

ESCYPAA ADVISORY CALL 11/26/2018

Present: Mercedes, Chris, Bradley, Brandi, Scott, Bobby, KC, Jessica, Rich, Crystal, Jon, Billy, Carolyn, Casey, Courtney, Lisa, Sarah, Andy

Absent:

Excused: Jenna

Meeting called to order at 920pm

REPORTS:

Chair [Mercedes]:

Our first in person meeting of the year will be 12/8/18 at host elections. If you will not be in attendance please let myself or Chris C know as soon as possible. This attendance report will be needed for tracking at the end of the year for stipend disbursements. I spoke with Rob and Nick from host 5. The disbursement percentages were allocated AFTER the deposit (\$550) and seed money is repaid. I will speak with Rob once more and advise that after we are paid back there is no need for additional percentages to be given to Advisory. Host still is within the 90 days to work on these disbursements We have been invoiced for the lawyer and need to pay them \$3621.18. (New business)

Attended the Gratitude Banquet for HVYPAA on Thanksgiving Eve. It was not as well attended as previous banquets, but our own Dana carried the message and lit up the room.

I will be at STCYPAA elections

Since our last call I have spoken to every chair from each committee EXCEPT ROCY. Thus far I have only connected with Sariah.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Co-Chair [Chris]:

Bid Liaison Call scheduled for Thursday, 11/29 at 9:15pm:

Please contact me ASAP if you are a liaison, to let me know if you will be on the call on Thursday. As of right now, only two of you have confirmed and one may be late. If I do not have confirmation that at least 2 more of you will be on by tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, I will reschedule it.

Bid Requirements Ad Hoc Call which took place on 11/15 at 9:15pm:

Dana, Jenna and myself were present and reviewed all of the requirements. I am drafting a document to present on the next ad hoc call with all of the proposed revisions to be sure I get

them right before we present them to the entire group. The next Ad Hoc call will be scheduled once I have gotten through the revisions and created the draft budget template. Thank you Jenna and Dana for attending, and Dana for taking such great notes! If you are interested in receiving a copy of the notes from that call, please let me know.

During the ad hoc call, getting the bid books before the convention came up. I think this is more of a group conversation, rather than an ad hoc conversation. I will bring it up in new business to see what the group thinks about it and if we should make a motion that we ask to receive, or even require that we receive the bid book contents via email prior to the convention.

Regards,
Chris C

Treasurer [Bradley]:

Since last call:

- **Balances below are taken from treasury report sheet:**
 - **ESCYPAA 5 : \$ 7,815.22**
 - **ESCYPAA 6: \$750.02**
 - **ADVISORY: \$2,651.99**
 - **TOTAL \$11,217.23**

“Motion to approve treasurer report” [Jon J, KC]

I hope everyone had a nice holiday. I finally had the opportunity to go through the giant bag that what given to me at ESCYPAA 5. There are some items that can be added to archives I found 42.00 dollars in an envelope that I spoke to Jenna about. This amount needs to be added to the bank account. I was on an email thread regarding our outstanding balance with setting up ESCYPAA as a 501(c) 3. I believe at this point that’s all I have to report.

Jenna:

We had to cancel the call for the alternate treasurer and past host city liaison ad hoc. I created a google drive document for people who are interested to contribute too, but no one has asked for it. Please let me know if you do.

Outgoing Treasurer Commitment

- Bradley has all treasury related materials and I have been keeping him updated on the balances.

- A mistake was made on the alternative member travel stipends in both 2017 and 2018, I reached out to the members who this pertained too. Some have sent the money back already and some will be bringing it to the next event. I am going to make up a receipt in case it is brought back in cash so we can have accurate records. I sent out an email about it but it didn't cause that much of a conversation, if anyone needs clarification about what I am talking about please feel free to reach out.

- We just received the bill from the lawyer about the nonprofit, it was \$3,621.18.

Thanks, Jenna

Secretary [Brandi]: Nothing to report, i put the approved minutes in the drop box

“Motion to approve secretary’s report” [Jon J, KC]

Hotel [Bobby]: No report submitted

Outreach [Scott]:-Rochester has started conference outreach. Sent a bunch of people to Kcypaa and a couple to Vscypaa. Nobody to Mcypaa however, so talked to a couple people about dividing and conquering. Communicated to me that after elections feel that they will be more organized.

-Upcoming Events

Dec 1st - Stcypaa Taco/Traditions 12pm - 6

Dec. 7th - Syrypaa Winter Wonderland Dance - 6pm

Dec. 8th - Host Elections - 1pm

Jan 5th - Stcypaa - Bowling for Bob - 4pm - 9

Next major conference for outreach is Necypaa - Dec. 28-30 Burlington, Vermont

Plans in place to attend Nerasa (sp?) in February.

Prayer and Unity [Sarah]: No report submitted

Web Chair [Dana]:

- KC and I are going to upload archives onto the website (speaker tapes, programs, fliers, etc.). This will make them more widely accessible and give us a backup digital copy of these materials.

