

ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 1/23/2023

Start time: 8:32pm

Carolyn does intro

ERIN brought us in with the Serenity Prayer at 8:33pm

REPORTS:

Chair: Thank you to all who attended the CRAYPAA elections and their event. Bobby and I were able to connect with some steering committee members from Host and touch base with them about everything that's going on with the main meeting space. Adam should have an update for us later on our call.

Host will be sending their budget soon for our approval. Bobby suggested that they send us a budget to reflect their ability to utilize the On Center, so we should be receiving that as soon as this week.

As per Bobby's report, the treasury position is officially open. Anyone that does not currently hold a position on this committee is strongly encouraged to step into this responsibility. No position is ever done alone-- you will be supported by myself and the rest of the committee if and when needed.

WORCYPAA has formed and has requested a liaison, so we will be electing a non bidding city liaison to accommodate them and the other NYS committees who are not bidding.

When speaking to some host members (and some of our members) this weekend, it came to my attention that Host is struggling a bit in their unity and the 12th tradition. They already motioned on a group inventory, however their prayer and unity chair stepped down over the weekend. I think they could use some extra support from us in the capacity of just reaching out and connecting with them. I'm also going to propose that we as committees have quarterly calls to connect with one another and see how we can support them-- not just meeting with them at our in person events, but sitting down on Zoom with a concrete agenda. I hope this can carry into the following host years as well.

Our next call is Feb 13th, but with everything going on with the main meeting space, we may need to meet in between to approve a contract or discuss budgetary items. Standby for any emergency business directive. If we need to meet, I'll make sure to send texts, emails and notifications in the discord. No one will get left in the dark! Lots of new business. We are pausing the tradition and concept this week - Bobby is looking for volunteers for 12s.

Alt-Chair: I am here to help anyone with what they have going on so if you need any help please reach out to me. Bid City Liaisons; we will start meeting monthly to go over the bid requirements. This is in an effort to make sure you have a complete understanding of what we are expecting so you can provide that knowledge with our bid committees. I will be sending around a survey monkey to get everyone's availability.

Treasurer: This will be my final treasury report. As of right now I am just waiting on Carolyn's debit cards to come in the mail so that all of our annual subscriptions can be changed to that card. This will include any credit card authorizations for hotel or meeting space contracts. Once those cards are in I will be taken off of the bank accounts. All treasury materials will be turned over to Carolyn until there is a time that someone steps up to be treasurer. Host is all set up with banking and electronic payment accounts, so there shouldn't be any need for me to adjust those. Once we have a treasurer I will transfer the "ownership" of the paypal to them; it is owned by ESCYPAA but someone's name and phone number has to be attached to the business account. In addition at that time the mailing address for the bank account can be switched over. I highly encourage those sitting on this committee without a service position to take on this responsibility. It is a relatively simple job, but the time it does need has kept me from being able to do the job I was actually elected to. In the bank, Host currently has \$5,012.62 in the bank, but this does not include any electronic payments or cash on hand. The Advisory account is sitting at \$10,070.00 and the Host 8 account is where it was last time. Some of the contribution checks have begun to clear, so expect our account balance to change regularly over the next couple weeks. Moe told me this week that he is just about finished putting all the financial records together from last year and will be getting that to me soon. He realized that he forgot to send a \$20 payment through venmo, so he took care of that. I pulled that money from the advisory account, so that Host 10 won't be short seed money. If you have any questions please let me know.

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

Secretary: If you are a chair and don't send me reports, even if you don't have a report, send me "No report". Thanks to everyone else who is consistently sending reports!

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

Hotel: I had a great time at the Winter Extravaganza yesterday.

I have been working with the Host Committee to find other places outside the Oncenter to have the main meeting for Friday and Saturday.

We looked into the palace theater, landmark theater, Sky Armory, New York State Fairgrounds and a church that was close by. All the places we looked into were not big enough, booked or parking was an issue with all of these except the State Fairgrounds which we have not received any information back yet.

The Host Committee made it clear that the Crowne Plaza is not big enough to have the main meetings because they will not be able to find the newcomer during the sobriety Countdown. Also it was expressed that the Host Committee wants everyone in the same room because of the Hype and also not wanting to be disappointed when attending the main meetings. I feel as an Advisory member that we need to support the Host Committee in their decision since we did tell them to let us know what they wanted. This is what was provided to us after extensive research as of now.

The Host Committee had a Hotel Sub Committee tonight and I was on the call with them. They said that they want to use the Oncenter. The option that is proposed on the table right now is as follows.

1. To use the Crowne Plaza Friday night for the main meeting and then use the Oncenter just Saturday night. This obviously would need to be voted on by the committee even if we vote yes.

Or

2. Use the Oncenter for the main meetings both Friday and Saturday Night. This option was voted on by the Host Committee already.

I emailed Linda at the Oncenter to ask if the option to just use the Oncenter only Saturday night is allowed.

Using information from the Round Up about companies they use.

Archivist: Waiting for Report

Host Liaisons

ESCYPAA 9 Host (formerly FLICYPAA): Waiting for Report

Bid City Liaisons

HVYPAA: Waiting for Report

CRAYPAA: Had a fantastic weekend up in Saratoga Springs!!

Had the honor of having my first experience facilitating elections for CRAYPAA, with the help of Carolyn and Roger.

The results are in...

Chair: Michael G

Co-Chair: Shannon H

Treasurer: Vinnie C

Secretary: Clementine B

Events: Brian H

Outreach: Zak P

Inreach: Natalie C

Web Chair: Kate F

Arts: Brittany L

Unity/Prayer: We Y

Bid Chair: Sarah L

3 positions were left vacant to be filled during old business at their next business meetings.

