



SYA Board Meeting / Holiday Party

December 18, 2025, 7pm, SHS Cafeteria

Attendance: Bryon C., Jen B., Jess O., Michael S., Kenny W., Lauren W., Jen M., Annie G., Byron M., Adam S., Liz Y., Shaun H., Brittney W., Jeremy B., Brooke D., Nurys Perez, Satasha M., Jenn R., Amadelly R., Rebecca J., Rachel T., Noelys M., Glenilys G., Aniylah H.

Bryon called the meeting to order at 7:17pm

1. Wins and Recognition: Kudos to Cheer for running an amazing home competition! Thanks to Jen B and Shaun for running the Toy Drive, which was very successful and unexpectedly made money by selling basket raffle tickets. Also, the Riccobonis donated lights for soccer so thanks to them as well.
2. Quote of the Day: “The proper response is not to curse the darkness but to light a candle.” - Rabbi Irving Greenberg
3. Current Accounts :
 - Checking 1 - \$30,126.74
 - Checking 2 - \$2,321.55 (Connie Mack – Snyder donation)
 - Checking 3 - \$3,288.68 (Building Fund)
 - Savings - \$2,978.26
 - CD 1 - \$32,609.14 (Snyder Donation)
 - CD 2 - \$6,114.21
 - Total: \$77,438.58
4. Fundraising: SYA made \$300 in cash and about \$50 in Venmo from a basket raffle at the Toy Drive. Shaun is reaching out to Shake Shack for dine and donate options.
5. President announcements: Happy Holidays and let’s get better together in 2026!
6. VP report: Same thing!
7. Chief Administrator’s Report: Byron summarized Capital Campaign funds requests again. As a group, the Board can help individual programs budget for improvements.
8. Secretary: Let Annie know if there are corrections to be made in November’s minutes and also keep an eye out for an email for information if you are a new board member, the GOC license requires that we provide the State with all Board members addresses and DOBs.
9. Treasurer: No new news.
10. Webmaster: No new news.
11. New Business: Committees are being formed, sort of...look for information about a Community Day 2026 Committee, as well as the ongoing formation of a recruitment and communications committee (maybe).
12. Old Business:
 - a. Sweetheart Splendor Dance: Flyers will go out after the holidays. Mike will get it cleared through Lynn F.
 - b. Kenny found Lester Young’s daughter in his effort to get a 75th day parade going, there is a monument issue for Lester (he was supposed to get one in Laubach but it never went up). Maybe we can get one up or at least get the township to include it in its new Laubach plans.
 - c. We need a Facebook password! This appears to be an ongoing issue.

- d. Jen M. and Tiffany are “officially” the new directors of travel baseball and softball respectively! Yay!

