

## ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 3/13/2023

**Start time: 8:33pm**

Bobby does intro

JAMIE brought us in with the Set Aside Prayer at 8:35pm

---

### **REPORTS:**

**Chair:** Bobby is covering for Carolyn tonight.

---

**Alt-Chair:** I hope this email finds you well! Thank you everyone for bringing up these excellent questions; let's all brainstorm some solutions and discuss it after we do the budget. As far as the budget goes for Monday's meeting, we will discuss it in old business. I talked with Todd earlier and he is bringing an updated version to Host in their meeting tomorrow. Once they approve it he will send it to us and we will go over it in old business. I asked Todd to join us at 8:45 to help answer any questions or clarifications we may have while trying to approve the budget. Hopefully this week I will meet up with Stephen to go over transferring the management of our PayPal to him (Stephen I'll text you lol); I figured out what we need to do and it is a fairly simple process. Speaking of the PayPal, I just transferred \$232.53 to our bank account. Once that clears it will be transferred over to the Host 9 account by either Stephen or myself. I received the results of the survey monkey I sent out and we will be having our first Bid City Liaison Call on Tuesday 4/4/23 at 8:30pm. Liaisons please try your best to be there, also anyone else who wants a refresher on our bid requirements are welcome to join. If you have any questions about anything, please reach out. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Monday and I'm sure many are looking forward to a meeting in which I don't have an opinion

---

### **Treasurer:**

The following is a snapshot of Chase accounts:

Advisory account	\$4717.50
Check #1005 for \$615.00 cleared	
Host 9 account	\$6312.07
Host 10 account	\$2750.00

Spoke to Todd on 2/28 via zoom. Expressed advisory concerns via notes from budget discussion 2/27. Todd texted me that they will be discussing newly revised budget at next business meeting (4/12) and will submit for approval. I told him that we would invite their committee to zoom (as discussed) if they so wish; I will resubmit report if, after their committee meeting, they decide to attend. I received a budget for bingo event and forwarded it to advisory members 3/3. Spent afternoon with host chair, co-chair, event chair and graphics chair at FCFC convention along with dinner in the evening. Outreaching was one of the highlights of the weekend!!!

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

---

**Secretary:** Minutes in folder and on discord.

Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mJTMbZgzmdBgBWEujxIG3W8rURF4aX2SF-aKX6bkZgo/edit?usp=sharing>

Minutes Folder:

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

Major points from last meeting:

- Stephen brought us host's budget and there was a lot of good discussion

Some people have sent me one report the entire year. You need to send me reports, even if you have nothing to report. Please do not have discussions that need to be had during the meeting in the minutes thread - it makes my job a lot harder.

Thanks!

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

---

**Hotel:** 10 More Rooms were added for Thursday September 14, 2023. If you have not booked your hotel rooms yet and need Thursday night as well. We have more available. The rates for Thursday thru Saturday Night is \$129.

If you run into any issues while booking please let me know.

I spoke to Host 9 members and they aren't happy with us. Some Host members felt we dragged our feet with not using the oncenter and had them look for other places to have the main meeting and now they feel the same with the budget. They feel

that we don't trust our trusted servants and that we aren't practicing the traditions and concepts correctly. There was a comment made that they would pay out of their own pocket to have their March 25th event if they had to because the budgets haven't been passed yet since we are dragging our feet. This isn't good news and this is causing disunity. I listened to their concerns and said that I would let our Advisory Committee know of the concerns.

I am concerned about this because it is an issue and we should talk about this and find a solution to make sure this Host Committee can raise the money they need to Host the Conference in September.

---

**Archivist:** Archives safe and dry

---

## **Host Liaisons**

**ESCYPAA 9 Host (formerly FLICYPAA):** Waiting for Report

---

## **Bid City Liaisons**

**HVYPAA:** No report received.

**CRAYPAA:** CRAYPAA will be having a Bud Book Subcommittee meeting to discuss changes they would like to make.

I'm in contact with the steering committee and they are trying to set up a weekly traditions Q&A zoom meeting to help the committee gain a better understanding as a whole.

Spoke with some members from host as well as fellow advisory's. I understand that support looks differently for everyone but for me making exceptions for this committee isn't the way I'd like to do it, I'd like to support them by showing them the right way to do things. The budget for instance, showing them what is needed to get the budget passed rather than passing a bare bones budget is what I think makes most sense. They passed two more events (Concepts & Tubing) but we still don't have an expanded budget to approve.

I believe it's easy to point the finger at advisory for dragging feet rather than looking at themselves for not submitting a viable budget. I'd be willing to work closely with each subco to help them put together their detailed part of the budget.

