

KML Kick-off Club

Goals:

- 1. Exhibit the strong amount of parental interest in the federation for a football program by unifying parents in the form of a football club.**
- 2. Provide financial support for the initiation of the football program.**
- 3. Provide continuing support of the newly developed football program through volunteers working concessions stand, field maintenance, assistants to the officiating crew, parental chaperones, etc.**
- 4. Provide continued supplemental financial support for the football program by updating equipment, uniforms, and the facilities as needed.**

Football club's constitution:

Nucleus Families:

Terry and Lori Koth (David's Star; 251-9625)

Steve and Kathy Bintz (David's Star; 677-0810)

Todd and Betty Matthies (St. John's Newburg; 675-2004)

Mark and Patricia Rundel (Bethlehem; 255-0231)

Dennis Miller (Bethlehem; 502-1095)

Club is under the direction of the KML Charger Club. The Charger Club President is John Groth and the faculty advisor is Len Collyard.

Kick-off Club's Plan of Action

- 1. Inform Federation members of the initiation of a KML Football Club through the KML news publication provided in the church bulletins. The information would include the plan for a meeting for all those interested and a request for donations.**
- 2. The club would raise money to supplement the start up costs for a football program, estimated at \$30,000. Money raised for the program would be kept in a separate fund designated for football use only and the treasurer for the fund would be from one of the nucleus families.**
- 3. The club would go before the Executive Board in spring to present the money for the football program and to request that the program be started in 2001.**
- 4. Upon the Board's recommendation, the football club would continue to raise money for the program if the total initiation costs were not raised.**
- 5. Regular meetings would be then held as needed to assist in the initiation of the program.**



KICK-OFF

To KML Football

On August 28, the KML General Board approved the KML football program to begin in 2001! With this decision comes much excitement to Charger parents and students who love the sport of football...and a challenge to find the necessary funding to initiate the program.

To assist with this challenge, a group of parents formed the "Kick-off" Club and are under the direction of the KML Charger Club. We are presenting our needs to each of our 26 federation churches in hope that individual members will consider a generous gift to this new program over and above home congregation giving responsibilities.

Start-up cost is estimated at \$35,000. This would fund both a freshman and JV team for 2001. To raise the necessary funds we would only need 14 families from each federation church to donate \$100 each. When broken down like this our challenge definitely appears manageable. (Note: The first season will only be played after the initial finds are in place.)

Please carefully read the back of this sheet. You will see how you can become an important part of the new football era at KML. Through your donations we will see football become a reality for many young boys who dream of one day hitting the gridiron as a KML Charger!

Please place your contribution in the self-addressed envelopes provided in the back of your church, or send them to:

**Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School
% KML Football Fund
3399 Division Road
Jackson, WI 53037**

(Don't forget AAL or Lutheran Brotherhood will match all donations through year's end. Contact a Kick-off club member or representative for details/forms.)

For those interested, join us at our KICK-OFF CLUB meeting on November 1, 6:30 PM at KML. We'll discuss additional fund raising efforts and organize volunteers for various projects needed to kick-off our football program.

The KICK-OFF Club:

Steve & Kathy Bintz - David's Star
Terry & Lori Koth - David's Star
Todd & Betty Matthies - St. John, Newburg
Mark & Tish Rundel - Bethlehem, Men. Falls

KICK-OFF TO KML FOOTBALL

"KICK-OFF" THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM WITH YOUR OWN DONATION AS IT CORRESPONDS TO THE DIFFERENT LEVELS LISTED BELOW:

