

ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 3/27/2023

Start time: 8:35pm

Carolyn does intro

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

REPORTS:

Chair: Not too much to report. I've been connecting with different host members to see how we can best support them. We're 170 days out! Thanks to you all for approving the budget. *2 items added to the agenda

Alt-Chair: Nothing new to report as anything I did was covered in other reports. I'm getting a root canal done today, so I won't be on the call. Love you all!

Treasurer:

The following is a snapshot of Chase accounts:

Advisory account \$5717.50

PayPal credit of \$232.53

Transferred \$1000.00 from Host 9 for Crown Plaza deposit

Transferred \$232.53 From Advisory to Host 9 for PayPal credit

Host 9 account \$5617.97

Host 10 account \$2750.00

Spoke to Todd about \$1000.00 Crown Plaza deposit. Host agreed to reimburse Advisory prior to call. I Transferred \$1000.00 to Advisory account from Host 9 account on 3/13/2023.

I advised Todd that the budget was approved and advised him to consult the Advisory committee for any changes moving forward.

I noticed a PayPal credit for \$232.53 to the Advisory account on 3/13/2023. I spoke to Todd; this was a transfer he made as he is a limited user on the PayPal account for this purpose specifically. I transferred the \$232.53 from Advisory to Host 9 account. On 3/25/2023 Bobby and I had a zoom call and transferred PayPal to my name. Ryan, please be on the lookout for email concerning PayPal; Please

forward to me when you can. I added the Host 9 account and Host 10 account to the PayPal account so that transfers can be to the correct account rather than to the Advisory account and then transferring it to one of the other accounts. I would like to discuss a change to this process during my report, if possible. There was a \$70.92 balance in the PayPal account that I have transferred to Host 9 account 3/26/23; this transfer takes 1-3 business days to avoid instant transfer fees.

Received the following email from Todd 3/23/2023 –

Bobbie and Stephen,

Please share this with all of the Advisory since in reality it is to everyone.

I just wanted to take a minute to say thank you for all that everyone on advisory does, I am so glad to be working with all of you.

I was preparing my report for next Sunday's Business Meeting and literally I became so grateful. For this month I am so grateful to all of you but especially Kala for saving my butt by finding a missed line item on the budget.

We are going to have an awesome conference and have a great time at a bunch of events.

Todd

Spoke with Todd 3/26/2023 and he informed me that the Bingo Event profited \$1059.00!!!

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

Secretary: Minutes in folder and on discord.

Minutes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ITKA5EDCqgnEqsF5YMxYlpT2qgUeWfEE_-2J8pU9-x0/edit?usp=sharing

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

Major points from last meeting:

- Cindy and Todd joined us to discuss how Host is feeling
- Motion to accept Host 9's proposed budget was passed
- Motion to accept the mid year event flyer that Erin made was passed
- Brainstormed how we can best help our host committee

Some people have sent me one report the entire year. You need to send me reports, even if you have nothing to report. Thanks!

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

Hotel: The last Hotel Update I received was on March 17, 2023. This was 9 days ago which I am sure you all saw in discord.

Hotel Rooms Booked so far.

Thursday 9/14/23---23

Friday 9/15/23---38

Saturday 9/16/23---40

Current Attrition Rate is at 28%

I was told yesterday March 25, 2023 that more Hotel rooms have been booked for those attending ESCYPAA 9. The Numbers are most likely higher.

Lexi from the Crowne Plaza has not updated us yet on if Thursday is included on Attrition. Todd Is going to email her again and ask. I am hopeful we will get a message this week.

Archivist: Archives safe and dry.

Bid City Liaisons

HVYPAA: No report received.

CRAYPAA: CRAYPAA held a Bid Book Subcommittee Meeting where 8 members participated. I provided information from Adam about hotels in their area. More Bid Book Subcos to come regularly. Lots of discussion of making this more of the whole groups efforts and not just one or two people like last year.

CRAYPAA has a Talent Show on April 22nd at 6pm in Saratoga Springs.

Last year Host maintained a NYS event calendar to avoid conflicts, there is not one this year yet. I know Ryan is working on that so that it's Advisory's responsibility to maintain such a calendar. I feel it's super important that that's launched asap (I'm more than willing to help with this as I did it all last year). I've had a few people reach out to me in the recent past and ask why the event calendar isn't up to date (on the ESCY 8 website), which shows me that people used it as a tool. I think this will help with statewide unity in its own way.

