

ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 3/12/18

Present: Billy, KC, Jenna, Dana, John M, Danielle, Kristin, Meg, Martial, Mercedes, Jamie, Jon J, Bobby, Braden, Sarah, Lisa, Courtney, Andy, Chris, Casey, Carolyn

Absent: Maya

Also present: Rob M. (host)

Meeting called to order at 9:15pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

Host Chair [Rob]:

- Attendance a bit down for the last couple of meetings.
- Next event: Comedy Show, April 6th from 7 – 10pm.
- We set up a schedule for people to bomb meetings that we don't usually attend.
- The Cataracts conference is this weekend and we will have a table there.
- We are planning on attending the STCYPAA event this weekend.
- It's been a slow start with the budgets but the subcommittees are working on them. Outreach and Merchandise are almost done and will be voted on at our next meeting on March 25.
- KC came and inspired us all with her E/S/H on being on a host committee.

Chair [Billy]:

- Was not able to get Crystal and Rob on Citizens Bank account due to their system being down. It WILL happen this week! Pray for me.
- \$3670 total assets for host committee (Summit – about \$2600; Citizens – about \$1070).
- I reached out to Dean (former NYCYPAA Chair) and haven't heard back yet. Spoke to Kelly C. and Avii V. about NYCYPAA and the open Chair position. There are concerns that the co-chair is not available enough to act as Chair.
- I can't make it to the STCYPAA chili event this Saturday but I am excited about the SYRYPAA ice skating event on the 31st and the Host comedy show on April 6 in Buffalo.
- Area 47 PI is holding a workshop in Syracuse on April 29.

Co-Chair [KC]:

HOST

- Attended their business meeting on 3/11
- Spoke about my experience on a Host committee and on Advisory
- Importance of building a relationship with Advisory
- Importance of outreaching and getting in the car to travel
- They are planning meeting bombs in the local areas
- Will be outreaching at the Cataract City Convention in Niagara Falls this weekend
- Couple will be traveling to the STCYPAA Chili Cook-off this weekend
- Organizing a group to go to EACYPAA
- Voted to pass the Outreach budget (sent in a separate email)
- Budgets are being worked on and hopefully finalized by 3/18

STCYPAA

- Spoke with Jeff about some resistance they are receiving from old timers in the area regarding the “suggested donation”
- Shared the importance of being transparent on where the money is going after being donated
- They are donating to the local Intergroup as of now
- The Bowling Event brought in close to \$800!!!! WOW!!

BID CITY LIAISON CALLS

- Billy and I will be working to find a start date for these calls
- In regards to this position as a whole
- It is vitally important to be available for the Bid Cities especially if this is your role on Advisory
- It is important that we are supporting the Bid Cities as much as possible through showing up, answering calls, and reaching out to different members throughout the week
- The entire Advisory committee should be aware of what is going on with each Bid City
- If you do not feel you can fully commit to this position, please reach out to Billy or myself so we can help

BANNER AD HOC

- Haven't started this back up yet

Treasurer [Jenna]:

- Crystal and Rob are not on the account yet. Soon.
- 4 out of 15 checks have been cashed 🍷! I still need an address for one of the Districts (*cough* John M. *cough*).
- Account balances: ESCYPAA 4 Citizens Bank: \$6,528.95; ESCYPAA 5 Citizens Bank: \$1,070.66; ESCYPAA Advisory: \$5,814.78; ESCYPAA 4 Wells Fargo: \$0! Host also has about \$2600 in their Summit account.
- **Motion to approve the Treasurer report [John, KC]. All in favor.**

Secretary [Dana]:

- Thanks to everyone who sent me a report! Getting them in to me early helps me get the minutes to all of you more promptly.
- I had included the thing about a NENYYPAA liaison in my last report because someone from that committee had asked me directly AND I know personally that we struggled with unity between Albany and Advisory last year. I am not involved in NENYYPAA but several members of Advisory are so that connection is there. Woot.
- **Motion to approve the Advisory minutes from February 26, 2018 [Dana, John]. All in favor.**

Hotel [John M.]:

- STYCPAA: I played phone tag with Logan, but hopefully we will be able to connect soon.
- HVYPAA: Jason is waiting for updated contracts from the 2 facilities that they got contracts from last year. He also found another resort in Catskill that potentially is big enough to hold ESCYPAA.
- NYCYPAA: I spoke with Will, he is working with the Grand Hyatt to see if he could get the room rate under \$200/night (currently at \$219) by increasing the space rental a bit (currently at 10k).
- SYRYPAA: I haven't been able to touch base with Daniel yet but I am going to call him this week.
- WORCPAA: I spoke at Young and Free (Nyack YP meeting) on Saturday night, and I got a chance to meet Jessica. I asked if they had a hotel/bid chair, and she said that they did not, and in her opinion, it didn't look like they would be putting in a bid yet. They are going to focus on getting a solid service committee going and look at bidding once that is stable.
- General: I also sent the Hotels 101 document to Jason and Will for them to peruse.