13. Director’s Reports:

- a. Basketball: Registrations closed for in-house, and they will start practices/games in January. 67 are registered and will be broken into 4 teams. For Travel, which has started, there are 89 registered, 7-8 grade and the high school teams start games in January. The 5-6 grade and 3-4 grade teams have already started games. ESYC gym rentals for more practice time / space is being covered by the cookie fundraiser. Becky created a spirit store that is up and will be open all season. We will send out spirit store link in “January announcements.” Hoping to do an SYA night with SHS basketball team. Bryon said we should encourage all programs to use Whammy Swag, which has been a good company for us. Jess proposed a Capital Campaign to buy facility as indoor courts are very hard to come by and I agree! Jess sent Sarah O. the practice schedule for remainder of the season. There will be a large practice gap for President’s Day due to the school district closure in February.
- b. Cheer: SYA Cheer hosted our 2nd annual cheer competition on Nov. 23rd and it **the talk of the cheerleading circuit!** Word got around to teams not even at our competition, and Rebecca received dozens of in person compliments, texts, and calls with congratulations! Many teams are eager to join us next year. The event brought in over \$20,000. Two services still need to be paid (Cafeteria staff member & ESDF for the rental of fire safety equipment). Next year's date is already pre-booked with the school (11/22/26)! The competition season has sadly ended. This past weekend was our final competition. On 11/13: 10U & 14U went to Whitehall HS; 8U placed 3rd/4 teams; 14U took 1st place and overall grand champ with the highest score of the day!!! On 11/14: 6U, 10U, & 14U went to parkland HS.; 6U placed 3rd/ 3 teams; 10U placed 5th/7 teams; - 14U placed 1st/3 teams. Cheer requested the "OK" to proceed with a 5x9 climate-controlled storage unit on Lehigh Street and the registration for this unit was made at the close of this meeting. Monthly payments of \$90.00 will come from SYA's account and be included in Cheer's annual budget. Rebecca Jones will be responsible for the use / maintenance of this storage unit. The purpose of the unit is to help keep uniforms, pom-poms, mascot, and signs/props in better condition, and lengthen their lifespan. All that we would leave at Franko would be our outdoor/extra tumble mats to be used with outdoor practices. Speaking of uniforms, uniform returns are scheduled for Mon Jan 5th from 6-7:30 in SES Cafeteria (there are still 2 members that quit midseason, that we have been unable to get ahold of to collect uniforms). Working on the 2025 banquet. Looking to be in February this year to give everyone a little break after the holidays. Cheer is looking into off season tumble/stunt clinics and camps for the girls. Possible talks of hosting a 1 or 2day "camp" in the spring for cheerleaders before upcoming season. Cheer will be participating in the Allentown St. Patrick's Day Parade in March, as usual. Also, an SYA Step and Repeat back drop that Cheer had stored in HQ has gone missing. It was a 5’x10’ banner with poles that was in a black zip up bag.
- c. Concessions: No update

- d. Field Hockey: Next update will be in Spring.
- e. Football: There have been no specific updates about how Kevin and SYA will formalize our working relationship moving forward.
- f. In-house Baseball: Starting prep for Spring 2026. Kenny's research for more information about the history of the SYA has been fruitful. He made contact with 2 of Lester and Lillian's grandchildren and they are going to put him in contact with Lester and Lillian's daughter, who can give us pictures and tell us any more about SYA hopefully. He plans to do "throw back" uniforms this year, trying to get uniforms that resemble old SYA uniforms from the 70's, 80's 90's etc. Kenny expressed concern about the parade and has been very patiently waiting for some assistance from the Board. Regarding sponsorships, Kenny has reworked the sponsor program for In-House, giving sponsors more options in case the teams have already all been sponsored. Also accepting monetary and equipment donations. Looking to do another equipment exchange this year as last year's was an incredible success. In other news, Kenny sent out a "Why do you coach" survey to 22 coaches/volunteers and received 6 responses with a lot of good information. He is hoping to share this with other Board members / Directors who can help with the fledgling "Recruitment" Committee. Kenny needs access to facebook (as do several people).
- g. Soccer: Artie made soccer's announcements that there are no announcements.
- h. Softball: The next league meeting is January 21, so Tiffany will have more information about that for the next SYA meeting.
- i. Travel Baseball: The Cosmic baseball link is still open and there have been 35 tickets sold so far. Jen described what it is, a fun baseball game / event with glow in the dark theme and added entertainment. For the winter workout clinics (available for ages 10-16), only 5 kids signed up so far, hoping to get more so keep promoting.
- j. Wrestling: The Season is in full swing. Team did great in week 1 winning all four varsity matches at Catty!!! Week 2 was canceled due to snow. "Youth Night" with the HS team was on Friday (12/12) and went super well. The SYA wrestlers got introduced and went with HS wrestlers to shake hands with opponent. Cheer was there and that went well. In Week 3, SYA's home match is on 12/21/2026. Lots of planning going on with that. The plan is to use SYA's the credit card charger square for concessions. Yay. The fundraiser is going on now, a raffle basket. Drawing will be at the home match.

Adjournment: At 7:48pm, we transitioned into the party portion of the evening. A small group reviewed the compiled survey results for November's "cheer" survey.