. Matthews Lutheran

Note: To add/delete someone from your church from the DACSL minutes email list or to edit your email address, send email request to: jimzawicki@gmail.com.

**Treasury**

2017 $100 annual dues (third straight year at this fee level) need to be paid. This covers all sports for as many teams as each church wishes to have. Payments can be mailed to:

Mr. Dick Pry
DACSL Treasurer
625 Caravay Lane
Downingtown, PA  19335

Churches owing 2017 $100 annual dues include: Brandywine Grace, Covenant Fellowship, Fairview Presbyterian, Freedom Life, Gateway (the latter to have fee deducted for DACSL web site services), Hopewell United Methodist, Messiah Lutheran, Providence, St. Cornelius, St. Matthews Lutheran, St. Peter Parish and Windsor Baptist.

**Volleyball**

No issues with volleyball. There was a problem with the doors being locked at East Brandywine. Team dues are still owed by Freedom Life ($300).

Volleyball Playoff Schedule

A-Division to be held April 4 at Gateway and April 10 (Finals) at Exton United Methodist Church

B-Division to be held April 6 at East Brandywine and April 10 (Finals) at Exton United Methodist Church.

**Basketball**

The regular season ended this evening (March 21). No issues.

There were good referees this season. There are two referees until the finals. Only if there is a Game 3 in the finals will there be room enough for a third referee. Some of the gyms (Gateway and Hopewell) are small. Would we ever consider Exton United Methodist Church (formerly United Methodist Church of the Ressurrection) again?

There has been a concern with children showing up, running across the floor, running loose, bringing in food. The league was spoken to at Pope John Paul. Please keep this in check.

Basketball Postseason Schedule

Playoffs are March 23

Semi-Finals are March 27, 28, 30

Finals are April 3, 4, 6

**Softball**

Team commitments were due for this meeting. The current listing of teams:

A-Division

Brandywine Grace (one team?), East Brandywine Baptist, Hibernia United Methodist, Hopewell United Methodist 1, Mission Community, St. Matthews Lutheran (B1-Division in 2016)

B1-Division (Upper B)

Calvary Chapel, Freedom Life, Gateway 1 (A-Division in 2016), Grace Church Downingtown, Grove United Methodist, St. Peter Parish (B2-Division in 2016)

B2-Division (Lower B)

Christ Community, Fairview Presbyterian?, Gateway 2, Hopewell United Methodist 2, Messiah Lutheran?, Morgantown, St. Elizabeth Parish?

Subsequent to the meeting, Providence expressed interest in a team. There is still discussion about which division they would play in. They were also reminded that regular meeting attendance is required.

Final team commitments are requested by April 7 so that the schedule can be developed. The season is slated to start Monday, April 24.

There will be Manor Field work day on Saturday, April 8 beginning at 8 am. The work is usually completed in an hour. We will add and spread dirt (need 20-25 tons; cost is ~$100 for 5 tons), rake, etc. Bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows. DiamondTech is available at Martin’s Limestone. Grace Church Downingtown has access to a small dump truck. Each team is requested to have at least one representative. Like last season, churches that do not have a representative will be assessed an additional $50 for their team dues.

The following fields have been confirmed: Fairview Presbyterian, Manor Field, West Caln, West Sadsbury, YMCA.

It was suggested to put down tarps on infield and batters box areas at Manor Field and Fairview Presbyterian fields to protect from upcoming rain. B. Mendenhall to confirm if this would be agreeable to do.

There are no ASA rule changes for 2017. The mercy rule is still 15 runs after 5 innings. Still a maximum of three automatic homeruns, then count as an out (inside-the-park homeruns are excluded). The ASA portion of dues are $25 per team plus $3 per game. Team dues should be ~$300. The ump fee of $21 will be reviewed. There will be 13-14 games per team.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Please mark upcoming meeting dates on your calendar. DACSL meets at Calvary Fellowship (typically in the café at far end of the entrance hallway).

The remaining2017 DACSL meeting schedule:

* Tuesday, April 18 @ 7:30 pm; softball pre-season meeting
* May – no meeting
* Tuesday, June 27 @ 8:30 pm
* Tuesday, July 25 @ 8:30 pm; fall volleyball team commitments due
* Tuesday, August 29 @ 7:30 pm; fall volleyball pre-season meeting
* September – no meeting
* Tuesday, October 24 @ 7:30 pm
* Tuesday, November 28 @ 7:30 pm; basketball & winter volleyball team commitments due
* Tuesday, December 19 @ 7:30 pm; basketball & winter volleyball team pre-season meeting, 2018 officer election