

APRIL 25, 2024 | SYA Meeting

Attendance: Jim and Jenn Blaukovitch, Bryon Cramsey, Adam Segall, Annie Greaves, Jen Boardl, Shaun Hallman, Rebecca Jones, Michelle Taylor, Elizabeth Escoto, Karl and Kim Martinson, Kenny Wellbank, Michael Stanley, and six high school volunteers watching nine kids.

1. **Call to Order:** Jim called to order 7:39pm
2. **Motion to Approve December Minutes:** Shaun and Michelle motioned to approve minutes, no objections.
3. **Board Member Reports:**
 - a. **Secretary:** Annie relayed that the township Planning Commission had met on 4/24 and did not discuss any plans about Laubach. The new development of 7 homes on Lynnwood was the main topic for that meeting.
 - b. **Treasurer:** Arden wrote:
 - Checking: \$1,497
 - Savings: \$1,978
 - Building: \$8,016
 - Total: \$11,491

There are a few deposits that will be posting over the next few days to increase the checking balance.
 - c. **President:** Monica Deeb is retiring, Jim spoke to a few members of the ST school board about the importance of hiring someone for that position who will be supportive of SYA's needs and not create obstacles.
 - d. **Vice President:** Bryon wrote: Community Day - we need Board & Director support for 100% success
Thanks Arden for your time & efforts, need everyone's help to find successor
Future Fundraisers: Urban Air (no coupons sold this year), Phantoms and even Iron Pigs numbers are all dwindling, need other ideas.
Approved Coaches sheet is updated and has been sent out, please check for your coaches and send in any that are expired or just not in yet. **Send over all outstanding clearances to Bryon.**
 - e. **Administrative Officer:** Frank wrote: The fields at Dodson have been prepped by the Township. I also received a few extra keys from the township to distribute to those in need. The application for our PA Sales Tax extension has been received by PA Dept. of Revenue. I am waiting for their reply. STSD invoices in the amount of \$7,517.39 for custodial services have been sent to the township for payment. (the township pays for this)
 - f. **Communications Officer:** Still waiting on funds so the cameras and other video equipment can be purchased.

4. Old Business

- a. Fundraiser updates (ie. Urban Air, Phantoms): Phantoms we only sold about 49 tickets, not sure what we made on chuck a puck and 50:50 stands. \$175 made of chuck a puck. Not sure what we made off 50:50 tickets. Iron Pigs is May 10th.
- b. SYA Community Day (Shaun): Ski ball, flag football exhibition, baseball, soccer, basketball, band from 2-3pm, comedian performance, sponsor, food trucks (maybe), bake sale, Boy Scouts will be there, SES teachers will be around, NHS is volunteering, PTO will have a table there, School Board will have a table out there, both Fire Departments, Susan Wild and Peter Schwoyer have been invited. Sign up genius is available for volunteering.
- c. Reading #1 of proposed bylaws:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E4FeUoGzT5JK84BcKnPE2hcuWZMVqSyWUFA4G0QNuSQ/edit?usp=sharing> Annie talked about the major changes and read over additions to bylaws for 2nd time; no objections.

5. New Business

- a. Iron Pigs Grant: Dodson Park - \$7500 for improvements for Dodson Park. Jim Lavernier will help us and stretch all the pennies. Jim will sign the "Grant Agreement" and Annie will return it to the Iron Pigs prior to 4/30. The woman in charge of the Iron Pigs Charities department, Anne Culhane, is very nice and is willing to work with us as we get approval from the township. As long as SYA keeps in touch with her about progress or any proposed changes to the original plan, they will not have a problem. The township's recreation committee and then the planning Commission will need to agree to all plans as well.
- b. Mike S. shared ideas about fundraiser (see open discussion about corn hole tournament).

6. Directors' Reports

- a. **In- House Baseball:** Kenny wrote
"Opening Day was a huge success, lots of positive feedback from within and outside the program.
Secured access to the field at SES, have two tee ball teams practicing there moving forward. The Maintenance Department for the School District did an incredible job flipping the field.
Moved a tee ball team to Dodson, the Public Works Department did an amazing job getting Dodson in shape.
We are having two picture days May 1st & May 2nd during practice time at Laubach Park. Photos by local professional photographer and SYA Basketball coach, Chris Urena"
- b. **Travel Baseball:** Bill wrote: "It is with great pleasure to share that the CWL teams have begun their season and have shown great progress across different levels, with 2 Bidy, 3 Midget, and KH teams competing. Additionally, the JCM

team has commenced playing games in the Bethlehem league since April, which will continue until May, following which they will continue their season in the JCM league, playing 40 games in total. The lottery tickets are scheduled to be due at the end of April, and we look forward to a successful outcome

Team Photos are scheduled for Sunday, May 19th from 9 - 1 pm at Devonshire Park - Christmas City Photo will do our photos again”.

- c. **Softball:** Painting with a twist fundraiser will be 5/31, Michelle will need \$100 for a deposit, she will do an online sign up. Cost is \$55 per person. It will be a Sunflower painting. Michelle will make a flyer (possibly market it as a mother’s day gift). Since Madle’s Ace donated all the lyme for softball, their logo should be added to the SYA website sponsor section.

We need to set parameters for putting sponsors up on the website, meanwhile Madles who donated shall be put up the website ASAP, not waiting for these parameters to be created.

Games for softball started this week.

- d. **Soccer:** Shaun and Lauren wrote “The spring soccer season got off to a slow start thanks to all of the rain, but we’ve finally had enough clear days to really get things going. Our games kicked off the weekend of April 6th, with our U13 games taking place on Saturdays and our U9 and U11 games taking place on Sundays. We’ve collected all but two buyouts for the hoagie fundraiser, and we’ll have a better idea about actual participation when the hoagie orders are due in May. Overall the season seems to be off to a strong start.

\$245 made on shirt sale and there are about 60 new kids.

- e. **Football:** SYA has 3 teams in mini vikes league, the kids seem to love it.
- f. **Basketball:** Nothing yet organized for Summer.
- g. **Cheer:** Since the girls can’t cheer at Mini Vikes flag football, the new plan is that they will sign up in May for summer training at Laubach, skills and drills etc., as soon as they can get into the school with the mats (Cheer still needs a home for their 7.5K mats). Competitions will be in November, SYA is hosting a competition in the high school (Nov 6) and will need help getting donations and setting up a basket raffle.
- h. **Wrestling:** No new information.
- i. **Concession Stand:** Jen wrote: “First off, we would like to thank Todd for completing the needed repairs to open and a big thank you to everyone who helped to clean out the shed and equipment to get the stand up and running. We opened this week for 3 days and everything seemed to run smoothly. As long as volunteers continue to sign up we are planning on being open for every In- House and Bidy game at Laubach.

NHS and Key Club have also signed up through sign up genius for working the stand.

7. **Open Discussion:** Mike informed the group about how a friend of his did a corn hole tournament as a fundraiser and it went really well (the cost to run it was only \$200). Other ideas are a Daddy Daughter dance, maybe around Valentines Day; or a Powder Puff football game or a Golf Outing. The Wiffle ball tournament is still a potential event, but the local parks are not going to work so far, there is either no parking or they don't allow alcohol. There was a brief discussion about how far SYA families would be willing to travel? Jim says maybe Southmore or Schnecksville? There will need to be further discussion.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** Rebecca motions to adjourn and Jenn B seconded at 8:22pm.

The next SYA meeting will be 5/16/24, 7:00pm, most likely in the SES library.