

ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 4/22/2019

Present: Mercedes, Chris, Bobby, Scott, Sarah, Dana, Lisa, Jess, Jenna, KC, Carolyn
Absent: Billy [excused], Brandi [excused], Bradley [excused], Casey

Meeting called to order at 9:20pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

Host Chair [Matt]:

- Committee is doing well; Anthony is putting two events together (Cards & Karaoke -s till looking for the space; Field Day on June 22 on Beaches Shelter). Anthony was struggling with events stuff and then got a lot of support from the committee, which was really cool to see.
- Program meeting today, went really smoothly. We have a massive list of panel options and will narrow that down soon. Listening to speaker tapes.
- Conference of the Lakes this weekend; we will be there in force!

Chair [Mercedes]:

- HVYPAA / WORCYPAA had a spaghetti dinner this weekend and it was well attended; each committee made \$122. I meant to attend but wasn't actually able to.
- Spoke with Jeff T. last week and STCYPAA is good! Still trying to connect with Logan.
- Courtney has resigned from her position on Advisory, which rotates Carolyn from Alternate 1 to a full Advisory position, Lisa to Alternate 1, Sarah to Alternate 2, Jess to 3, and Casey to 4.
- I am not on social media and feel like I am missing information on upcoming events; Bobby, if you could send out emails or information on what events are coming up, that would be great.

***Note: upcoming events fliers are all posted to www.escypaa.org.**

Co-Chair [Chris]:

Prudent Reserve: Would like to restart the conversation about an Advisory prudent reserve.

Treasury items:

- Bradley and I spoke in the interim and I believe the budget will be ready to be voted on this evening.
- Bradley looked up how we can file our own taxes and it will be simple and free!

Bid City Liaison Call:

- On the call this month we discussed potential changes to the bid city presentations and just bidding in general. Here are some of the ideas that came out of our discussion:
 - Requiring a complete bid packet to be sent electronically to all advisory members one or two weeks in advance of the convention;
 - Meet with bid cities on Friday of convention for short round table discussions to go over technical questions we may have such as hotel contracts and treasury items so we can discuss more unity type questions during the bid presentation itself;
 - Requesting skits be rated "G" so they are not inappropriate;
 - Layout the questions we will be asking bid cities during the presentations so we, as advisory members, are all on the same page. This would prevent questions being asked that other advisory members feel are unfair and would make sure no city is asked harder questions than another.

Treasurer [Bradley]:

CB Host 1 Account	ESCYPAA	\$5,438.19		
CB Host 2 Account	ESCYPAA	\$2,931.45		
CB Main Account 8075	Advisory	\$4,501.53		
CB Total	Current:	\$12,871.1	Actual:	\$9,939.72

- Host 5 account still holds a balance; checks are in transit.
- Spoke with Chris regarding Taxes filing and Budget.
- Taxes: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/information-needed-to-file-e-postcard>
 - Employer identification number (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)
 - Tax year
 - Legal name and mailing address
 - Any other names the organization uses
 - Name and address of a principal officer
 - Web site address if the organization has one
 - Confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less
 - If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report [Dana, Bobby]. All in favor.

Secretary [Brandi]: Motion to approve the minutes from our last call [Andy, Chris]. All in favor.

Hotel [Bobby]:

- There are a total of 68 rooms booked (33 on Friday and 34 on Saturday), so we need to pick it up.

Outreach [Bobby]:

- We have a proposal for the Midyear event, which I will bring up in New Business.

Archives [KC]:

Physical Archives: Safe and dry

Host:

- Talked with Claire - new archives chair for host
- Went over how we will work together
- Past experience on what the archives room setup has looked in past years
- Talked about making sure there are volunteers to help out in archives room
- Also asked me for all of the speakers from past conventions - was able to provide that information

- Logan has asked me to find out information regarding a panel held during ESCY 4
- Looking for that physical program currently
- Looking for info on the Adult Children of Alcoholics panel

Website [Dana]:

- Nothing new to report!
- I'm having emotions about how many people have left the committee this year.

Prayer / Unity [Sarah]:

- I will send out the prayer partners ASAP!
- I am also thinking about what Dana said and think we could be mindful of that and suggest that we stay in connection with each other between these calls.

STCYPAA Liaison [Andy]:

- Unity picnic coming up on May 18! Cohosted with host and SYRYPAA
- They've had new members join the committee and jump right in. There were a whole bunch of them at the host garbage plate event.
- Getting ready for the Faith without Camping is Dead campout in August and getting the camp ground paid.
- Starting on bid packets in the next few weeks!
- Spoke to Adam about getting his part of the bid packet ready (the finances).
- Pretty smooth sailing; I plan on reaching out to more members soon.
- Plans to get out to more events over the summer. They're functioning really well together.

SYRYPAA Liaison [Billy]: Absent, no report.

KC: I spoke to the person who is going to facilitate their group inventory and he's really excited about it.