- Other Advisory members have offered to send their convention’s speaker tapes or give me the CDs to upload. I look forward to receiving those so I can get them online!

- I'll be at STCYPAA elections on Saturday, December 1 and host elections on Saturday, December 8. See you crazy cats there!

Archives [KC]:

PHYSICAL ARCHIVES

- Safe and dry

WEBSITE COLLABORATION

- Working with Dana to upload ALL past main speakers
- Working to upload ALL physical programs from conventions 1-5
- Will also see if there are other archives that could be put on the website (merchandise, flyers, etc)

WRITTEN HISTORY

- Still only have John M.'s recap
 - Will continue to reach out to others

ARCHIVES AD HOC

- Still postponed to a later time when there are less pressing matters to tend to

BID CITIES:

ROCYPAA [Rich]:

Spoke with Ethan briefly

They have attended 2 conventions since winning the bid. Vscypaa (2 pre-regs) and kcypaa(7 pre-regs). They had a "bi-laws" meeting to update and amend the bi-laws. Can be found on the rocypaa page. If you'd all like a copy I can get and send one to

You all! They have there elections finalized as far as food and what the event is. There co hosting syrypaas winter wonderland dance.

STCYPAA [Jon J]:

Here is my stcypaa report,

The brought their weekly meeting into Bradford Recovery Center with Escypaa Host Committee. They've been meeting every few days with each other doing activities such as bowling, dinners, and mafia.

I knew personally 3 of them are actively involved with the traditions and seeking to know more about service structure. More than a handful of members attended the last area assembly.

They made end of year disbursements with their money.

350\$ to GSO & District

150\$ to Intergroup and Area

These amounts were given based on what money the respective committees already possess.

They added Traditions/Concepts chair and Merchandise Chair to the bylaws

Changed prudent reserve from 2,500\$ to 1,300\$

Elections are this weekend

December 1st 12pm-5pm

Conklin Ave. First Baptist Church

91 Baldwin St. Binghamton, NY

(Enter on Hayes St.)

Will be a traditions workshop panel and 3rd legacy elections

10\$ suggested donation

New Business:

I have a question for advisory.

I spoke with some of the committee about the elections. Jeff for some reason wanted to have his service sponsor be the one to present the 9th concept at elections. My experience is that advisory takes care of that and elections. Wasn't sure why they'd want to have someone else do it, shared my experience, asked why they wouldn't want to have advisory do it and wasn't given an answer. Anyone else want to weigh in on this?

Thanks,

Jon J

SYRYPAA [Billy]:

not too much news on syry but I spoke with Eric, treasurer, on bank accounts, ledgers, budget, etc and explained the non-profit stuff as he wasn't sure if they were a non-profit under our umbrella ella ella hey hey hey.

Caroline was voted in as chair if you did not receive my email after our last call. Everyone is very excited for Winter Wonderland.

Unrelated to SYRYPAA we owe the lawyers \$3621.18. We have \$2651.99 and host 5 has \$7836.22. I have attached a screen shot.

With love,

Billy

HVYPAA [Carolyn]: No report submitted

WORCYPAA [Casey]: No report submitted

Brooklyn Bid [Courtney]: No report submitted

Old Business

None

New Business

Lawyer payment; \$3,621.18

Discussion:

Chris: Is there a due date? Is this past due? Are we asking host to make us whole before or after this payment is made? They would have to give us all their money and wouldn't even make us whole. Is our prudent reserve \$7,000?

KC: I don't remember seeing anything on the invoice but I will look over it and get back to everyone

Billy: I thought our prudent reserve was \$7,500

Bradley: I think we have an obligation to pay it, however if there was a structured payment plan that would be cool

KC: We were aware that this was going to cost us a lot of money, personally I don't feel like we should ask host to pay us more than the \$4,900 right now that it would take us to get back up to our prudent I believe we should take the money for the lawyer out of the \$7,500 once we get there.

Jon J: I don't believe that we should ask for a payment plan, these individuals did their services the way they had outlined and they held up their end of the bargain we have to hold up ours, we should not ask for special favors. We might have to change out travel stipends.

Billy: Our bylaws do not say that our prudent reserve has to be \$7,500 just that we need to endeavor to maintain a prudent reserve for convention support. I believe our obligation is to fill our bank account to meet our expenses.

Dana: Will we be asking host 5 to make us whole and bring us back to that \$7,000 amount before or after the bill? are we asking them to help us cover this bill or will we be made whole first then taking the bill out of that? I would like to request this in writing, whatever info we could get in writing would be awesome, either a contract or break down of numbers.

Chris and Bradley are going to put something together so everyone can be better informed so the committee can come up with a decision.

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Discussion:

- Everyone agrees that bid cities are autonomous and have the ability to choose who does the 9th concept presentation**

Pray it out

ESCYPAA 6 HOST ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 8TH AT 2 RIVERSIDE RD ROCHESTER NY AT 12PM

Our next call is December 10 at 9:15 PM