I noticed that the Host event on April 22nd (Concepts) was posted once on March 10 but likely got lost in the shuffle of FB with all the bingo blasts and other events posted by various committees. It's my understanding that the Host group conscience is to not use FB Event pages, but without that there's no clear list of upcoming events with dates visible. You see what is most recently posted. Being that there are 8 active committees in the state, there's a lot of events to find and try to avoid conflicts when planning events without a statewide event calendar.

Regardless I will speak with the CRAYPAA Events chair about moving forward to try and not to pick a date that conflicts with another committees already motioned event, especially Host.

ROCYPAA: ROCCYPAA is having an ask it basket bingo brunch April 8th 1-5 pm. They have an events spread sheet with other ypaas committees events if you'd like me to pass that along as well.

SYRYPAA: SYRYPAA showed up for ESCYPAA host and then had a unity event! They're still struggling with getting members. Other than that SYRYPAA is trying to find a place to have an event and I'll keep you all posted.

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 held their annual Keeping It Green Dance on St. Patricks Day to a real solid turnout and great AA speakers!

Upcoming events and happenings:

Saturday, July 22nd - Not A Glum Prom - dj, dance, photos, co-hosted by a TON of other NY YPAA committees

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: STYCYPAA is struggling right now. Jeff and I attended a zoom call with all members (except one who was unavailable). It was a productive call. They are hoping to cohost their annual campout with HOST. And they do have an upcoming event April 28th

Nothing new with worcypaa. They are planning their campout in May and the Mario event.

Hopefully I can remember how to attach flyers here.

Still nothing new with BUFFYPAA.

Outreach: Had a great Outreach Call this month. 15 pple attended. We had a check in. Stcypaa, Rocypaa & Syrypa attended!!! Please remind your bids of the monthly call. I attended the Host "3 Chapters" Event. Approximately 50 pple attended. It was a great time.

Jamie and I met with Stcypaa on Friday, March 24th. Had a great talk with their committee (minus 2). I gather they need support with Unity. They seem to be ok in other areas!!

They could use support from us.

I am disappointed that a bid city is having an event on the same day as the host committee, regardless of time. Full transparency, if CRAYPAA came too or communicated with host, this wouldn't have happened.

It's one thing if there are 2 events 5 hours apart, but they are 2 hours apart.

Had some chats with Meg from host. They are starting to have subco's to decide theme & other program related stuff.

Prayer & Unity Chair: We have a midyear subcommittee meeting on April 5th at 8pm. That's all I have. 😊 See you all tonight!

Web Chair: Kayla ← I will take you up on your offer to help develop a New York YPAA Calendar - 1 events, business meetings, and area happenings for our state. I'll be in touch this week!

Updated YPAA Events & Flyers section with all new events.

Added a Mid-Year webpage to our website. Working on integrating registration.

Members at Large:

ROGER: Hi everyone. Recently, I've been reaching out more to our fellow host committee, to offer support and see how they're doing. I think reinstating the "accountability buddy" system - both within the advisory committee and our committee- can help us build those meaningful connections and promote a more collaborative environment.

I also believe it's important to communicate that we're approachable and open to discussion. I get that it's tough for host to step outside of their comfort zones, but I believe that personal growth is essential to our success as a community. I would like to see more By working together and building relationships, we can achieve more than we could on our own

Discussion on Supporting Host:

ERIN

- Maybe we can have another game night
- A lot of people came for the meeting and left, so maybe we can get more people to stay this time

DANIELLE

- I think we are doing a really good job at reaching out actually. I know a lot of people are reaching out to multiple members on host very regularly.
- If something is missing that needs to be nurtured, I'd love to hear what other people think that is and what we can do about it.
- If we aren't communicating as much as is necessary, then let's do prayer partners or accountability-buddies, but I don't think that's the issue.

JEFF

- I do feel like we are supporting them, and they seem to express feeling supported
- Not always being able to make it to every event, so just message and call people to ask about the event, etc

CAROLYN

- Reminder that we get travel stipends and reads reference to by-laws

STEPHEN

- Shares feeling regarding

KAYLA

- What is the actual conflict or discussion right now?
- Seems like they know they are supported.

CAROLYN

- What are some new ways to support them? Take this as an extension of the good communicating we are already doing.

ZACH

- Feels very awkward on the phone and doesn't want to be over-stepping. Would love people to private message him with ideas on how to communicate with host members.

New Business:

1. State-wide event calendar

CAROLYN

- There is a major conflict between a bid committee and host having events on the same day
- Wants suggestions on strategies to make this calendar happen

KAYLA

- Feels very strongly about advisory making and maintaining an event calendar for NYS YPAAs
- If this only falls on host, there is always going to be a lag on the updating of information
- People use these calendars and they are very helpful; Ryan is open and willing to do this with Kayla's collaborative assistance.

