

ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 7/9/18

Present: Billy, Jenna, Dana, Danielle, Chris, Kristin, Martial, Mercedes, Jon J., Bobby, Andy, Lisa, Sarah, Courtney, Casey F., Maya, Casey F.

Absent: Meg, Jamie [excused], Braden, Carolyn

Also Present: Rob M. (Host Chair)

Meeting called to order at 9:15pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

Host Chair [Rob]:

- KC sent out a report on what's been going on with host and general service in our area [*see attached*]. Someone at Intergroup in Buffalo had an issue with our committee taking service positions and raised questions as to whether it was part of the purpose of our committee, if we were taking away from homegroups, etc. which devolved into a lengthy debate on the Intergroup Facebook page. A few days later a question was raised to our Delegate about why host is hosting the upcoming Area Assembly (which we were asked to do by our Delegate). He thought it was a violation of the 6th Tradition. I'm meeting with the Delegate this week and this will be discussed at the Area meeting this Saturday.
- Jenna, Billy, Crystal and I have a call tomorrow to square away the host budget.
- Spoke to Crystal last week about concerns over not having our current income on the budget.
- Last night we discussed the boat cruise and luau this weekend - there are lots of us going down!
- Program committee working on speaker selections and we're going into the next round. It worked really well to reach out to members of local AA who weren't involved with ESCYPAA before this.
- Chicken Wing Cookoff the first weekend in July; financially successful, not as many attendees as last year due to the heat wave, still about 100 people there, really great speakers, good food, got people involved and interested in the committee.
- Pre-registration price is going up again this weekend; Nick and Scott have been posting about that to encourage registrations.

Chair [Billy]:

- Budget call 7/10 w Jenna, Crystal, and Rob
- 7/8 Area 47 in Watertown saw strong representation from STCYPAA and a member of SYRYPAA.
- Bonfire agenda should be out in the next few weeks. Please contact me with suggestions, questions or concerns.
- Martial, Chris, and Jenna have been doing a ton of fantastic work on legal things in preparation for 501(c)(3) application and it is HUGELY appreciated.
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Co-Chair [KC]:

- i. Host: See email sent last Friday
 1. Chatted with Bobby today - thank you for reaching out!
 2. Am waiting to hear updates from Host regarding Area Assembly- most likely won't happen until after Steering mtg this weekend.
 3. Couldn't go to Chicken Wing Cookoff due to the heat advisory and being pregnant.

- Wasn't as large as it has been in the past - most likely due to weather.
 - Members from STCYPAA and SYRYPAA were present at event.
- ii. Bid City Liaison call: Next call is 7/17 at 9:15pm! Anyone can join the call - would love to hear experience!

Treasurer [Jenna]:

7/9/18	CB Host 1 Account 8083	ESCYPAA 4	\$1,842.10
	CB Host 2 Account 7990	ESCYPAA 5	\$4,657.47
	CB Main Account 8075	Advisory	\$6,108.24
	CB Total		\$12,607.81

- In the last treasury report from host, Crystal mentioned that \$970 has not been deposited into the account. Hopefully she will be depositing that soon. The money from the mid-year event needs to be deposited into our account, an additional \$239.01 will be deposited into the account.
- I am locked out of the online banking account, I called citizen's and they said that they see the account but do not show me having online access but when Billy logs in he can see it. He will be resetting my account (this may happen before the call).
- I made an error with the disbursements, I thought that 3 entities still had outstanding checks and only 2 have outstanding checks! Dana received the NENYYPAA and Bobby volunteered to go to the District 2 meeting this coming Thursday! YAYAYAYA! Super happy! Thank you thank you!
- I'll be on the budget call tomorrow.
- **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report [Jon J., Maya]. All in favor.**

Secretary [Dana]:

- SO EXCITED for the Boat Cruise and Luau!
- I set up the Dropbox - please let me know if you can't access it or have any difficulty with it.
- I received the NENYYPAA check and will get that to the appropriate person.
- I'm not just being a nag about reports - I want to record these minutes as accurately as possible, and sometimes there are calls like tonight where Wiggums isn't here to record the call. And y'all talk really fast, so if you have a report - which is every position, including Bid City Liaisons - it's important for accuracy that you send me your reports. I can only type about 70 words per minute.
- **Motion to approve the Advisory minutes from June 25, 2018 [Dana, Chris]. All in favor.**

Hotel [John M.]:

- ROCYPAA: I talked with Ethan (the new hotel chair) yesterday for about 30 minutes or so and went over the basics as well as sent him the Hotels 101 and negotiations checklist documents. He is already in talks with the Hyatt and another hotel so he should have the initial proposals soon.
- WORCYPAA: I talked with CB on the 4th for a bit and went over the documents (which I had sent her a few days earlier). We had to cut the conversation short, as she was on her way to a friend's birthday party. She is going to reach out to a contact at SENY and start working with the hotel in Tarrytown.