HVYPAA Liaison [Carolyn]:

- HAPPY FOUR YEARS!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Nothing too new to report for HVYPAA, their efforts to continue planning their bonfire (8/2-8/4) is going well and their paintball event (6/29-6/30) planning is also going well.
- Brooklyn is hosting a scavenger hunt in May and they're voting tomorrow on whether to cohost.
- Their struggles with the 12th tradition are still hindering their performance but I'm trying to talk to as many committee members as possible to get to the root and to fix it. If anyone has suggestions please send them! They're struggling with unity and divisiveness and arguing. Positions are not being fulfilled. They're looking at revising their bylaws to help correct this.

Brooklyn / Queens Liaison [OPEN]:

WORCYPAA Liaison [Casey]:

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Advisory Budget: An updated version is available in the Google Drive.

Motion to pass the budget that Bradley created for us [Chris, Dana]

Discussion

- The \$700 for the accountant was removed since we will do that ourselves.
- The hotel deposit was included in both income and expense since we will be getting that back.
- The travel stipend was corrected, but now should be \$50 less since we're down a member and have basically lost an alternate.
- I have an issue with the \$3,000 gap between our income and expenses, largely due to travel stipends. Relying on host to make up that money doesn't work for me, so I have concerns about spending that much money there.
- We definitely need to look at what Chris mentioned at the start of her report and have a prudent reserve.
- I also think we need to look at travel stipends, which would require a bylaws change so is not a topic for

this call. But the total amount we are spending, as well as the discrepancy between how much full members get vs. alternates, is something we need to look at.

- Our current bank balance is \$4,501.53; how are we going to make up a \$4,600 budget? What if we need to purchase or spend additional money?

- Why is the Midyear budgeted to both cost and take in \$500? Because usually that's what happens.

- This budget works for now, but I do want to look at what others have said about moving forward and where Advisory gets its money. I will do some research and have ideas soon!

Vote Count: Yes (5); No (2); Abstain (1)

Minority Opinion: I have concerns that we're falling into a habit of not addressing concerns and putting them off, rather than addressing the problems as they come up. I'd rather we look at travel stipends and a prudent reserve before approving a budget.

No one was swayed; the motion carries and the budget is passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid City Liaison Call Proposals:

Discussion on having bid cities send their packets ahead of time:

- this would necessitate a change in the bid requirements;
- we could offer to help them with the technical stuff;
- explain that this is in their best interests as it will allow us to have a more informed discussion;
- making allowances for last-minute hotel contract changes;
- this allows us to review the bid packets ahead of time and actually spend time at the convention

Motion that completed bid packets are electronically sent to Advisory members two weeks prior to the convention with leniency regarding hotel contracts. [Chris, Bobby]

Discussion:

- When we put our bid packet together, our insurance quote was only good for five days.

Vote Count: Yes (7), No (1)

Minority opinion: I would suggest adding the insurance policy in with the hotel contract with regard to leniency, as per what was said during the discussion.

No one was swayed; the motion carries.

B. Midyear Proposal

May 25 in Long Island City, Queens.

- Budget is \$300 split between all committees willing and able to cohost. Confirmed cohosts: LICYPAA, STYCPAA, Host, SYRYPAA, Brooklyn-Queens Bid for ICYPAA. Waiting to hear back from NENYYPAA, TOGY PAA, WORCYPAA, NYCYPAA, and Buffalo.

- Specific location hasn't been set yet.

- Programming includes scavenger hunt, Traditions workshop, possibly a dance, and time for Advisory to meet with the bid committees.

Motion to cohost the Midyear event with a \$300 budget in Long Island City, Queens on May 25.

[Bobby, Chris]

Discussion

- Concern over the budget; this is an all-day event. Is \$300 going to be enough for a space, will there be food served, and if so what will that cost? No, there won't be food served, and the Brooklyn-Queens committee believes they can get a space for that amount.

- Is Brooklyn-Queens hosting this and we're just attending, or are we responsible for the event? We are expected to do the usual cohost things (help with setup, cleanup, etc.).
- I would like more details on the event; are we just voting because we want to set the date? Maybe we can wait to see what other cohost committees think?
- I have concerns about planning a large event one month from now on a holiday weekend with no set location.

Vote Count: Yes (2); No (5); Abstain (1)

Minority Opinion:

- I understand the concerns about not having a location set, but I trust these trusted servants. I saw no issue in the main hosting city taking care of the details in their subcommittee.
- I trust that they'll be able to find a location. I think getting the ball rolling is important and that this isn't pushed off; at least right now we would have a month to outreach it.

One person was swayed; discussion is reopened.

Discussion:

- How long is the event supposed to be? No set timeline, that's also being decided by the subcommittee.
- We just passed an Advisory budget with \$500 set for the Midyear event.
- We're not going to be providing any food, so we're saving money ourselves but passing that cost on to the people who will be attending this event. When I was events chair, part of the thought of serving food was to provide people a chance to come together without having to worry so much about what it was costing them.

Motion for a revote [Bobby, Chris]. Vote Count: Yes (2), No (5), Abstain (1). The motion to revote fails, and the initial motion fails.

Prayed it out at 10:51pm