

ESCYPAA Advisory Call | 7/22/2019

Present: Mercedes, Chris, Andy, Dana, KC, Sarah, Bradley, Bobby, Jenna, Jessica, Casey, Scott, Billy, Casey, Carolyn

Absent: Brandi [excused], Lisa [excused]

Meeting called to order at 9:20pm

I. CHAIR REPORTS

Chair [Mercedes]:

- Couldn't make the unity event
- I will be at the HVYPAA Bonfire on Saturday, August 3 and can't wait to see you all! I will send out our agenda for the in-person meeting by July 29.

Co-Chair [Chris]:

- July Bid Liaison Call

Held on 7/16. We invited the bid cities on the call and all liaisons were present as well as at least one committee member from all bid cities. WORCYPAA, STCYPAA, and HVYPAA all reported they were working on bid books and in pretty good shape. SYRYPAA reported they will likely not be putting a formal bid together this time and may show up as a token bid. None of that's written in stone, but that's what looks like may happen. Sounds like Utica/Oneonta may present a token bid as well? Does anyone know anyone out there? Are we in communication with them?

Next liaison call will be held on Tuesday, August 20th and we may invite the bid cities on again since it went so well this time!

- Host Discussions

I spoke to several members of host over the weekend and they expressed the following concerns:

- Unity/prayer partners- host is not receiving the lists or any contact from us.
- Can we make sure they all have access to our calls? They were told that they're allowed to be on the calls but they don't have the access information.
- They are feeling a lack of unity with Advisory.
- Can Advisory members zoom into host meetings?
- Additionally, I will be having a call with the host treasurer to discuss my experience as treasurer and see if I can help her with communicating more effectively with host.

Scott: What would that unity look like to them? That would be helpful so we know how best to provide the unity they're looking for.

Chris: Using the prayer partners more frequently / knowing who they are; Advisory members Zooming into their meetings; getting onto our calls.

- Outreach Call:

The lack of attendance on the last call was rough. Brandi- do you have email contacts for bid city members, or at least those members that have steering commitments? I need to get the word out more effectively this time. I am thinking of **Tuesday, August 13th at 9:15pm**. I will speak to Billy and we'll make a final decision on the date and let y'all know via email in the next week.

- Idea to help unity among Advisory:

Why don't we use Skype or zoom for our meetings? No motion yet, it's just a thought right now.

- **Entertainment chair on Host** is looking to talk to previous host committee's entertainment chairs; please contact me so I can put you in touch with her.

Treasurer [Bradley]:

CB Host 6 Account 8083	ESCYPAA 6	\$5,652.48
CB Host 2 Account 7990	ESCYPAA 7	\$750.00
CB Main Account 8075	Advisory	\$4,044.66
Citizens Bank Total	Current:	\$10,447.14

KC: How much is still owed on the hotel?

Bobby: \$4,000 is due 10 days out. The full balance is \$5,000 and \$1,000 was already paid.

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

Secretary [Brandi]: No report

Hotel [Bobby]:

- I talked to Ethan earlier in the week; he spoke to the hotel and the pool deck WILL be ready but we won't be able to use the pool itself. We will have access to the Hilton pool, which is right across the street and owned by the same hotel.

- Ethan and I also discussed host's financial situation and neither he nor I am worried about them being able to pay the bill.

- I have all the hotel contracts from all the bid committees and have started looking over them. I will email all the contracts to everybody so we can give the bid committees feedback and get back to them.

Please look over them and get back to me with anything you notice by the end of the day next Monday (July 29).

- As of right now we have 114 room nights sold out of the 177 we need to meet attrition.

Jenna: I spoke to someone on host this past weekend and they seemed confused about what it means to hit that attrition rate.

Andy: STCYPAA is getting a new contract based on our discussion from the unity event and will be

Outreach [Chris]:

- See Chris C. [Co-chair]'s report

Archives [KC]: Nothing to report

Website [Dana]:

- Website is fixed!

- Minutes have been updated.

- Events page has been edited to include the International YPAA calendar and the AA Grapevine international calendar, plus a sentence on how to submit fliers to me to post.

- If anyone needs help accessing their email accounts, please let me know. I checked bids@escypaa.org and there was only one email, a list of committee members and their service resumes from STCYPAA. I forwarded it to Billy Sunshine Sugar Pants Buzzell and will continue to forward any bid book materials to

the liaisons for each bid committee. (Then later I remember that Andy is the real STCYPAA Chair and asked Billy to forward it to him instead.)

