

# ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting | 8/4/18

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*Present: Jenna, Dana, Sarah, Jon J., John M., Chris, Courtney, Mercedes, Jamie, Casey, Bobby, Danielle, Andy, Carolyn, Martial, Kristin*

*Absent: Billy [excused], KC [excused]*

**Meeting called to order at 4:00pm**

## **I. CHAIR REPORTS**

### **Chair [Billy]:**

- Host has had the last two weeks to update and reduce their respective subcommittee budgets and these should be ready Monday for compilation and disbursement. Rob will have the numbers from their registration contest this coming Monday as well.
- I have had several conversations with STCYPAA Chair regarding their progress and the internal conflicts that have arisen recently. The committee continues to grow and learn as we best do, through experience. As a reminder, bid cities are autonomous committees whom we serve. We ought to remember that we are here only to serve them when in the capacity of an Advisory member.
- Attended the monthly Outreach call on 7/25/18. There were several members on the call including newer members to outreach and to YPAA service. Danielle has been doing a wonderful job leading these calls and helping those participating find their service legs. She reminded everyone on the call about the annual pre-reg contest for bid presentation order selection and preferred seating at the convention.
- Thank you to all who attended last Monday's extra call. I found it extremely helpful in bringing my perspective back to what is important. Hearing you share your experience on service reminded me why I do this. It reminded me of where I came from and how vitally important service and this convention has been in my recovery and in my life.
- Thank you to all who were able to attend the inventory call this week. Your service is valued and imperative.
- I am incredibly sorry not to be in attendance today. I hope that this weekend is both enjoyable and productive for you all. This has been a turbulent month for our membership and I hope that the struggles will draw us closer together. This is the reason that I have specifically called another meeting for this evening at supper time. Please see the questions in the second document **[below]** to help lead your discussion. These questions are simply a suggested path and you may deviate from them as you are called to.

*What does humility as a person, and as a recovered alcoholic, look like in my life?*

*Do I seek to help newcomers and old-timers the way Ebby helped Bill?*

*What does an advisory committee driven by God, altruism, and humility look like to me?*

*How could we each individually and as a whole committee adopt more understanding and compassionate attitudes towards each other and towards our work and how would this help facilitate a more welcoming and nurturing environment for us to grow in and for us to help others in?*

**Co-Chair [KC]:**

**HOST:**

- Program Subcommittee started new meeting schedule last week
- Security Subcommittee will start meeting this Tuesday @ 5:30pm
- Outreaches at MSCYPAA; not sure of the numbers. Were able to bond with members of other committees.
- Brought in approximately \$2800 from Boat Cruise!!! WOOT!! According to Jenna's report, this may not have been deposited yet (?)
- Helping set up/clean up at the Area 50 Assembly today

**STCYPAA Liaison:**

- Social Media outburst last week caused some disunity amongst the committee - Becky resigned via Facebook as the P&U Chair (Jenn is new P&U Chair)
  - Spoke with several members of the committee and people are frustrated with some members
  - Feel like there is no accountability amongst leadership roles
  - Robin suggested they meet earlier on Thursday to have time to discuss disunity
  - During conversation, two members resigned their positions - Zach (Bid Book Chair) & Caleb (Rooms Facilitator)
- Reached out to Andy to get some help/experience in working with the committee
  - He has been a great help in talking with members this past week
  - Bobby and Carolyn attended their meeting on Thursday to help share experience as well!!
  - Kudos to those 3!!
- 4 new members joined the committee on Thursday
- Unity event planned for the Thursday before their Campout
- Can continue to use our help BIG TIME!!!

**Treasurer [Jenna]:**

8/4/18	CB Host 1 Account 8083	ESCYPAA 4	\$1,842.10
	CB Host 2 Account 7990	ESCYPAA 5	\$4,215.49
	CB Main Account 8075	Advisory	\$6,108.24
	CB Total		\$12,165.83

- I have a phone number from someone from District 2, I am going to reach out to them on the drive up to the camp out.
- If you are NOT attending the campout please email me and let me know which events you have attended so I can have an updated list for when I need to write checks at the convention!
- **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report [Mercedes, Andy]. All in favor.**

**Secretary [Dana]:**

- Thank you to everyone for your feedback and help on the minutes from our last call.
- **Tabled the motion to approve those minutes pending everyone having a chance to review the amended version.**

