



May 15, 2025| SYA Meeting

Attendees: Rebecca J., Michelle T, Kenny W., Lauren W., Liz Young, Bryon Cramsey, Annie G., Byron Masi, Brittney W., Adam S, Lauren C. (volunteers: Dana Thompson, Jackson Skeans, Sophia Brancato, Ellie Scheider)

1. **Call to Order:** Bryon called meeting to order at 7:13pm
2. **Motion to Approve Minutes:** LW motioned to approve, all seconded
3. **Monthly Wins Recognition:** Community Day / Iron Pigs Both were very successful YAY!
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Iron Pigs – great turn out! There was a discussion about moving the date of Iron Pigs SYA game to, June or later in May. Discussion about what the new terms might be if we renew the Iron Pigs contract in 2027. Next year we will need to start much earlier to promote and make sure all SYA programs are involved.
 - b. Community Day Review – basically we need 4 main people to run it: one to be the point person for all the sports, one to set up and manage the basket raffle and sell those tickets, one to be the overall point person for the guests (ie. firemen, entertainment, blue mountain, etc.) and one to run the food and one to run the sales. Brittney helped fill in some blank expenses on the overall budget excel sheet for Community Day. Lauren C. encourages us to keep Community Day going. There was a brief discussion about the timing, as April and May are already so busy. No other dates were suggested. Next year, Kenny is thinking of running T-ball showcase (maybe run the T-ball teams on a shorter schedule) on the grass. Some feedback was that Community Day should be on a Saturday, not Sunday (although last year we had it on Saturday and then decided it would be better on Sunday).

Community Day 2025

Expenses:		
	Pizza	\$ 270.00
	Ice	\$ 30.00
	Supplies	\$ 36.57
	Sodas / Waters	\$ 110.00
	Flyers (Staples)	\$ 130.00
		\$ 576.5
Income:		
<u>Sponsorships</u>		
	Firerock Production	\$ 200.00
	NALC Brach 274	\$ 250.00
	<u>Sponsorship Total:</u>	\$ 450.00
	SYA credit card points	\$ 550.00
	Basket Raffle Sales	\$1,200.00
	50:50 Sales	\$ 80.00
	Food Sales	\$ 750.00
	Donations	\$ 12.00
		\$3,042.00
Non-Monetary Donations:		
	120 Raffle Prizes	
	Baked Goods from Jen B.	
	Food from Jen B's Family?	
	Drinks from CocaCola	
	Prizes from Jose Gonzales' Esta	
	Final Revenue:	\$2465.43



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- c. The Dodson field soccer project is on hold because Jim L. says there is not nearly enough money and plans need to be scaled down substantially. Many directors mentioned that families hate Dodson, don't want to go there, no parking, walking down that hill, etc. Soccer even has seed that they put down (township not knowing), but it did not work.

5. Quote of the Month: Never too late to change and quitting is not an option. [not directed at Kenny]

6. Directors' Updates

- a. Fundraising:
- b. Concessions: Volunteers have been very difficult to get so Devon and Jen keep having to run the stand. The SUG needs to be sent out again? If it continues to be difficult to find help, we will need to go back to parents giving deposits. A brief discussion was held about whether SYA should pay someone to run the stand.
- c. In-house Baseball: Weather is weathering. Picture Day (If the weather weathers correctly) is Friday. Putting together Skills and Drills Olympics for Memorial Day weekend, but need volunteers to oversee drills. Township still has not installed new home plates or pitchers' plates at Laubach. Chad Waelchli from SHS / St. Lukes wants to set up a clinic for SYA players, sounds better suited for travel Baseball. Kenny passed the info. along to Josh Gercie and Ben Green (coaches) as well as the Minors coaches. Communication has been really poor this season, in terms of parents and coaches being responsive to emails. Can we do read receipts for emails (and would that even help)? Scheduling has become a huge problem due to double rostered coaches, lack of communication, and lack of fields, bad weather, etc. Some ideas to encourage volunteering: A party /celebration to reward volunteers. So many coaches have to coach 2 teams, Kenny is coaching 3 teams, hard to entice volunteers. [Liz motioned to adjourn the meeting here, at 7:47pm – not approved]
- d. Travel Baseball: All teams are doing great. Connie Mack Season starts 5/18 with an 18 game schedule not including State playoffs. All Lottery ticket deposits have been deposited, totaling \$5472. Purchased 36 bags of Field Lime Markers to be used by Baseball teams. Bill is attending the final CM meeting prior to the start of season. All home games for CM will be played at High School but not until HS season is completed 6.1.
- e. Softball: Unfortunately, the drainage issues with the Middle school Softball field has at times made the field not playable even if the weather was nice. Both 10 u and 12 u teams are crushing it. 10u is undefeated and 12 u is 2-2. ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE – costs nothing but Ice, Michele has a flyer, the players sell “cubes” and the number of cubes they collect will determine who they can dump a bucket of ice on. Budget reviewed. At minimum the budget should cover costs, would really like to get extra but will at least cover the season's expenses. Also Michele would like to do a program development night at ESA, with the batting cages and maybe getting pizza for the kids. Softball moved 10 u picture day from Sunday to Friday right before in house baseball to accommodate girls on our team that participate in the “girls on the run” race on Sunday. The 12 u girls will still get there pictures done on Sunday. Overall, the softball athletes have shown a great amount of growth and helping the program grow. Michele and Tiffany are trying to decide whether to just focus on Spring softball and do skills and drills in the Fall or try to put together teams to play in the league in the Fall.
- f. Soccer: The spring fundraiser just finished up. Using SportsEngine to put credit card holds on accounts instead of collecting cash/checks as part of a buyout appears to be working well for soccer. Just like with all sports, soccer is having a lot of issues with the weather/field conditions. Seeding the field needs to be done soon, Franko is not used from mid-October on due to no lights, and that is usually when they seed the field. There is no water there (for watering grass), so the timing of seeding has to be right. It would be good if soccer could use the turf.
- g. Football: Flag has been going well, cheerleaders were the main turnout at the Mother's Day games. There are two more weekends of Flag.
- h. Cheer: Spring cheerleading is doing well. The girls and coaches are enjoying cheering on the track for football again, like old times. Working with Kevin and talking with him on ways to help football and include cheer more at the SYA level and at the MS/HS level and at HS games and events. Lots of good things in the works. Two games left to cheer at, 5/18 and 6/1. Squads are currently working on “spirit bags” to give out to football



