

York Catholic Athletic Association Meeting

February 22, 2017 – YCHS Conference Room

Members in Attendance – Kevin Bankos, Mark Andrasi, Vince Bulik, Steve Leshner, LeAnn Citrone, Carlos Castellanos, Philip Bearman

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Mark Andrasi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Carlos Castellanos opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll Call: Mark Andrasi started the roll call of the officers and the members in attendance.

Officers Reports:

President, Mark Andrasi: Mark discussed that the executive board has been busy planning for the 2017/2018 year. The primary goal of the AA is to raise funds for all sports so the theme for the upcoming year is EVENTS!! There are 4 main events being proposed for the 2017-2018 school year. They are as follows:

- October – 5K
- January – Speaker Series
- March – Irish Night event (Race Night, Dueling Pianos, tbd)
- June – 3v3 basketball tourney

In addition, we will continue supplemental events throughout the year to include raffles, BINGO with a fun flair, and camps and clinics for each sport as directed by the AD. 50/50 raffles will continue at football and basketball games, possibly adding the big volleyball games. Concessions at football games and some basketball games will remain the Music Association's fundraiser, while the other sports will be the YCAA fundraiser. Eventually, the YCAA would like to have a concession chair to coordinate all concessions and sign-ups. Phil Bearman suggested someone who is looking to volunteer more at YC.

An area that needs to be focused on is the volunteer base and what our best way is to communicate with them. For now, the YCAA will be communicating with team parents and through the Irish Eyes newsletter.

BINGO is canceled for the rest of this year.

Secretary, LeAnn Citrone: LeAnn reviewed minutes from the last AA meeting. Carlos offered a motion to accept them, Vince seconded it. Currently, LeAnn is the chair for the Night at the Races on March 28. That has been the focus moving forward. We are still looking for sponsors and silent auction items, although we are ready for the big night! LeAnn will be checking with Maida on a Sponsorship Contract and what the school has in place.

The Facebook page has been getting more and more attention with our basketball posts getting over 1500 views each week currently.

LeAnn suggested the AA have a monthly newsletter keeping our community involved in what the AA is doing/planning. This would be a good way to reach the whole school. She will be working on the first one to be approved by Kevin Bankos and admin. It would go into the Irish Eyes and to the team parents.

Treasurer, Steve Leshner: Steve said the AA is solvent. We have not taken a hit from the loss of BINGO. Although the school must kick in funds to support us - one of the biggest cost being athlete transportation.

Currently, we have raised about 50k of the 100k goal for the year. This has been raised due to the Annual Fund/donations, concessions, gates, and banner sponsorships. This does not include our Irish Night coming up. Our Spring sports do not generate a lot of money as there are no gates and very small concessions.

VP, Vince Bulik: Vince has been working to get details on the banners and the inventory we have. New pricing is being considered for the banners moving forward. Vince is very excited for the new events in place for the upcoming school year. He acknowledged that we need more chairs in place to help plan and coordinate volunteers for these events. Until we can refocus our volunteer base, the majority will fall to the executive board.

Vince agrees with the monthly newsletter bringing up the question of whether or not we continue with public AA meetings every 6 weeks. A general feeling from the Board and Mr. Bearman and Mr. Castellanos is that the meetings should be quarterly, starting at the beginning of the school year. Kevin Bankos agreed. A new schedule for meetings was discussed at the end of the meeting.

Athletic Director Report, Kevin Bankos: Kevin started by giving updates on the Winter Sports. Both Girls and Boys Basketball teams were Division Champs, both made it to the County Semi-Finals, and both are currently in the Semi-Final stage of Districts. The Boys already qualified for States. Congrats to both teams! The Junior High program also saw a lot of success. Each team saw significant growth as the year progressed.

March 6 – Spring Sports Open. We will be having a Meet the Teams on March 21. Details will follow. Kevin will be looking to redesign the Meet The Teams moving forward for next school year.

Kevin passed out flyers promoting a Recruiting Seminar being held at YC on March 6 at 7:30pm in the auditorium. This is an informational session to help with athletes who are looking to play at the next level. He commented that we are very successful in getting our athletes recruited here at YC.

Kevin is happy with the new executive board and their involvement and energy. They are “keeping on purpose.”

Phil Bearman suggested that the team parent roles need tightened up which Kevin agreed with. That area is being reviewed and discussed with coaches.

The Board mentioned to Kevin that the fundraising and marketing chairs need better guidelines and more defined roles moving forward. He agreed. This year has been a year of change for the AA . We have made slow and steady progress in all areas. We will continue to grow and develop and establish clearer guidelines. Kevin is pleased with the new direction.

New Business:

LeAnn will be working on the newsletter for March.

Our last AA meeting for the year will be May 17, 2017. This is a change from the master calendar. The April 19 and June 21 meetings are canceled.

Closing Prayer: Carlos Castellanos ended our meeting with a prayer.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:40. Our next meeting will be May 17.