Outreach [Danielle H.]:

- Nico (WORCYPAA) stepped down as Outreach Chair and Allie K. has stepped in.
- Next Outreach call: July 25 at 9pm

Archives [Chris]:

- Portfolio case for large items: I think I found a portfolio case and would like to ask for a \$65 budget (the item is \$58.46 on Amazon).
- Archives Volunteer Slots for ESCY V:
 - As per John M.'s recommendation, I've selected signup.com as our tool to get people to sign up to man the archives area. Does anyone have a running email list of past ESCY host/advisory members? ESCY 3 has an alumni FB page so I can easily inform that host committee. Are there alumni pages like that I can be added to and post the link in? I'll first send the link to all of advisory anyway, to be sure it's good to go. Should have that finished soon, just still working out logistics... Not sure if I want to do 1 or 2 hour shifts? Maybe 1.5? Also need to talk to the host program and archives chairs to make sure I have idea of when exactly it makes sense to have archives open and how we can ensure our stuff will be secure when no one is manning the area (ESCY 5 had a room that was able to be locked, which was helpful).
- Thinking ahead:
 - We'll need an additional bin after this year. Does anyone have a large bin to donate that they can easily get to the convention?
 - What happens if whomever takes the commitment does not have a huge empty car with them at the convention? How does that work... would I need to take everything home with me again or do we know if someone in Buffalo is willing and able to house the materials until the person can return to retrieve them?

Website [Kristin]:

- Nothing to report!

Prayer / Unity [Meg]:

- *Absent; no report*

HVYPAA Liaison [Sarah]:

- Doing super fabulous with unity!
- Getting everything together for the Burning Desire Bonfire which is coming up soon - so pre-reg!
- Traditions Workshop on Saturday, July 21, 9:30am - 4pm.
- Several members are planning to go to the Boat Cruise and Luau, and I'll be there too!

STCYPAA [Braden]:

- *Absent; no report*

ROCYPAA [Bobby]:

- Nothing to report!
- From Andy: ROCYPAA has been on fire. Doing more outreach; currently in the middle of an inventory; making an effort to post pictures from events on the ROCYPAA page; they got merchandise; Field Day event on Saturday, July 7 which was well attended (about 50 people) but not financially successful. They've reserved space for the last weekend in September for their annual campout at Camp Cutler, and they're working on a flier and online pre-registrations.

NYCYPAA [Carolyn]:

- *Absent; no report*

SYRYPAA [Andy]:

- I saw some syrypaa members at the buffalo event since they were co-hosting. Had a chance to find out where some of the members were at. Everything seems to be getting better as a committee with a focus on growing the unity within the group.
- They are excited about the movie day event on July 21. The movie is written, directed, and acted in by someone in recovery, who I believe will be there at the event! Attached is the flyer for the event.

WORCYPAA [Jon]:

- Spoken with Charles about events coming up for them and how to go about co hosting and what responsibilities and finances look like. What events are good to co host. Also talked to him about bylaws and shared experience.
- Speak to Jess almost everyday. (On gchat when I should be working) but it's for the good of ESCYPAA! We've spoken about struggles and areas where great things are happening. Unity is really strong. Relationship between chair and Co chair is going really well. They're getting at least one new person every meeting. Bringing one of them with 16 days to the boat cruise. There is concern about the hotel chair and the time that had passed without contact between hotel chairs of worcypaa and Advisory. Said that CB and John w spoke recently for a brief time. Hotel co chair came out of no where with numerous points of contact with hotels. She called more than 5 and got info on the 4 best options. See attached picture. Jessica recommended CB get in touch with the hotel co chair.
- Spoke with Sofia about bid book and delegating different responsibilities. We spoke about format, readability, and crucial information. She's putting that together and has also said unity is going great.
- Spoke with Nico about bylaws and other committee things. I'm also falling short with calling all members of the committee and am going to make that a priority for the next 2 weeks and will commit to calling each at least once.
- Upcoming Event: Sunday, August 12, 1 - 5pm in Pearl River

NENYYPAA / TOGYPA / CAPAYPAA Update [Bobby]:

- TOGYPA has reformed in the Saratoga region (North of Albany), so NENYYPAA has reformed to CAPAYPAA (Capital Area YPAA) because it's no longer the whole Northeast NY region.
- Elections event / beach day at Grafton Lake on Sunday July 21 for CAPAYAA; new trusted servants will be chosen at that point.

LICYPAA [Casey F.]:

- Luau coming up on Sunday, July 15! All profits will go to host.
- Our elections are Monday, so if anyone is staying Sunday night we would love to have your support.
- We recently voted to bid for EACYPAA again.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Hotel documents [Jon]: Myself, Bobby, Wiggums, and Lisa will be involved in consolidating and updating Hotel documents we send to bid committees. Sunday evenings look to be the best for everyone so far. I'll be emailing everyone all updates and information.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion to purchase a large portfolio case for Archives with a budget of \$65 [Chris, Dana]. All in favor. #sendit**
- Martial: We need an English professor to help with this narrative part of the 501(c)(3) application now that the numbers are done. Dana and KC jumped on that and are DEE-lighted to help!

Lisa prayed it out after safely parking her car @ 10:30pm

Upcoming Advisory Stuff:

Next Advisory Call: Monday, July 23 @ 9:15pm

Bid City Liaison Call: Tuesday, July 17 @ 9:15pm

Outreach Call: Wednesday, July 25 @ 9pm