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players at the June 1st final game! Girls love doing these things, and we are happy to have some normalcy again. Working closely with MS/HS cheer program and Sarah from athletics to see what is going on with the hiring of new MS/HS coaches. Kristen the former coach says there were two people offered the position who turned it down. As of right now, unsure of what the MS program will look like for our MS aged cheerleaders. Cheer will be looking into adding a 14U squad and division to our program until the school gets their program back together. Putting together details and such for fall/winter cheer to get registration up and running, and information flyers out to the school. New coach interests are coming in. Collecting background checks from all to hand in/update. Plan is to have registration out before the end of May, and to start practices after July 4th. Kevin wants Cheer to do half time routine and track dances and have a table next to booster club. Wildwood competition is a goal for the girls.

- i. Basketball: Nothing new to report. Boys $\frac{7}{8}$ team starts summer league games next week.
- j. Wrestling: Done for now, wrestling doesn't start registration until the Fall. Will host a tournament but the league assigns/schedules the tournaments, so Liz does not know when it will occur.

7. Team break out session:

- a. SWAG - deferred
- b. More community is showing up. How do we get more volunteers for the concession stand and offer a meal (free stand meal during shift)? For coaching, offer free registrations? NHS kids sometimes earn all their hours by May and don't want to sign up for more hours. Can we pay someone to run the concessions stand, what does that mean for our taxes? We need a "how to get more volunteers" committee. We need to do a better job at timing our emails, keeping the website updated, not inundating SYA members, oversight of the website (inventory of everyone who has access). The website can offer more, coaching classes, etc., nobody seems to use the website. Advertise by telling members that if they are tired of how SYA is run, come be on this committee. Byron volunteered Adam to run the volunteer recruitment committee: Unclear if Adam has accepted.
- c. Meeting efficiency?
- d. Surplus/Insurance & \$25/kid: SYA has about 25K in checking, what is it for? Annual Expenses from Frank: porta potties, Intuit, misc. donations, insurance, accounting / attn fees. We should have a special committee to budget SYA's funds, as we need to improve operations, fields, equipment, etc. Byron will run the budget committee.

8. Officer's Reports:

- a. **Secretary:** Question is posed: Should we give back to the students who volunteer for us? The members present agreed to give something to both NHS and Key Club, either \$50 or \$100 each. Eventually, we agreed on \$50.
- b. **Treasurer:**
- c. **President:** Lindberg / Field Permits – Kenny has been surreptitiously telling people (coaches) to use Lindburg if its empty, the township is not helping with booking Lindburg. Bryon will be presenting at the Township Recreation Committee our proposal to put in a proper pitcher's mound at Franko – meeting is next week. June will be our last meeting of the season. Coaches' clearances, please get them to Bryon as soon as you have them. St. Lukes is hosting a sports and safety summit – will send an email out about that. Don't forget to submit budgets. We are still taking requests for training.
- d. **Vice President:**
- e. **Chief Admin:**
- f. **Communications Officer:** Emails, Facebook, Website, each program only has Adam is nominated to link the program's facebook pages to SYA's facebook pages.

9. New Business:

- a. Revised Section V of the SYA bylaws was read aloud to the attending members by Adam S. for the second time.

Motion to Adjourn: Liz made a motion to adjourn 9:02pm, everyone seconded.

The next SYA meeting will possibly be held on 6/19 at 7:00pm, not sure where yet, or we may move the date.



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