\$1000 GOALPOST

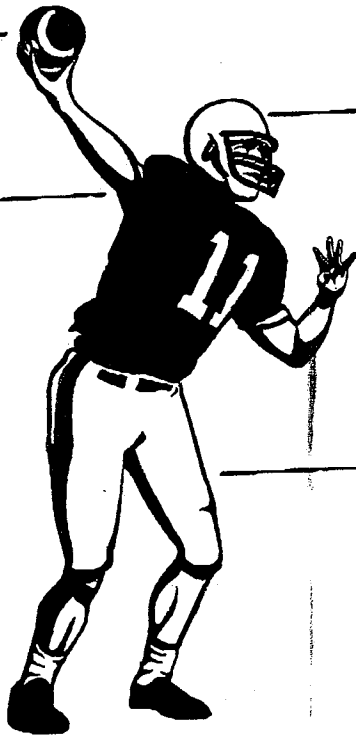
\$500 BLOCKING SLED

\$25 FOOTBALL

**\$75 SHOULDER
PADS**

\$100 HELMET

**\$50 GAME
PANTS & PADS**



\$150 ½ PLAYER OUTFITTED

**\$300 FULLY OUTFITTED
PLAYER**

Contact a member of the Kick-off Club or your congregation representative with any questions or obtain AAL & Lutheran Brotherhood matching gift forms.

New Football Program Hurdles

1. Locker room space

**PLAN: Staggered practice times
Spring sports cope with 70+ kids now in locker rooms and
make due**

2. Storage

**PLAN: Kids take equipment home with them
Bintz' barn converts to storage area**

3. Playing Field

**PLAN: Convert soccer field to soccer/football field(Both
Germantown and West Bend High
Schools have such combination fields)
Money raised will cover cost of goalposts, etc**

4. Practice fields

PLAN: Practice areas available

5. Fear of not being competitive in conference with new program

**PLAN: Play JV schedule for 2-3 years. In present conference,
Seniors may play on JV**

6. Coaching

**PLAN: Utilize present faculty to coach the JV team.
At least 6 faculty members on staff have football
coaching experience
Numerous lay people with coaching experience have
offered up services**

**Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School
Football Informational Meeting Agenda
October 19, 2000
7:00 PM**

1.) *Keynote Speaker*

***Dr. Dennis Miller
Head Football Coach
Wisconsin Lutheran College***



2.) *Background and Rationale for the Football Program*

- ◆ Increase student participation in school activities.
- ◆ Provide motivation for increased student wellness.
- ◆ Establish a fall co-curricular activity for another segment of our student body.
- ◆ Increase opportunity for more students to learn the blessings gained from goal-setting, teamwork, and development of God-given abilities
- ◆ Equalize athletic department opportunities

3.) *The Program Plan*

- ◆ Advice from others
- ◆ Team Development and Progression
- ◆ Facility
- ◆ Commitment
- ◆ Scheduling
- ◆ Start up costs

4.) *KML Kick Off Club Representative*

5.) *Fund Raising Opportunities*

- ◆ Start up funded outside of operation budget
- ◆ AAL & LB Matching Gifts
- ◆ Donations
- ◆ Entertainment Books
- ◆ Requests of other schools



Football at KML?

When is KML going to start football? The frequently asked question comes from people who are anxious to see the program "kickoff" for the benefit of KML students. Mr. Len Collyard, KML Activities Director, has been studying the question along with Dr. Dennis Miller, head football coach at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Utilizing Coach Miller's experience and knowledge, Mr. Collyard has done a good deal of research to answer the question of starting football at KML. At the June Board of Directors meeting, Mr. Collyard recommended beginning football in the fall of 2001. His recommendation includes fielding two teams, a freshman and junior varsity team (10th - 12th graders) for the first two seasons. Beginning with both freshmen and JV teams would allow KML to begin building a program by allowing younger players to play at their level. Varsity competition would begin in 2003.

Rationale for beginning a football program:

- Football offers a participation opportunity to boys who would not be able to play other sports because it has positions for student-athletes of various shapes, sizes, and athleticism. Football would join cross-country and track as the third sport at KML that does not need to "cut" players.
- Greater student participation in student activities builds school spirit and enthusiasm.
- Because KML's enrollment is nearing 190+ boys in school, the numbers are there to support both the boys' soccer and football programs.
- Interest in starting football at KML is high as evidenced by frequent inquiries about starting football. Furthermore, many of the communities of our federation have youth football leagues. Future KML students want to continue playing football in high school.
- Some students from within our Federation who are interested in Lutheran secondary education are choosing Wisconsin Lutheran or Luther Prep over KML because they are interested in playing football.