The Winter Extravaganza was a huge success and so much fun (the spaghetti dinner was perfectly al dente :P)! They took in \$902.40!!! They are waiting on one last receipt before they distribute the final net profits to each of the co hosted committees. They motioned at their last meeting for an additional \$60 for the event but to not have that reflect on the co host costs. Co hosts will only be accountable for the maximum of \$35 each (\$175 total budget) that was originally motioned for. Vinnie has created a formulated spreadsheet for the event. CRAYPAA Winter Extravaganza Financial Report:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kle_ijnJZiCaxg6T2cBATz6ThpbAM1AShcLkTjmoXqk/edit?usp=drivesdk

Within the last hours of being treasurer, Zak was able to set up a CRAYPAA Venmo that is entirely CRAYPAAs and not a personal one. They can now take payments through PayPal and Venmo. Venmo: @CRAYPAA | PayPal: craypaa@gmail.com

I touched base with Michael G (a native to LI), CRAYPAA's newest Chair. He will be on the island next weekend and we have plans to meet up and go over any and all concerns about his new role as Chair.

I'm excited for the future of CRAYPAA and look forward to an incredible Bid with the help of their newest member and very experienced Bid Chair, Sarah! What an exciting election it turned out to be!

I was able to bring all of the leftover merch from ESCY 8 up to Saratoga to give to our new Hosts. They held an emergency business meeting Friday night to motion and vote on the sale price of those items. They had an outreach table set up at the Winter Extravaganza and were able to sell a decent amount of those shirts as well as their own at the event.

ROCYPAA: ROCYPAA will be having their elections. A few other members and I (I believe Zach and Stephen) will be helping facilitate them. They will be taking place 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 also reached out to some host members to get to know them and see how they were feeling. All in all feeling good other than hotel selection. Apparently they unanimously want the oncenter and from their understanding we said it was too much. So they'll be having a subcommittee this evening with other ideas.

SYRYPAA: SYRYPAA has had a slow start but they have a table for the round up to do some outreach and are talking about co-hosting an open mic event with escypaa host.

Side note: Lisa from WORCYPAA reached out to me and they were asking if there was a liaison for their committee, I told them not at this moment but I am more than willing to continue acting as their liaison until we elect a non bid city liaison!

Past Host Liaison: - Business Meetings held on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8:15pm, hybrid format. Zoom info: 658 749 0274 / licypaa
- Next event: February 11th 6pm-11pm 'For The Love of YPAA: Celebrating 20 Years of LICYPAA Service & Self Love Valentines Dance'. 6pm meeting will be hybrid.

Outreach: Had a great outreach zoom call on Tues, Jan 17th. Had 12 people come. Allison R from Eacypaa Atlantic City.
We attended CRAYPAA Extravaganza. Good times were had.
STCYPAA refuses to have elections, so we are not sure about bidding.

Prayer & Unity Chair: I went to the WORCYPAA elections yesterday. They went really well. Other than that, I have nothing to report.

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 organizing archives of speaker tapes. Will be collecting all missing info and working on a larger archives section on the web.
 - Beginning stages of adding a NY YPAA events calendar.
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Old Business:

1. Information from Adam about additional facilities
 - Kayla mentions having everyone in one place being a great idea, but maybe other facilities than such expensive ones (like local churches)
 - Jeff believes if the group conscious of a committee is one way, we shouldn't be trying to change it and make it our way
 - Zach shares that they are their own committee; after the experience of LI pulling out all the stops and way surpassing the budget, despite advisory's apprehensions, we should have faith in them
 - Adam speaks to the Episcopal church only being able to seat 350 people
 - Bobby feels we have worked this hard and it's time to get and sign a fabulous contract
 - Carolyn says we will potentially have an emergency business meeting next Monday (since it's the 5th Monday of the month so no conflict with LICYPAA)
 - Adam - is there anything in the contract that we still need added in there? Are there any other changes that need to be made for Saturday so that it doesn't need to be revised a bunch of times?
 - Carolyn asks about the discrepancy in numbers | \$1k for concessions - we only have to pay whatever the difference would be if we don't meet that \$1k
 - Adam will make sure the contract reflects that we won't be paying the concessions up front
 - As soon as Adam gets the contract, he will share it via Discord. We will all take a look at it and speak to any revisions that might be necessary to Adam before Monday. We will meet next Monday to vote - 8:30pm.

New Business:

1. Carolyn: How can we support the host committee?
 - Ryan: prayer partners added a lot to their service experience last year
 - Kayla: prayer partners did not seem to work as well in their experience
 - Erin: suggests having a game night with them
 - Danielle: prayer partners will only work if we hold up our commitment, just like reaching
 - Jeff: they're going to start meeting in person, which I think will help them a lot
 - Kayla: likes to hear they are going to be meeting in person, which was helpful from their own experience last year; seconds the idea of a game night
 - Erin: maybe an event where we speak on traditions 1 and 12, followed by a game night
 - Carolyn: says it's up to Erin, come up with a proposal and bring it back to the committee next meeting

 2. Carolyn: Vote for new Treasurer (reads the treasurer description from our by-laws)
 - Stephen stands and gives their service resume
 - Unanimously accepted

 3. Carolyn: Vote for Non-Bid City Liaison (reads the NBC liaison description from our by-laws)
 - Jamie stands and gives their service resume
 - Unanimously accepted
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JEFF motioned to close 9:48pm; ADAM seconded

ERIN closed us out with the Responsibility Statement at 9:49pm

Meeting Adjourned