

ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 2/27/2023

Start time: 8:35pm

Carolyn does intro

ADAM brought us in with the Serenity Prayer at 8:38pm

REPORTS:

Chair: Thanks again to Erin and Joel for putting together last night's connect. I had a blast!

We'll be discussing host's budget tonight.

Alt-Chair: I had the pleasure of spending my weekend at NERAASA where I spent time with Cindy and Todd. In addition I got to speak with some members of CRAYPAA and discuss some of the issues they are facing. There seems to be an issue of enthusiasm and planning for events or unity activities. I offered my ESH to some members and also pushed them towards getting involved with general service as individuals but also as a committee. Cindy reached out to me with an issue of getting on the bank account. She didn't realize that from when I added her she had 30 days to go to her local branch to finish the process, so I will be going to the bank this week to see about re-adding her to the account. Additionally, below is a link to a survey monkey for all of the bid city liaisons to take. I want to start meeting monthly to go over the bid requirements, so if you are a bid city liaison please take the survey. Shout out to Erin for an awesome unity event last night. I had a blast playing jackbox games with some of our members and a couple members of host. Kayla wants to bring those games to host and organize a unity activity for their committee, which I think is an excellent idea. As always, if you are struggling with anything or need help in any way please let me know.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TSN8VXP>

Treasurer: Advisory Account - \$5332.50

Advisory Account Breakdown:

Debit	Credit	Total
Last Balance		
\$2876.65		

Reimburse Host 9 for PayPal (Bobby did this)	\$146.65
\$2730.00	
Host 9 Reimbursed Advisory for On-Center Deposit	
\$2865.00 \$5595.00	
Deposit for mid-Year (10 @ 26.59)	\$262.50
\$5332.50	
Host 9 Account - \$6146.38	
Host 10 Account - \$2750.00	

I spoke to Todd about transferring \$1865.00 as partial reimbursement for On-Center deposit. He informed me that he already discussed reimbursement with the Host committee and they decided to repay the full \$2865.00. I transferred that amount to the Advisory account on 2-19-23. During the discussion I reminded Todd that there was still a \$1000.00 deposit for the Crown Plaza that was still owed to the Advisory account and that there was a \$2000.00 amount that was there for Chase banking purposes.

I also received a Host 9 budget and sent it to all members via email.

On 2-18-23 I gave Erin the debit card information so she could reserve the 10 sites at Schodak State Park for our Mid-Year Event May 6-7. Each site was \$19.00 with a \$7.25 reservation fee. Total was \$262.50.

All debit cards have been activated and are ready for future use.

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

Secretary: Minutes in folder and on discord.

Minutes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UKcyX0RMs1KT0NDggPpepmtIC9lw_HtfqiupwvxJtyI/edit?usp=sharing

Minutes Folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1REnZt96z50kvT9ptgx2MoOPPDqQ8JVwj?usp=sharing>

Major points from last meeting:

- There was a motion to host the mid year event day into night Schodack Island May 6-7 \$500 budget (\$600 amendment) - \$200 (\$300 amendment)

for sites \$300 for food and supplies - \$20 suggested contribution, which includes campsite and food - \$10 for the day - that motion passed.

- We had a motion to have host reimburse us the \$1865 we lent them for a deposit - that motion passed.
- We had a committee member check-in.

Everyone, please send in your reports! I will say it until it happens lol.

*KAYLA made a motion to accept the Secretary's report;CORI seconded

Hotel: Host 9 Hotel Chair has stepped down from the position so it is open currently. Todd and Cindy are currently bring the fill in hotel chair with my assistance when needed.

Current Amount of Hotel Rooms booked as of Thursday February 23, 2023

Thu 9/14/23---10 room nights

Fri 9/15/23---25 room nights

Saturday---26 room nights

Total currently is 61 room nights booked.

Current Attrition Rate is 24.6%

- We need to get to 248 room nights booked in order to meet the 80% Attrition rate out of a total of 310 room nights.
- There were another 11 room nights that were added to Thursday 9/14/23 for a Total of 21 room nights. 9 of those have been booked which leaves 2 room nights left. I have not included these yet because I need to ask if these rooms booked get applied to help with our attrition rate.

Todd and I will be making arrangements to have a formal meeting with Lexi from the Crowne Plaza in the coming weeks. Then the committee will be making a plan after which to have a walk thru done so everyone can see what the conference center looks like. This Host Committee needs our support in getting Hotel rooms booked. No Deposit is required to hold the room. If you know of anyone who is going to ESCYPAA 9 who hasn't booked a hotel room yet please tell them to do so.

*There is currently a glitch with the hotel booking link, so it will get updated and shared asap.

Archivist: Archives safe and dry

Host Liaisons

ESCYPAA 9 Host (formerly FLICYPAA): Waiting for Report

Bid City Liaisons

HVYPAA: No report received.