DANIELLE

- I think this is a great idea
- It absolutely CAN NOT hurt to have this calendar in place

ADAM

- Agrees with Danielle
- Let's make sure it's kept up to date; liaison's will help make this happen
- Suggests "divide and conquer" with conflicting event committees (CRAYPAA and HOST)

JEFF

- The calendar is a great idea
- One existed years ago, but it got lost in the web ether
- Another had ALL YPAA events across the country, and it was A LOT
- Suggests having a place to submit events and flyers
- Going to do better, himself, at outreaching and communicating
- Having "so many" bid cities to have conflicts in NY is a GOOD THING

KAYLA

- Zach is in the outreach chat
- There is a YPAA event calendar for the country, still, but it only includes conferences and not all events in general
- Glad everyone feels the same way
- Thank God we have so many active committees in our state!
- Loves divide and conquer and we did it on ESCY 8, the only problem here is that Host doesn't have a lot of members to do so

ERIN

- Changing the outreach meeting flyer to create intrigue

KAYLA

- Host group conscience is that they don't use FB event pages

ERIN

- Really concerned that Host is not using Events on FB

JAMIE

- Host has autonomy and can make that decision for themselves

KAYLA

- Seconds what Jamie said, and adds that we do not govern.
- Shares she feels very strongly that FB event pages are really helpful, and that host has a right to be wrong.

ROGER

- Believes that people have gone too far with not sharing
- Not suggesting we say anything to host but just sharing the history in AA

ERIN

- Host having a hard time with unity - maybe not utilizing FB is keeping them disconnected

KAYLA

- The ESCYPAA FB group follows the GSO guidelines that are specific to the internet
- Private AND Hidden - everything is set up correctly and adheres to Traditions

2. Todd and Cindy attended our last meeting. There was a misunderstanding that arose from that call. This misunderstanding wound up becoming a he said, she said situation. We need to be mindful of how we communicate with Host. Watch your filter, the information you're sharing, the context you are sharing from, etc. How can we help them unify? We need to avoid conflict, creating conflict, adding to conflict, and so on.

JEFF

- Sponsors two people on the committee and set a boundary with them that they will need to talk about concerns specific to ESCY with someone else
- Talks about his host committee a lot
- Lost in translation stuff is happening
- If you don't get along with someone on the advisory committee, maybe don't talk to someone on host

DANIELLE

- Loves how Carolyn described it

STEPHEN

- Believes the word Danielle was looking for is "Carolyn said it eloquently" (Danielle: YES)

- Where this is unsettling is that someone from Advisory went to a host committee member and mentioned something about their bingo event and a possible conflict, and caused a
- We need to take a look at our behaviors.
- Something that isn't discussed or finalized, can not be discussed with anyone, especially not on Host.
- Never miss an opportunity to keep your mouth shut ;-P

ADAM

- Anything I talk to a sponsor or sponsee about is made clear that something like "I am talking to you as my sponsor to work this out"; makes sure they understand that he is not talking to them as an advisory member
- Making sure that his side of the street is clean

KAYLA

- Feeling very distrustful of the committee as a whole because their personal conversation was violated

ZACH

- Can Erin give us a prayer?

ERIN

- YEAH!! (Deep breath in and out - WE version of the Serenity Prayer)

3. STCYPAA is really struggling

JEFF

- Thinks is mostly personality conflict issues, not putting principles before personalities
- Suggesting go for a hike, go to breakfast, etc
- Encouraged them to have elections (were trying a weird rotating chair thing that hasn't been successful)
- How can we help them?

4. Advisory help host as they disband

KAYLA

- Really sad that STCYPAA is down to only 4 members
- LICYPAA got stronger, so there must be something that can be isolated to be used to help disbanding committees

STEPHEN

- Can support places, but not in control
- Makes me feel so sad, but I don't have that power
- They have to go through those growing pains, and then we can be there when they come out of it

JEFF

- Biggest reason most people did not go back to STCYPAA bid for a really long time, and it wore people down
- It's just going to take time and support
- It will come back around

JAMIE

- Piggy backing off of Stephen and Jeff - many people did not stay on the committee because they did not want to relive that experience.
- These committees all have Ebbs and Flows
- On track to build more unity

STEPHEN made a motion to close; CORI seconded
ERIN closed with The Responsibility Statement at 10:00pm