

MAY 16, 2024 | SYA Meeting

Attendance: Arnaldo L., Kenny W., Lauren W., Shaun H., Michelle T., Jen B., Juan T., Constance T., Abby C., Josh G., Arden S., Frank A., Brittney W., Jake Williams, Jim and Jenn B., Annie G. Also thirteen children of attendees and three volunteers from NHS to watch them (Breelyn, Soledad, Emerson)

- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting is called to order Jim B. at 7:04pm
- 2) **Motion to Approve December Minutes:** Motion to approve April meeting minutes made by Lauren W. and seconded and approved.
- 3) **Board Member Reports:**
 - a) **Secretary:** Nothing to report.
 - b) **Treasurer:**

Checking:	\$8,861
Savings:	\$2,027
Building:	<u>\$10,325</u>
Total:	<u>\$21,213</u>

Many (most) bills have been paid out, no major expenses left.
 - c) **President's Report:** SYA got \$504 from the Phantoms 50:50 sales and \$240 for the ticket sales, along with \$175 (cash) for the Chuck a Puck. So, **about \$919 was made at the Phantoms fundraiser.** Is it worth the money? As long as we have 8 volunteers or so to run the sales for about 4 hours, this is a fairly easy (ie. No overhead) fundraiser. It would have probably been more attended if not the week after PTO's.
 - d) **Vice President:** Brian wrote "Email went out, need coaches lists and still short on Background checks and Child Abuse, some have one or the other Community Day & Iron Pigs night went well. Mike brought up some ideas last month for next events - update?"
Lauren asked if the certifications need to be sent to Bryon or just the clearances, he said just the clearances.
 - e) **Chief Administrative Officer:** Frank wrote "Working on lotteries, In-House, Travel and baseball Booster Club. No reply from PA Revenue on the sales tax extension. I might have to follow up. Our tax exemption ends May 31."
Frank is working on gathering demographics, which is something insurance needs: ages, gender, which sport, etc. He will be asking for this information soon so please help him out. Jim pointed out that this information can be gathered through the registrations if directors need help.
 - f) **Communications Officer:** No report
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a) ByLaws were reviewed for the third meeting in a row. A vote was held on whether to approve the new Bylaws and all approved (no objections).
 - b) **Community Day:** Made \$2022 from basket sales and food, not including \$474 from Venmo sales. Many ideas for next year. The money made will be divided between all the programs, setting aside the money needed for the electric work in the shed (aka SYA's new office). Annie made a move to commit, Shaun and Lauren agree that **next September a committee should be formed to plan the next Community Day**, which will be bigger. Kenny talked about the kids who came to the baseball ski-ball game and said that getting out there gave him an opportunity to talk to families who are currently signed up for T- ball with Hamilton. It is a good way to make SYA known to more people.

Discussion: The Garage / Building that the township is giving to SYA was discussed, the electric should probably be around 5K but Jim L from the Township never gave us a list of materials needed. Arden brought up that we should have a contract for SYA's new building since we are investing a lot of money into it (or planning to at least). Frank and Jim may need to speak to the Township about that.

5) **New Business:** Potential new Directors and Board members that are needed were discussed. Michelle T. stated that she will stay softball director for another year but that she wants to bring in an assistant. In addition to Assistant Director of Softball, SYA also needs nominations for the Administrative Chief (someone who can shadow Frank), a Football Director (someone who wants to start a program from the ground up) and a Treasurer. Josh Gercie volunteered to run for Director of Basketball. SYA will run an election at next month's meeting, since there may be other nominations for positions. Juan Turner volunteered for Director of Football. Kenny nominated Brittney Williams for Treasurer and she accepted the nomination. Brittney and Arden will need to talk to share information soon.

