

**CYO Executive Board Meeting  
March 28, 2011  
Bishop Miege high school 7 p.m.**

**Board Members present:**

Rev. Harry Schneider  
Mr. Jerry Gorman  
Mr. Jim Casey  
Mr. Jerome Tucker  
Mr. Bob Specht  
Mr. Sean Riley  
Ms. Barb Wheeler  
Mr. Mike Meek  
Mr. Michael Kraly

**Not present:**

Mr. Tom Wiss

**Non-voting members present:**

Dennis Goodeyon – Athletic Director Representative  
Peter Piscitello – Executive Director  
Erin Kisley –Administrative Assistant

**Diocesan Representative present:**

Dana Nearmyer

Board meeting opened with prayer led by Fr. Harry Schneider

Previous minutes were approved. Jerry moved to accept previous meeting minutes.

CYO Director, Peter Piscitello gave Executive Report:

- Treasurer hired in February. We are currently working with QuickBooks to reconcile files.
- High school boy's basketball was up 18 teams from last year.
- Introduction of guest, Vince Fitzgerald, director of the Kansas City Parochial league:
  - The idea of opening the field of competition up to both Kansas and Missouri grade school football teams against each other was reintroduced to the board.

Old Business

- A new coaches' certification program was introduced to the board: Play Like A Champion through Notre Dame.

- Training: sport as a “ministry”, focus on prayer, creating character through virtue & service approached based on baptismal call.
- Program created specifically for CYO and is currently used in 30 individual parishes in 30 cities.
- Implementation of program was discussed over a 3-year cycle including mandatory meetings for parents and coaches and cost of training.
- Vote: 9-0 all in favor of proposal as presented.

#### New Business

- Rules change proposals:
  - Athletic directors submitted rules proposals for the 2011-2012 athletic years no later than January 19<sup>th</sup>. They were viewed and voted on by the athletic director’s on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Rules are listed as followed:
    - Volleyball rule #3 (Grammar change) (Revised): Vote: 9-0 all in favor.
      - Rules were corrected for grammar, spelling, etc.
    - Volleyball rule #18 (word clarification): Vote: 9-0 all in favor
      - Rule was corrected for spelling/word clarification of “match” and “game”.
    - General Rule #6 (New): Vote: 9-0 all in favor
      - Discussion of creating a framework of what we’re already using as an organization.
    - General Rule #3 (Revised): Vote: 9-0 all in favor
      - Discussion centered around CYO maintaining a stance in the area of ABC teams for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams while leveling the playing field for these athletes.
    - General Rule #8 (Revised): Vote: 9-0 all in favor
      - Discussion centered on the importance of passing this rule to stay consistent with the mission of CYO.
    - Football Rule #27 (Revised): Vote: 8-1 in favor
      - Discussion centered around the consistency of the current CYO regulation football versus what some teams currently use. Also, whether or not this rule would present a disadvantage to certain teams not currently using a leather football.
    - Football Rule #1 (Revised): Vote: 7-1 in favor and 1 abstaining
      - Discussion centered on schools struggling to field teams of 16 and having to combine with other schools/age groups. Having too many players on a team also reduces individual playing time for each athlete.
    - Football Rule #23 (Revised): Vote: 1-7 in against and 1 abstaining
      - Discussion on how referees and coaches may not be able to see smaller symbols from all angles and injuries due to improper technique.
    - Football Rule # 14 (Revised): Vote: 1-5 in against and 3 abstaining

- Discussion centered on the need for research and evidence in order to raise/lower weight requirements for athletes. Also, the need to stay consistent with other area leagues in order to provide an even playing field for athletic competition.
- Football Rule (Revised – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade weights): Vote: 7-2 in favor
  - Discussion on how this rule would just be consistent with the rest of the weights for the CYO program.
- Football Rule #3 (Revised): Vote: 8-0 in favor and 1 abstaining
  - Discussion centered on making this rule more consistent across for each coach/team. Also, that the passing of this rule would further the mission of CYO.
- Football Rule #32 (New): Vote: 8-0 in favor and 1 abstaining
  - Discussion centered on the high recommendation of this rule by the CYO athletic directors. This rule would also help to eliminate any discrepancy at athletic events.
- Football Rule #12 (Revised): Vote: 9-0 all in favor
  - Discussion centered on the difficulty of locating molded cleats at sporting goods locations.
- Football Rule #4 (Revised): Vote: 6-0 in favor and 3 abstaining
  - Discussed how rules are currently gray about going for the extra point in the event of a tiebreaker and currently is at the interpretation of the game official.
- Volleyball Rule #17 (Revised): Vote: 0-9 against
  - Discussion centered on this rule may just complicate play for next year and would not create consistency involving regular season play.
- Volleyball Rule #5 (New): Vote: 9-0 all in favor
  - Discussion centered on the importance of creating an instructional league for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Basketball Rule #6: Vote: 3-5 against and 1 abstaining
  - Discussion centered on male vs. female pressing during the basketball game. Also, how during parent meetings, many had been opposed to this kind of play versus better practice of the fundamentals during the game.
- Track Rule (Revised – combination of grades): Vote: 9-0 all in favor
  - Discussion centered on creating consistency with all schools throughout the program.
- Sports panels will be set up for each sport CYO offers to look at rule's changes for the following year.
  - E-mail will be sent to executive board regarding setup at later date.
- Budget: Fiscal Year 2011
  - Executive Director presented two budgets to the board: Proposals and Projections for the fiscal year 2011.

- Election process for new board member elections
  - Nominations for Johnson County representatives are needed to fill 4 positions on the CYO executive board.
- CYO Kick-off Mass
  - Discussed the CYO kick-off Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Naumann on September 10, 2011.
  - Discussed details of the evening including spiritual, social and athletic event possibilities.
  - More details available over the summer to kick-off fall CYO sports.