**Hotel [John M.]:**

- As of August 1, we had 33 rooms on Friday and 34 on Saturday. We're a little over a 1/3 of the way to our attrition.
- I've been working closely with all the hotel chairs. I need to get contact info for Jen, the new hotel chair for WORCYPAA. The original hotel won't cut it for what we need; the ballroom only fits about 750 and that's not big enough. They're working with a Marriot in Tarrytown where SENY is held, and they're used to working with us so that should work out.
- Ethan (ROCYPAA) was going to meet with the Hyatt on Thursday, which was rescheduled to next Tuesday. I sent a proposal out for a Radisson (where ESCYPAA II was held) that has a better room rate.
- Logan (STCYPAA) has been working with the Radisson in Corning. The initial proposal had 150 room nights on it with a 90% attrition. We talked about lowering that to 100. Last year the hotel had done it as 100 room nights with a 50% attrition. He is going to see if they can increase that to lower the ballroom and coffee prices. He is also going to reach out to a school about a ½ mile from the hotel which has a 1250 - 1500 capacity theater. The Radisson in Corning has a ballroom that only fits 800, so the school could be a possibility for Friday and Saturday nights. He heard back from the Double Tree and should be getting a proposal from them within the next week or so.
- HVYPAA doesn't have a lot of updates; the contract they have are viable, pending a few changes to coffee prices, with 0% attrition and the run of the place since they're resorts and operate mostly in the summer.

#### **Outreach [Danielle H.]:**

- Nothing to report.

#### **Archives [Chris]:**

- I ordered the portfolio case and Amazon sent me... a really expensive literature rack... my first thought of course was to return it, but then I thought I could keep it, sell it for \$400 then buy MANY portfolio cases... so... I returned it... It did get me thinking though, that if we just spend a little more, we'd fit more materials in the case and not need to buy another one so soon, and therefore actually save money. So I'm going to ask to increase the budget from \$65 to \$75.
- I sent a link to the signup website to everyone in Advisory. Looking for feedback. One person suggested including registration links for the convention and hotel and I love that idea! I noticed a few typos on the website which I'll be cleaning up this week. Still plan to post the link/info to the ESCYPAA 3 and 4 host alumni Facebook pages on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and to include a reminder to people to register and book their hotel rooms. Hoping I can reach everyone else via email somehow? Any suggestions on the best way to reach past host members?
- An idea came in from someone to take pictures of all the large items and create a binder, rather than continue to lug around these large materials.

#### **Website [Kristin]:**

- John M. mentioned doing a new layout for the website, and I'll talk to him about that.

#### **Prayer / Unity [vacant]:**

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## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

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### III. NEW BUSINESS

- **Business Research:** No update.
- **Hotels 101 ad hoc [Jon]:** Created a Google Drive which includes both Hotel 101 documents and the hotel checklist. We're going to go forward and work on making it one document.
- **Group Inventory ad hoc [John M.]:** Met Wednesday night on a call and discussed possibly meeting Thursday afternoon or Friday morning of the convention. It was expressed that it would be better to get it done ASAP. We settled on September 22 as the best date, between all the events going on. If people can try to be there, this is something that is very important. We had a group inventory last year and it was poorly attended and nothing came out of it. We're supposed to be guiding these committees and if we don't look at where we are failing, we are the blind leading the blind and are leading by ego rather than god. If that weekend doesn't work, please let me know one that's better. If it works, I can find a place and a moderator and a secretary.

Discussion: Concern over having to work that weekend, not being able to all be present. Would it be possible to do a call instead? It would be a 4 - 5 hour call.

Next call TBD.

- **Elections [STCYPAA Liaison]** Courtney stood unopposed - congratulations!
- **Elections [Prayer / Unity Chair]** Bobby stood unopposed - congratulations!
- **Pending confirmation in the bylaws that a council member can't hold two positions, Bobby will remain in the position of ROCYPAA liaison.**

*Prayed it out @ 6:30ish pm*

#### **Upcoming Stuff:**

Outreach Call: Wednesday, @ 9pm

Hotels 101 Update Call: @ 9:15pm

Group Inventory Ad Hoc Call: @ 9:15pm

Next Advisory Call: Monday, August 13 @ 9:15pm

Bid City Liaison Call: Tuesday, August 21 @ 9:15pm

STCYPAA Campout: August 17 - 19 @ Windsor

ROCYPAA Campout: September 28 - 30 @ Camp Cutler