

ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 1/9/2022

Start time: 8:35pm

Carolyn does intro

Danielle brought us in with the Serenity Prayer at 8:35pm

REPORTS:

Chair: Agenda emailed. Please let me know if you have any questions or have anything to add.

Adam has been working on the On Center contract and Bobby and I have been looking into other potential options in case the On Center cannot accommodate us. We'll be reviewing their latest contract together tomorrow (Adam sent this out today via discord, if you need it re-sent please contact him).

Due to personal reasons, our beloved Bradley had to step down from Advisory. I know he'll be sorely missed and would appreciate some love from us. This means Ryan will rotate into a General Member position.

Alt-Chair: Notes in Treasurer's report

Treasurer: I hope everyone is doing well and ready for the work week. While Carolyn was in town for the holidays we went to Chase to add Cindy and Todd to the Host 9 bank account. That went very well; Cindy and Todd know what they need to do in order to finish the process. With Ryan's help I was also able to set us up with a paypal account. This is a business account and as such there are merchant fees for using the service and an image of those can be seen [in the email sent 1/9/22 @ 11:50am]

I talked with Cindy the other day and she was asking about making purchases before we have approved a budget. I told her to send me and expenses they want to make and we will approve them as needed until a full budget is approved. I have not received any yet, but will check in with her before the call. I have also been working with Adam and Carolyn in regards to the OnCenter. I sent out a request for information to The Palace Theatre in Syracuse; they are reviewing our

application and will hopefully get back to me soon. Our current bank account balances are as follows:

Advisory Account: \$11,860.00

Host 8 Account: \$2,750.00

Host 9 Account: \$3,293.69

The Host 9 account is settled. Moe will be getting all financial records in the next couple weeks and the money for disbursements has been added to the Advisory account for checks to be issued. Total amount from host 8 to be sent out is \$5,403.69 in addition to the \$1,000 from Host 7 that was missed in last year's disbursements. For service entities that were receiving money from both hosts 7 and 8 I combined the money into one check. For easy math I took off the \$3.69 and just added that to what was being donated to Host 9. I have written out all of the checks and will be putting those in envelopes tomorrow, with a letter from ESCYPAA clarifying who the checks are from. I will attach said letter to this email and feel free to let me know if you have an issue with it. Check totals are as followed:

GSO \$1,380.00

District 600 (Binghamton) \$200.00

Triple Cities Intergroup \$200.00

Nassau Intergroup \$540.00

Nassau General Service \$540.00

Suffolk General Service \$540.00

To each of the 4 Service Areas \$615.00

I did an electronic transfer for the disbursement to Host 9 which totalled \$543.69 Sorry my report is so long, but it has been a busy couple weeks. I started putting a ledger together for Advisory's income and expenses over the last host year. I have all of the line items from when I took over the treasury, but still need to backtrack in the Citizen's checkbook to find anything from prior to that. I will attach that spreadsheet for you all to look over and offer me any questions or comments. Let me know if you have anything you need clarified before our call.

*RYAN made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; JEFF seconded

Secretary: I was unable to be at the last meeting due to the holidays, so Ryan took the minutes for me. Those were shared in the discord. If anyone has any questions or sees something missing in any minutes, please feel free to contact me anytime. Thanks to everyone for sending their reports!

*JEFF made a motion to accept the Secretary's report; RYAN seconded

Hotel: Please read over the Oncenter Contract that is in discord. If you have any questions please let me know so we can discuss it.

The Coffee Price is to be determined. This can be decided by the Host Committee on what to do. This isn't a definite price. Outside of that if you all were not aware. Linda at the Oncenter has been very difficult to work with. Wednesday she sent a \$21k plus contract with a 10k deposit which I sent back to be revised and said that this is not the price we talked about after she told me she was concerned that we weren't going to sign the oncenter contract. I sent her back an email with what we needed the pricing she sent from proposal over or the contract couldn't be signed until that was done. With that all said Linda revised and sent over a new contract yesterday that we need to discuss and possibly vote on it before we can get it signed. The Host 9 Committee is updated on everything and will know when everything is taken care of.

Please keep an eye on discord under Hotels for any updates until the Hotel and Oncenter contracts are signed.

It's January 2023 and there is hope we have signed contracts very soon.

Archivist: Archives Safe and Dry!

Host Liaisons

ESCYPAA 9 Host (formerly FLICYPAA): Nothing new to report

Bid City Liaisons

HVYPAA: No report sent - Sick with Covid

CRAYPAA: I am so thrilled to report CRAYPAA has worked super hard to rectify the many issues they've been having. Their chair has been added to the bank account and the treasury was reported and accurate at their business meeting tonight.

Vinnie has made it a point to discuss purchasing and reimbursement procedures. Things are shaping up for the "Winter Extravaganza" on January 21st and they would like to extend an invitation to all of Advisory.