Starting football could create other opportunities for our students. It would create an opportunity to add fall cheerleading, as well as possibly a fall marching band for pregame and half-time shows. Even though neither of those two opportunities has been explored as of yet, the potential exists to involve even more students in a fall activity.

FOOTBALL AT KML: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question #1: How will we pay for the start-up costs?

Funding for starting football would come from outside sources. We have been told often from constituents interested in starting football, that the money could be raised. In fact, there is a core group of future Charger parents which is standing ready, willing, and able to serve as a booster group under the Charger Club. In addition, grants are available.

Question #2: How much will it cost?

It would cost about \$35,000 spread over two years to start the program. This figure is based on new equipment for each player as well as practice equipment. It costs about \$300 per player for equipment. We believe, however, that it is possible that the costs could be lower if we utilize bid pricing. It is possible that some used equipment may be available. Our research shows that beginning in the third year, the annual budget for football would be about \$10,000.

Question #3: What equipment do we need to get started?

We'll need things like blocking sleds, goal posts, field marking equipment, head sets, sideline markers, down markers, first down chains, drying hangers, helmet storage racks, shoulder pad storage racks, arm blockers, shields, tackling dummies, footballs, helmets, shoulder pads, rib pads, practice pants and jerseys, game pants and jerseys, etc.

Question #4: What if we can't raise enough money?

If the General Board approves football, we keep working until we do have enough funds to initiate the program. Our first season would have to be delayed until the money can be raised.

Question #5: How would we pay for the costs of sustaining the program?

Keep in mind that participant fees, estimated at \$50 per player, would pay part of the cost. Athletic departments at other schools verify that football gate and concession receipts are key contributors to ongoing expenses.

Question #6: What expenses would need to be covered once the program is up and running?

For the sake of player safety, it is very important that we recondition equipment annually beginning with the third year. That cost, together with replacement costs, has been researched to be \$5,000 per year.

Question # 7: Who will we play?

We intend to begin with age appropriate competition. That is, our freshman will play freshman, etc. until we grow into varsity competition. You will also be interested in knowing that Parkland Conference schools have told Mr. Collyard that they would be willing to give strong consideration to allowing our juniors and seniors to play against their JV (typically sophomores only squads) for the first few years. We will attempt to schedule initial games with schools of similar size.

Question #8: Who will coach?

Several current staff members have expressed interest in coaching football. Several laymen from within the Federation have also expressed interest. Ideally, we should call a staff member with current football coaching experience to head up the program.

Question #9: Where will we practice and play?

It's not necessary to practice on a 100 -yard field. We have several areas that could be used. Games can be played away at first, yet we could use some of our field space for a game field. Our expansion plans call for an upgrade of our outdoor athletic fields, including a new football field.

Question #10: Is locker room space a problem?

No doubt about it. We do not have enough locker room space. However, fall sports teams can stagger the start and end times of practice as a temporary fix. The plans for our new building include additional locker room space.

Question #11: Do we have enough space for storing and drying equipment?

The new building will answer both of these questions. However, with careful planning we can currently use a part of the storage area behind room 132 during the season. We would need to add some ventilation and store non-football equipment off-site during the football season.

So, when will KML start football? It's up to the KML General Board. They will consider the recommendation to begin football at the August 21 meeting. If approved, however, funding to cover start up costs also must be raised outside of the budget before we can begin the program. **If you have further questions regarding starting football, please contact Mr. Collyard by August 4. (lcollyar@kml.k12.wi.us) 262-677-4051.** The Board of Directors hopes to have answers to all questions prepared before the General Board meeting on August 21.