**ROCYPAA:** Nothing new to report.

**SYRYPAA:** Nothing new to report.

---

**Past Host Liaison:** LICYPAA holds their business meetings on the first and third Mondays @8:15pm - hybrid - Zoom ID: 658 749 0274 / pw: licypaa  
LICYPAA, YPAA, AA and every life he touched is mourning the loss of our dear friend Kevin Krooss. Longtime LICYPAA staple; a loving, caring and really really fucking funny man. Kevin was a true power of example. Truly grateful I got to share precious moments with him on this journey. Kevin's service is going to be at Brueggeman's Funeral Home on Larkfield Rd. In East Northport, NY on Saturday, March 18th from 2-4pm. Afterwards, many will probably go to eat and then hold a candlelight vigil in Caumsett State Park in Lloyd Harbor, NY at 7pm.

Upcoming events and happenings:

Friday, March 16th 6pm-11pm - Keeping It Green Dance - 6-7pm AA meeting - 7-11pm Dance and Fellowship

Friday Sept 8th - Sunday Sept 10th - LICYPAA Campout - new location this year, Eastern Long Island Kampground, Greenport NY - registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/licypaa-kampout-tickets-580747139327>

Friday May 19th - Sunday May 21st - co-hosting WORCYPAA Campout - Croton-On-Hudson Campgrounds

Continue to develop Bid Book for EACYPAA, presenting bid June 1st - June 4th Tampa, Fl

**Non Bid City Liaison:** WORCYPAA is have an event with Big Apple Bid on April 15th. The flyer is (hopefully) attached. They are also planning their annual Mario Cart Party for sometime in April.

STYCYPPA Is co-hosting an event with ESCYPAA April 28th. Again (hopefully) flyer is attached.

I spoke with some host members at the FCFconvention in Rochester last week and via text this week. There is some concern on how we are dragging our feet passing their budget. One member asked me if their was something personal. With our committee.

Maybe be need to look closer at traditions. This divide seems to be a reoccurring problem between host and advisory.

---

**Outreach:** As for Outreach. Host has been busy. They went to Tcypaa,FCFC in Rochester and NHSCYPAA. I have encouraged them to pish hotel bookings along with pre-reggies & scholarships! They are doing a great job. I have been making it a point to reach out to EVERY host member and just check in with them. Let's remember they are all brand new to this!!! Let's Advice while using the Traditions & Concepts!!!

---

**Prayer & Unity Chair:** I don't really have anything to report. I will be having a midyear subcommittee on Wednesday. I have new business. There is a flyer to be approved for midyear. :-) My service might be spotty during the meeting so I am going to send Danielle the flyer in case I'm not able to show it.

---

**Web Chair:** Looking for support in developing a New York YPAA Calendar - an integrated calendar into the website that has all events, business meetings, and area happenings for our state

Updated YPAA Events & Flyers section with all new events.. YPAA is ALIVE in NY. Some really awesome events throughout the state.

A few website updates that are in development:

ESCYPAA Archives - will be working with Alex (Archives Chair) to build out on our digitized archives.. this is a unique role we play as an Advisory Committee in keeping records and documents for each host year. I'm hoping during this year as web chair to expand upon the speaker tapes available online to some of the cool material (within traditions) that we have available to share with all.

Meeting Minutes - will be working on collecting all past minutes from 2020 - 2022

---

**Concept 3:** RYAN

---

**Discussion with Host:** CINDY and TODD present

CINDY

- Planning an event, outreached it, and were then told to stop because there was no budget (even though we thought
- Host was asked to give Advisory access to their minutes, and that raises the question "Do we actually have autonomy?"

JAMIE

- I do remember seeing a bingo event budget submitted
- Refers to the by-laws about "complete autonomy"
- Fully believe they should be granted complete autonomy and need to trust our trusted servants

KAYLA

- In the spirit of AA and of transparency

DANIELLE

- 501c3 status organizations have to share their minutes and by-laws

TODD

- Believe that is only required of advisory

CINDY

- Shares that it feels weird that they are 'being checked up on'

ALEX

- Gets clarification from Cindy that they are not saying to come to their meetings, but to reach out to them

KAYLA

-

DANIELLE

- As a host committee everything was transparent - within our committee and with advisory
- Not sitting right with me because it seems very fear based
- We are not asking to see the minutes to govern host or criticize anything host does
- The transparency helps us support host better

CINDY

- Can feedback come to host from one designated member of advisory to one designated member of host?
- Wants communication to funnel better
- Wants to have transparency

BOBBY

- Really likes the idea presented by Cindy
- Feels we do have good communication actually
- Individuals talking to a member of advisory that they think it's coming directly from advisory