Prayer / Unity [Sarah]:

- PRAYER PARTNERS:

KC & Chris
Mercedes & Jenna
Bobby & Bradley
Scott & Jess
Sarah & Casey
Billy & Carolyn
Andy & Lisa
Dana & Brandi

- Unity weekend was fabulous and I had a great time and missed everyone who couldn't make it. Let's keep this in mind for next year!

Advisory unity (or lack thereof) was brought up and discussed; some members feel that information is only shared among a few selected Advisory members, or feel disconnected from the group. To be discussed further at HVYPAA Bonfire!

STCYPAA Liaison [Andy]:

- Spoke to Dave at length about the hotel contract so they meet all the bid requirements. Coffee price is now in there at \$30 / gallon; a map of the facility will be added; other things that were missing. He contacts me as soon as he talks to the hotel, and I've encouraged him to talk to Bobby as well.
- Spoke to Russell too; they were going to get camp tee shirts for their campout but have a bunch of previous merch so are probably not going to do that.
- Bid book is pretty much ready to go besides the hotel contract!

SYRYPAA Liaison [Billy]:

- SYRYPAA decided the night before the bid liaison call that they will not be bidding for ESCYPAA 7 but will continue to grow as a service committee and potentially shoot for 8! I respect their decision and let them know I'm here either way. Have a call scheduled with Connor but we had to reschedule.
- Speaking at host tonight so if I'm a little late you'll know why.
- Really awesome call and in person discussion about bylaws!! Some exciting stuff on the next call's agenda. Will have date to announce for next call by tonight.
- Host: the committee is running smoothly and looking at their budget to see where they can trim some things and make sure they can pay everything. They're looking to make about \$2,000 from the Boat Cruise and more from the Luau and HVYPAA Bonfire.
- I love you all goodbye. Not goodbye, I'm staying on the call, I don't know why I said that, make it stop.

HVYPAA Liaison [Carolyn]:

- Liz (HVYPAA bid book chair) was on the bid liaison call.
- Going down to their meeting on Thursday to make contact, discuss bid book and hotel contract, and see where I can be of service.
- Honor's Haven has been a pain and it doesn't seem like they've ever been asked for a hotel contract before. Villa Roma is pretty much the same as last year and HVYPAA seems happy with it. 1 comped room for every 25 sold. Committee held their unity event there a couple weeks ago and they really liked it.

Brooklyn / Queens Liaison [OPEN]:

WORCYPAA Liaison [Casey]:

- I have been in contact with Ryan from WORCYPAA about hotels. I only saw one proposal but I told him that he needs to start with less room nights and has to reduce the down payment significantly. They are worried about the price being high due to the area that they are in. I expressed that we had the same problem on Long Island and that we understand it's going to be more expensive than further upstate but they need to show how they plan on raising the money. Right now they have about \$850 in the back and the down payment is \$5,000.
- Jon Blinn is back at WORCYPAA and is planning on helping with the bid and with the committee. Yay! A lot of their members showed up to the luau which was awesome. They seem to have a lot of unity throughout their committee.
- I spoke with a few members at the luau who expressed that they don't think the bid is going to come together like last year and they feel that they should have had more events. I agreed that they should have more events but I told them that even if they want to put a "token bid", rather than a full bid, I think that it would be good to submit what they have to us to receive feedback and keep the "hype" they have among their committee and their area.
- Please let me know if you have any questions.
- On a side note, I want to thank those of you who talked me into going to our unity event. I had so much fun and I feel closer to this committee than I have in a very long time. Love you all and can't wait to hang at the campout.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Billy's sneak preview for the **Bylaws call on Wednesday, July 24 at 9:15pm**: How do alternates get placed on this committee? Voting the order, picking from a hat, etc.? Scott's dope flow chart will be posted to the Advisory Facebook group, which will be updated to reflect current Advisory members, and will be emailed out because some of us who shall remain nameless but are maybe named Dana struggle with social media and our characters defects.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- See all y'all at the HVYPAA Bonfiyahhhhh! August 2 - 4 (our meeting will be on Saturday, August 3).

Prayed it out at 10:35pm