Keith Bowe, Principal
Len Collyard, Activities Director

Activities Director Report
Len Collyard, A.D.
KML Kick Off Club
3/22/01

Progress toward starting football at KML next fall is proceeding reasonably on schedule. Thank you to those of you who have helped in the past and continue to help in the future.

Fund raising: Our fund raising efforts were blessed with great success. To date we have received \$40,417.13. This includes 59 DONORS, MISC. INCOME - SHIRTS, MONOPOLY GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS(\$915.85), MATCHING FUNDS(\$24,080).

Schedule for 2001: A six game freshmen schedule and a 7 game JV schedule has been completed. A copy of the schedule is attached.

We are expecting about 20 freshmen participants and 40 current student participants.

Plans are being made to order player equipment and uniforms within the next two weeks.

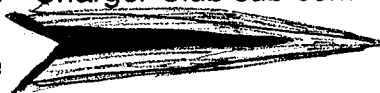
Our coaching staff is shaping up. Mark Otte has accepted the call to teach chemistry and to be our head coach. Jason Walz has accepted the call to teach history and to serve as an assistant coach. Jerry Zeamer is taking an active role in helping get some of the planning details worked out and will help with coaching. Other coaching assistance is still being worked on.

KML Kick Off Club
March 22, 2001
Meeting Ideas

EARLY MARCH

** Existing soccer field*

1. Formalize Kick Off Club - Charger Club sub-committee
 - Identify role
 - Establish structure



Subcommittees

2. Enlisting manpower
 - Identify needs
 - Solicit volunteers(create a volunteer form)

- Volunteer manpower
- Facilities
- Equipment

3. Facilities issues
 - Storage: in & out of season — *temporary rugger*
 - Drying room
 - Field maintenance and preparation
 - Goal posts
 - Scoreboard *Temporary + permanent*
 - ↳ *repair*

Beth Steinbrenner

4. Equipment issues
 - Equipment manager: record keeping, purchasing

5. Game day assistance
 - ticket takers
 - chain gang
 - scoreboard operator
 - *Concessions*

KML Football supporters,

The KML Kick Off Club would like to provide our supporters with a little update on our progress. Our fund raising efforts were blessed with great success. To date we have received \$40,417.13. We have a schedule for the fall of 2001 with six games scheduled for our freshman and 7 games for our JV team. 43 current students have committed to playing on the team and we plan on about 20 freshmen. Equipment and uniforms are being ordered. Mark Otte accepted our call to be head coach and Jason Walz and Jerry Zeamer will act as assistants.

One can feel the excitement building! It is such a blessing to offer this opportunity of a football program to our high school! There still are a number of tasks that need attention to successfully "kick-off" the season. We would appreciate the assistance of our supporters in these areas. Starting up a football program is a big undertaking and we would like everyone to pull together to assist in this exciting yet challenging task. Please look over the following list: There are a variety of ways in which we football supporters can be a part of our new KML football era.

1. Storage Room (need storage for items currently stored in the back room where football equipment will now be stored; i.e. chairs, tables, track equipment)
2. Ventilation for back room (need new fan installed for drying our equipment)
3. Field prep (painting of lines before 6 home games)
4. Equipment manager (before and after season, record and track all equipment)
5. Game day workers (ticket takers, concession stands, scoreboard operator, chain gang for 6 home games)

Someone from the Kick-off Club will be calling you in about a week. Please offer your assistance in one of the above listed areas. Listed items number 1,2, and 5 should be started in June. We'll start organizing game day workers in early August. Also, our football kick-off club is in need of members who will be in charge of the various work groups listed above. As stated above, the more volunteers we have pulling together, the more positive experience we'll all have in our new start of KML Football. What an exciting way to utilize your Christian stewardship and talents!!

Thank you for your time. Any questions, please direct to the following:

Len Collyard (Athletic Director); 677-4051
Jerry Zeamer (Assistant Football Coach); 677-4051
Terry Koth (Kick-off Club Coordinator); 677-4247