ROCYPAA: ROCYPAA will be hosting their elections on Saturday, February 4th at 1:30 (That is when they will begin). It will be at Brighton Presbyterian Church which is located at 1775 East Ave (across from the East Ave Wegmans). I'm trying to look for flights to see if I can make them!

SYRYPAA: Has their business meeting this Monday, nothing new to report.

Past Host Liaison: - Business Meetings held on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8:15pm, hybrid format. Zoom info: 658 749 0274 / LICYPAA

- Bylaw updates added several new committee service positions, 8 of which were filled at the last biz meeting on 1/2.
- The Treasurer received the \$2,000 cheque from Advisory, depositing it into the committee bank account.

Outreach: Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Currently at Necypaa with Host 9. They are killing it with Registrations at the Outreach Table - 52 to be exact. The next Outreach Call is Jan 17th at 8pm.

Prayer & Unity Chair: -Had the mid year adhoc meeting on December 12th. We discussed doing different ideas, locations, dates, etc. we discussed doing a campout. Brought up co-hosting with WORCYPAA.

- There will be a Midyear ADHOC meeting January 9th at 7pm.
- Went to the WORCYPAA business meeting. Worcypaa made a motion to host the campout Memorial Day weekend at croton point park, with an alternate date for the weekend before, depending on availability with the campgrounds. They made a second motion which was approved. to co-host with all NYS committees and ESCYPAA advisory pending ESCYPAA advisory approval.
- I will also be hosting the WORCYPAA elections on January 22nd at 5pm 112 N Main Street, Pearl River, NY. If anyone would like to join me let me know! They are doing their elections followed by games and pizza.

Web Chair: - Please let outreach chairs know that escypaa.webmaster@gmail.com is the best way to submit flyers for our website and distribution.

- Updated event flyers section with new content
- Updated meeting minutes section with all minutes to date
- Started outreaching advisory website and Host event on ESCYPAA FB page.
- Bobby and I created a Paypal account for ESCYPAA host committees to utilize

Tradition 11: Jeff talks about the Washingtonians and the Oxford Group, and goes through some of the checklist. Relates each question to their own experience for a better understanding of the ins and outs of this tradition.

Concept 11: Kayla reads us the concept, breaks it down, and shares their understanding of this concept. Relates some aspects of Concept 9. Reads us the questions that accompany the concept.

Old Business:

1. Adam takes us through the entire proposed hotel contract. More edits from the establishment need to come.

-Ryan asks if the \$1k IT fee for staff can record the speakers as part of that fee?
Adam is going to look into that

-Ryan points out that the concession stand fee is PER STAND, and then we had discussion on that topic

-Kayla brings up that we don't need these amenities, and we can save a lot of money

-Kayla also catches that the hotel has wonky math happening

-Ryan asks if paying \$1100 for wi-fi is necessary? Danielle responds we need it for accessibilities. Kayla asks if we can get a cheaper plan (no more than 10 devices seems necessary, but definitely not 700), and Adam is going to look into it.

New Business:

1. Bobby brings us the info for merch that the host committee needs approved

-This merch guy did ESCY 7, so we know he will work with us (Jeff)

-The sales tax needs to be removed because we are 501c3

**Bobby made motion to accept pending tax changes, Jeff seconded
Unanimously approved by committee (10 in favor)**

2. Bobby brings us a budget for ESCY 9 Host's Taco event

Bobby made the motion to approve, Ryan seconded

Unanimously approved by committee (10 in favor)

-Zach brings up concern with low food budget

-Adam clarifies that someone is contributing the ground beef for the event

-Bobby mentions it will be a bit potluck

3. Bobby brings us a budget for ESCY 9 Host's skating event

Bobby motioned to approve budget as presented, Ryan seconded

-Does this include skate rental? *Jamie answers yes

-Where do they get their attendance projections from? *Jamie explains there can only be 40 people on the

-Jeff clarifies that the extra line is for gift baskets

-Adam mentions that this is for only ONE HOUR of skating; general committee consensus is we are concerned about this as well as the limit

-Cori comments that they would like to give the host committee trust to make the decision on their own whether this will be profitable

-Bobby stresses we are not a host committee and we are just approving the budget, not the event details

7 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 3 Abstain

4. Bobby brings up Host using Venmo

-Much discussion on whether using Venmo is necessary

-Bobby showed us all the fees on a chart

-Bobby pointed out that the ONLY form of online money gathering AA recommends is PayPal

-Sentiment exchanged that if we don't have a Venmo, people will just use PayPal - NBD

-Carolyn "More will be revealed..."

JEFF motioned to close 9:09pm; RYAN seconded

ERIN prayed us out at 10:05pm

Meeting Adjourned