- Host: As for room night pickup, there has been no increase from February 1st. There are still only 6 room nights (3 on Friday, 3 on Saturday). If you haven't reserved your rooms yet (as I know most of you haven't), **do it**.

Outreach [Danielle]:

- The last Outreach call was lacking in attendance (thanks Billy and Chris for jumping on!!). It is unfortunate that the majority of committees did not have representation. The majority of the Outreach Chairs maintain contact with me directly. I got in touch with Melissa (WORCYPAA's new Outreach Chair) and she is fired up and says her committee is too.
- Next Outreach Call: **March 28th a 9:00pm**.
- Super stoked about UTICA's desire to start a YPAA!!! John is working with Tammie (Area 48) to facilitate a YPAA Panel (May 14th). I will be going out to UTICA for that.
- In light of the new interest in UTICA, I have been in touch with a church that is frequently used by AA in the area. I will make a motion for the date to be selected, and have a budget together for the next call.

Archives [Chris]:

- Nothing to report

Website [Kristin]:

- Nothing to report

Prayer / Unity [Meg]:

- Just posted the new Prayer Partners for the next two weeks!
- I think the Advisory Step talks have been going swimmingly. Billy is next.
- I'd like to do a check-in type call next Monday the 19th at 8pm if that works for everyone.
- Our first Unity event is the meditation retreat based around the 11th step on May 4 - 6; I've heard that a lot of you can't go which makes me sad. I've been to this retreat before and it was amazing. If enough people can't go but want to do a unity thing, we can look at that.

HVYPAA Liaison [Sarah]:

- I'm celebrating my anniversary on Monday, March 26 @ Monday Night Is Lit, 7:30pm at 20 Ten Eyck Ave, Albany, NY!
- I went to NHSCYPAA and saw Scott & Rich from Host outreaching ESCYPAA strong.
- Shout out to KC re: reminding me to make more of an effort to reach out to my bid city.
- They're outreaching the Boat Cruise and are having a committee unity event on Sunday.

STCYPAA [Braden]:

- I'm speaking at noon at the STCYPAA chili cook-off service panel.
- They're planning a Big Book Scavenger Hunt for May 19.
- I've been keeping in contact with committee and staying in touch with the Events Chair to avoid another scheduling conflict, everything is going smoothly, no other big events coming up.

ROCYPAA [Bobby]:

- Working on getting in contact with Stephen R. (Chair).
- Next event: April 21 Garbage Plate event. Flyer coming soon!

- *[Billy]* Will they be at Conference of the Lakes? *[Andy]* They have talked about it and should be there with an outreach table, possibly in conjunction with members of the host committee.

NYCYPAA [Carolyn]:

- Boat cruise tickets have been announced and they're outreaching like crazy. Cohosting the event with ESCYPAA 5, New Jersey Bid, and Boston Bid for ICYPAA.
- Some concerns: they don't currently have a Chair and their Co-chair is unable to stand for the position. I've been in touch with them every day.

SYRYPAA [Andy]:

- Ice skating event on March 31, 2 – 6pm. Presale tickets are \$10 or \$15 at the door.
- Two members have stepped down, one came back.

WORCYPAA [Jon J.]:

- I've spoken to Charles and Jessica I've also been helped greatly by Jamie.
- Charles is really excited about the event they have coming up: Speaker meeting with a potluck, Saturday April 14th at Evangelical Lutheran church in Pearl River, NY. Set up will start at 4, doors open at 5, food at 6, meeting at 7:30. Potluck, speakers are TBD. Cohosted with HVYPAA.
- They do not have a hotel chair and aren't sure about bidding yet. I would like to discuss with Advisory at some point our approach with supporting service committees who are not bidding and being all inclusive to YPAA committees around the state.
- Shout out to Jamie for all of her wonderful help she's offered and the HVYPAA committee. Jessica and Charles have both raved about how helpful HVYPAA has been.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Jenna: We're one step closer to being able to file! Kudos to Jenna, Chris, and Martial. *snaps*
- b. Banner ad hoc, Advisory budget, and archivist stuff are all tabled.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on the NYCYPAA situation and Advisory's role. We are here as a resource and can attend their business meetings as general members of AA rather than in an Advisory capacity. Business meetings are Sundays at 4pm; the next one is this upcoming Sunday, March 18. Billy will discuss setting up a conference call headed up by Carolyn for anyone who is interested in joining.

Prayed it out @ 10:35pm

Upcoming Shenanigans:

Next Advisory Call: Monday, March 26 @ 9:15pm
 Next Outreach Call: Wednesday, March 28 @ 9pm

LICYPAA Keeping It Green Dance: Saturday, March 17
 STCYPAA Chili Cookoff: Saturday, March 17
 SYRYPAA Ice Skating Event: Saturday, March 31
 ESCYPAA 5 Comedy Event: Friday, April 6

Sarah L. Anniversary Celebration: Monday, March 26 @ 7:30pm