6) **Directors:**

a) **In House Baseball:** Kenny wrote "Weather is weathering. Playing baseball around the rain. Coach Karl Martinson of the Orioles inquired about becoming an assistant director for In-House Baseball. I would like to announce that Karl Martinson is the new assistant director for In-House Baseball. Purchased two mechanical pitching machines for the Minors division. Utilizing them for practices and coach-pitched innings of Minors games. Starting to solicit feedback for end of season picnic vs individual team parties. Have a lead on a couple local organists to play tunes at the last Minors game of the season. Planning on buying a breakfast for the Salisbury Public Works Department and Salisbury Elementary Maintenance Crew as thanks for fixing up Dodson and the SES baseball field for us." Carl will become Assistant Director! YAY!

a) **Travel Baseball:** No Report

b) **Softball:** Michelle described a recent League meeting where it was discussed that in the 10UD1 division, there are 13 teams and the top six are blowing out all the other teams out of the water. The league is talking about having a "gold" and "silver" division so there are two set of teams that will be more evenly matched for next season. Other than rain outs, the Season is going well. Fundraiser flyers will go out soon for the painting with a twist fundraiser.

c) **Soccer:** Shaun and Lauren wrote "The soccer season is still going strong, and we have just four weeks left to go. Like everyone else, we've had a lot of issues with the rain and rescheduling. We've faced some additional challenges due to the drainage problems at Franko, and the grounds around all four of the active goals on the fields need to be addressed or else SYA will be forced to close our fields for games whenever it rains moving forward. We're currently brainstorming options for how to take care of this issue with the limited time left in the season, including what we can do over these next four weeks. Additionally, we're having serious conversations about our fundraising plans for the fall season, including evaluating our financial goals for future seasons. Lastly, we've begun to make plans for the end of season and it looks like we will be doing individual team parties instead of one giant one after several teams said they'd rather do their own thing this season." The Hoagie fundraiser went out today, pick up was at the middle school. Regarding Franco's soccer fields, there are issues with the field because of mud. Shaun discussed that they may need to reconfigure the field so it lays in a way that does not get into the mud as much.

d) **Football:** Naldo explained that there are three SYA flag teams currently playing with Mini Vikes but there are plenty SYA players with Mini Vikes who signed up before SYA started making our own teams, so in the future there should be enough players from Salisbury to do an in-house Flag league. Byron asked if Flag is co-ed and yes,

it is. It's possible that SYA could do something with Catasauqua's program, since they often have issues with having enough numbers. There was a discussion about when to start SYA's in house flag, Jim said SYA should keep its good association with Mini Vikes for now and for next Fall, then be ready to roll out an SYA "in house flag" league next Spring. There have been complaints about the Mini Vikes' schedule because games are not posted in a timely manner. Unfortunately, SYA can't control that, as we are playing in Mini-Vikes league and they do all the scheduling.

e) **Cheerleading:** No Report, Director is busy getting married.

f) **Basketball:** The season is over and there is not enough time to get SYA teams entered into Summer Leagues, but perhaps SYA can offer a 3 on 3 "in house" program, or 4 on 4, 3rd grade and up, just for summer (maybe closer to August). Could it be co-ed? Members offered the observation that usually the girls only play basketball up to about 6th grade and then the interest dwindles. Since this would be a new program, we can make it co-ed or split the teams by gender depending on how many players sign up.

g) **Wrestling:** Liz says there is nothing to report as it is off season.

h) **Concessions:** Things are going well but lots of rain outs have hurt profits. Jen B. asked about the propane because the tank is empty and needs to be refilled. The refilling is supposed to occur automatically, but SYA may need to call someone about it since it's been a long time. Someone will get contact information for propane refills to Jen B.

7) **Discussion:** Arden mentioned that people have been complaining on Facebook about lottery tickets. There is a great return for our money, usually about \$60 per \$100 spent goes right back to SYA, but it is understandable that people are tired of it. Sponsorships will help reduce how many fundraisers each sport needs to have. New ideas for fundraisers may be needed. Board member nominations were also discussed (see New Business section). SYA will need to announce which positions are open to nominations, which positions already have nominees, and that there will be an election at the next meeting. New nominations can be made for the first 30 minutes of the next SYA meeting, followed by a vote and...does SYA swear Board members in?

Motion to Adjourn: made by Arden at 7:54pm, seconded by Frank.

We are looking at June 13th meeting, 7pm for our next meeting. To be confirmed.