

York Catholic Athletic Association Meeting

August 29, 2017 – YCHS Faculty Dining Room

Members in Attendance – Mark Andrasi, Steve Leshner, Chris Leshner, LeAnn Citrone, Kevin Bankos, Beth Brennan, Lisa Bloom, Jane Dietz, Sandee O’Neill, Eileen McKeague, Lynda Knauer

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

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

Officers Reports:

Steve Leshner, Treasurer: Steve reported that the Diocese is still in the process of changing the reporting for our accounting. Because of that, we do not have hard copies at this time to share. What we do know is our overall expenses to operate our athletic department. Currently, we spend approximately \$400k per school year. Our Athletic Association has a goal of making \$100k per year to contribute. The additional \$300k comes from the school fund. Ideally, the YCAA should be raising funds to cover the \$400k in expenditures. The 2016/17 school year saw an increase of \$20k in fundraising. For 2016/17 year, the YCAA contribution was \$120k and the school chipped in \$380k.

Mark Andrasi, President: Mark contributed to Steve’s point that our main goal of the YCAA is to fundraise. The \$400k in expenses is largely attributed to: athlete transportation, referee salaries, coach’s salaries, equipment, facility maintenance. In addition, Beth brought up a point of some administrative costs such as impact tests and what they cost our school. This conversation led to our fundraisers and what we have made and what we will be offering this school year.

To date, August 2017 was our Chicken BBQ and Mattress sale. The Mattress Sale made us \$2875, which far exceeded our expectations. The Chicken BBQ netted \$650. This was what we expected, as it is more of a community builder. Mark asked LeAnn to touch on what we would do differently for next year. LeAnn pointed out that we need an online ordering system, better signage, and mandatory ticket sales for each team. This will ensure we sell what we order. Date for next year will be looked at to coincide with activities happening at the school as we did this year.

Our next big event is the Race Night, Nov. 11. LeAnn explained that we will be using the sign-up genius to get donations for the event, as well as, set-up and clean-up crews. This sign-up will go to the Football, Girls and Boys LAX, Girls and Boys Soccer, and Volleyball teams. We will still have the silent auction and 12 horse races. We will be using a patriotic theme as it is also Veteran’s Day. One of our student athletes will be singing the National Anthem to kick off the festivities. We still need help securing silent auction items.

May 12 is the 5k race. More details to follow as we get closer.

Sandee O'Neill brought up the golf tournament and that her husband runs and may be interested in helping to run one for our YCAA benefit. She also had the idea of a shoe fundraiser and will research it and get us some information.

Chris Leshner brought up that it would be nice to collect gate money from LAX and soccer games. Unfortunately, this is not something we can do, yet. We do rope it off as mandated by Districts.

Secretary, LeAnn Citrone: LeAnn reviewed minutes from the last AA meeting. Mark offered a motion to accept them, Lynda seconded it. LeAnn mentioned that the Facebook page continues to grow. It is most successful when pictures are submitted from parents, as it is hard to cover each team. She posts everything from Gametime, YDR and Dispatch. The more she gets, the more she can post!!

She reminded the group that the YCAA meeting minutes are on the YC website.

LeAnn is looking for additional hands to help with Race Night. She can be reached at lcitrone@comcast.net if you would like to help. Beth Brennan will be handling the communication with the team parents as it pertains to YCAA events.

Vince Bulik, VP: not present.

Athletic Director Report, Kevin Bankos: Kevin started by discussing the great support we received at the Clean-Up Day in August. The grounds were cleaned up, painted, trimmed, etc. It was a great show of support for our YCAA. Beth Brennan brought up having a day for Winter sports to keep families engaged. Kevin will consider that idea for the winter.

Kevin confirmed that this is Rick Luckman's last year. He is been a loyal employee at YC for over 40 years. He has a huge heart and the best going away gift would be to thank him for all he has done for YC and our athletic family.

Eileen McKeague questioned how we can spur some more school spirit; inquiring about wearing sports jerseys to school on game days. Kevin explained that the students can wear their jerseys on Spirit Shirt Fridays (first Friday of every month). No one knew that could be done. He explained that it can be. But, should the uniform be ruined in any way it will be the responsibility of the family to pay for it. Eileen also mentioned Junior High Sports and creating more spirit for them. Kevin added that they would like to grow the JH sports at YC but the challenge is competing with Club sports and multiple organizations such as United Parishes and CYO. Those organizations are extremely helpful in training our future athletes, so while they are needed, there are not enough athletes to field teams at the school and outside groups. The school will be working to highlight our JH sports, and hopefully add to them.

Kevin also added to Mark and Steve's points about raising money and the high costs associated with running our athletic programs. He mentioned that it is essential to raise our own funds so that the \$380k the school gives us can be funneled into other channels within the school.

Kevin asked for any questions? That brought us into New Business...

New Business:

Spiritwear came into discussion. Chris Leshner brought up that the store isn't open long enough and the quality of the items could be better. Kevin said it should (and will be) open multiple times per season. It cannot be opened for too long because of the volume of items and the turnaround time needed. It will be offering post-season gear, and the delivery of items will go directly to your homes. Beth mentioned having a sample rack because the sizing seems off. That is something that will need to be worked out with Etown Sports. In addition, the stores are not combined online which is inconvenient. Kevin will be looking into changing that, as well.

Sandee O'Neill inquired about a field hockey team. Kevin said while he would have a coach, he doesn't have enough interest to pull a full team. The same is to be said for a swimming team. They reevaluate the numbers annually and they don't show enough interest.

Lynda Knauer inquired about team parents and whose responsibility it is to find them. Kevin pointed out that the coaches are responsible for securing them and the current team parent should train the new team parent as to have a smooth transition when we lose them to graduation.

Closing Prayer: Beth Brennan ended our meeting with a prayer.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:40. Our next meeting will be November 6, 2017. 6:30, faculty dining room.