CRAYPAA: Thank you for the support and for getting me in contact with the new Bid Chair Sarah L. I touched base with her as I was concerned I saw that she had not been at the business meeting or submitted a report. When I got in touch with her I learned she had been ill but made it to the next meeting. She is excited to be working with such a vivacious group of people like CRAYPAA. Everyone has been settling into their new positions really well. I have high hopes for them to continue forward in the future with great positivity.

ROCYPAA: Nothing new to report.

SYRYPAA: SYRYPAA is currently working on getting a bank account set up as well as a first event worked out to tentatively have in May event. They are really starting to pull together and work as a committee, lots of growth. They outreached at the Salt City Mid Winter Round Up. That's all I got for now!

Past Host Liaison: Hosting the Keeping It Green dance on Friday, March 17th in Massapequa NY. Preparing bid book for EACYPAA.

Non Bid City Liaison: WORCYPAA had their spaghetti dinner this week cohosted with HYVPAA. I was unable to attend, as I was at the mid winter round up. I have not heard how the event was but I saw some face space posts.

Reminder: WORCYPAA is hosting their camp out at Croton Point May 19-21.

I did get to spend some time with members of host at the Mid Winter Round Up at the Crown Plaza in Syracuse. We did get to see the layout and the size of the rooms at the hotel.

Outreach: Monthly Outreach Zoom was great. We had 16 people attend. Including the Worcypaa, Craypaa Rocypaa * host Outreach Chairs, along with outreach chair from Eacypaa Bid from Njypaa & many from Advisory & host!! Stephen R gave his experience with Inreach. Thanks for all the support.

Next Outreach Call is March 21st at 8pm. I attended Salt City Mid-Winter Round-Up in Syracuse, NY. They graciously gave Host 9 & Syrypaa outreach tables at the Conference. Topher & Jules from Syrypaa outreached there committee & made Balloon Animals for folks. Jeremy, Kayla B, Jenny & Patrick manned the Host 9 table. They had lots of interest & questions from long timers!!! They got 12 pre-reggies!! Todd & Cindy attended Neraasa on Albany, where they made many contacts. Margo attended Tcypaa in Nashville as well!! Making lots of moves!! Next week host will be at Flower City Conference in Roc, followed by Conference of the Lakes in Penn Yann, NY & NHCYPAA in Nashua, NH!!

Please make the time to reach out to Host and make personal connections!!!

Prayer & Unity Chair: Thank you to all who attended last night's unity event. I believe it was a huge success! I want to try and do that once a month. I am going to coordinate with Joel for March.

I am going to be working on the midyear flyer which will be ready for next business meeting.

There will be a midyear subcommittee meeting in March. I want to get a temperature check on everyone's availability for a subcommittee meeting.

Web Chair: Updated flyers - section for Host 9 updated. Added all meeting minutes, up to date for this host year. Missing most minutes from ESCYPAA 7 and 8 years, need to work with past advisory secretaries and chair(s) for update of records.

Step 1: ADAM

Tradition 1: CORI

Concept 1: *Tabled for next week*

New Business:

1. Stephen brings us host's proposed budget

KAYLA

- Brings up how long we are out from the actual convention

- Is \$500 for 7th tradition realistic?
- Merch sales seem over projected
- No breakdown of events
- Where are all the breakdowns and comparisons?

JEFF

- Registration expenses @ \$740?
- Get stickers from dollar tree
- Different experience with hoodies - they are hot items
- Admin operating expense is for... what?
- Gifts for speakers are way too much
- Security vests available much cheaper online
- Need to see breakdowns/more in-depth breakdowns, and comparisons

ADAM

- Hospitality is way too high because the coffee is included with the hotel
- How much is pre-con merch and how much is con merch?
- Under program expenses, they don't have ASL listed - is that under accessibilities?
- Printed programs could be cut down by using QR codes
- Security can be cut down by using vests
- At least \$1k worth of cut backs that could easily come out of this

ALEX

- Is events really thought out?
- Is fear running what decisions they are making?

KAYLA

- Big Apple Bid has not heard back about cohosting or not
- The number there is NOT including the surcharges - there is a TREMENDOUS difference
- There needs to be ANYTHING listed for an outreach budget

ALEX

- Is this DJ price realistic? What is this including?

STEPHEN

- Agrees with what everyone was saying
- Points out a discrepancy in on center numbers

KAYLA

- We need an events breakdown

ZACH

- Is there any way for Todd to attend our next meeting to discuss the budget with us in real time so there isn't as much middleman back and forth?

CAROLYN

- Yes, absolutely. She explained all the processes that need to happen

- Email anything you think of to Stephen

GOOD JOB TEAM!!

STEPHEN motioned to close 9:44pm; JEFF seconded
ZACH closed us out with the Responsibility Statement at 9:45pm
Meeting Adjourned