JAMIE

- By-laws reference "...no individual will act independently..."
- Bobby mentioned acting as a whole and don't listen to one person

ZACH

- Refers to Ryan's share of Concept 3
- I don't talk to host about hotels, because I'm not Hotel Chair; I don't to host about money because I am not the treasurer
- All my job is to do is to check in with host and uphold my personal chair position as liaison to SYRYPAA

ADAM

- Trust host to make decisions and be autonomous

- Thanks host for bringing their concerns to our attention

BOBBY

- Thanks everyone for coming and sharing tonight
  - 99% of the problems in AA come from a breakdown in communication
- 

## **New Business:**

### 1. Budget discussion with Host

RYAN

- Thanks host for the revised budget with the breakdown - very helpful in helping us support you the best we can
- I trust there is an understanding of what budgetary needs there are, and even though some numbers may scare me, we've entrusted you to make these decisions

KAYLA

- Thanks for the two revised budgets
- Net gain vs. net loss - YAY
- Not sure where the estimate for lanyards came from
- Concerned with DJ
- Concerned with security budget, but trust you to make the decision that's best for you

TODD

- Inflated costs to provide wiggle room
- Trusts the process - ex: Bobby saved host \$2800 from something missed, so very grateful for that
- Go ahead and send Meg the contact info for the DJ
- Security cost includes walkies, would have no problem taking that off there
- Very grateful everything is happening the way it is

JAMIE

- We put out deposits - what were they? Didn't see them on the budget

TODD

- Transferred out the half payment for the on-center
- It's all part of the actual budget - part of the expense across that

JEFF

- Ran into Host 7 - the place where we got the quote for the bid book couldn't actually cover us, so we had to scramble and find a place to cover
- So just double check and make sure

TODD

- Will reach out to the chair of area assembly for their insurance company's information because they are used to working with AA and 501c3s

ALEX

- Seeing two conflicting line items, and Todd clarifies

\*\*\*HOST, Cindy and Todd, leave

BOBBY

- Do we want to have more discussion or do we

STEPHEN

- Despite our concerns, I don't think the way the budget is written right now is going to make or break the conference
- I would like to make a motion to accept the host 9 budget as submitted yesterday (ZACH seconds)

RYAN

- Concerns were addressed and trusts them

KAYLA

- Nothing to add; they have autonomy; looks good to me

JEFF, JAMIE, DANIELLE, ZACH, CORI, STEPHEN

- Nothing new to add

ADAM

- If cuts need to be made later, that could always be done
- Thinks we should pass it as it stands

ALEX

- This is what we do, we over-inflate numbers. It's a part of it and they're doing great. Let's give them a budget to get going with!

**10 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain**

**MOTION PASSES**

2. KAYLA makes a motion to accept the mid year event flyer; DANIELLE seconds

**10 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstain**

**MOTION PASSES**

3. Stephen takes the floor and extends his condolences with the Long Island people. To change pace, he wants to express that he feels there is something going wrong within advisory. As advisory members we have to be really careful with what we discuss with host members. We need to take a real good look at what we are discussing with host members. Feels important that WE know our roles; not get ego driven; "never miss an opportunity to keep your mouth shut".

4. Bobby - brainstorm how we can best help our host committee



JEFF

- We can not compare our host committee with their host committee
- They do not have the experience that we had; we had 4 years and they have 6 months
- I sponsor two guys on the committee and I set the boundary that they can not talk to me about ESCYPAA - they need to speak to their service sponsors about it
- People on host are really just feeling disconnected
- We NEED to be reaching out to ALL host members - not just Cindy or Todd
- Ask them how they're doing, not gossip

KAYLA

- Meet them where they're at
- It was always explained to our host committee what our relationship with advisory was supposed to be, but it seems like this host committee does not understand this
- Maybe we can better inform future host committees about the procedures between host and advisory are
- Reaching out to host members is absolutely imperative
- What can we do to better support our host committees in the future?

ERIN

- Staying in our lane and making sure we are here to support, not control
- Want to do more unity events with them, and getting their feedback as to what kind of unity events they would like to have

ROGER

- Brings up doing prayer partners again

STEPHEN

- Todd reached out in text about the next event; had discussions with him about moving forward and keep going
- Shared what he thought advisory would think about something, but said to always speak to Carolyn or Bobby
- If we leave things in the people's hands who are supposed to deal with things, we'll be okay
- We are all navigating things as best we can

BOBBY

- Talked to Todd a lot this weekend
- We are all here to all work together

---

JEFF motioned to close 9:58pm; RYAN seconded

ERIN closed us out with the WE version of the Serenity Prayer at 9:59pm  
**Meeting Adjourned**