

ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 4/24/2023

Start time: 8:32pm

Carolyn does intro

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

REPORTS:

Chair: For new business, we're going to go over points we'd like to discuss with Host at mid year and chat about where they're at.

Checking in weekly with Cindy. Merch chair stepped down, but graphics is willing to take it on and combine the two positions. Merch has been obtained from the previous merch chair. Necessity to keep the database on our website updated. Their last event was well attended but we did make an \$8 profit! (Every little bit counts - I don't think Carolyn actually said that but that's what I heard lol.)

I'm finishing up the Mid-Year schedule for our committee specifically and should have that for you shortly. Our call to be at the campground site is at 10 am. We will have a meeting the following Monday on Zoom as well.

As always, please let me know directly if you cannot attend the call. Let me know if you have any new business before the call.

Alt-Chair: So Stephen brought to my attention some issues he is running into at the back as when I added him onto the accounts he was not given the proper permissions that he should have. My plan is to go to Chase in the morning to see if I can rectify those issues. When I do that I will also change the address and phone number associated with our accounts to Stephens. Finally, I will then be removing myself from the accounts as Stephen is well informed of how to manage the accounts and more than capable of handling any issues. With this I just want to put a reminder out that any accounts that having recurring charges that are linked to my debit cards will need to be changed, in addition to the credit card authorization forms for the Crown Plaza and OnCenter. Thank you to everyone who joined our first bid requirement adhoc the other week. Our next meeting will be 4/30 at

6:00pm; hoping that this time will work better for people and we can get the most attendance possible. Our next bid city liaison call is going to be 5/9 at 8:30 pm, so please join us if you can. I am still trying to get in contact with an accountant who can answer our tax return questions and I will keep everyone informed once I hear something.

Treasurer:

The following is a snapshot of Chase accounts:

Advisory account	\$5717.50
Host 9 account	\$5566.82
Host 10 account	\$2750.00

I have some concerns about the Hotel attempting to debit the Advisory Account \$3000.00 Friday 4-21. I think that this may be a learning experience in many areas. Thankfully, the transaction was declined by Bobby. My concerns lie in other areas for me personally. I did not know any of this until Ryan forwarded the fraud alert email to me (Saturday evening 4-22). I called Ryan (no answer but called me back), Carolyn (no answer) and Bobby (answered) and he was aware of the attempted debit and declined the transaction. As the treasurer, I really should be involved in anything relating to the accounts; especially of this nature and as soon as possible.

What I noticed on the fraud alert email was the card that the hotel tried to debit was not one of the cards in my possession; but a card that is in Bobby's name from being the interim treasurer. I spoke to Bobby about this and he said that he still has cards and they are active on the account. I voiced my concern that there should not be any cards other than the cards I have active on the accounts. Bobby said that he will get the cards off the account next week. I was not comfortable with this and have taken action to have those cards removed, and the number changed for fraud alerts, first thing Monday morning.

I don't know if this is possible moving forward but, maybe we should look at handling hotel deposits using checks instead of giving debit card information.

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

Secretary: Minutes in folder and on discord. Thank you Ryan for taking the minutes while I was sick last meeting!

Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Zh-s4OMuQ1RGyQWN3vDvLkGUtf91Ti3/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110265512522740550849&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Minutes Folder:

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

Major points from last meeting:

- Forming Ad-Hoc to revise Bid Requirements Document.
- Erin nominates Bobby to chair Ad-Hoc
- Bobby proposes a first meeting on Sunday, April 16th @8:30pm
- Stephen shares extension to his report on the ROCYPAA Bingo Event regarding Host presence at the event. Group discussion around Host.
- Discussion on a Unity event between Host and Advisory focusing on games over Zoom

Thank you for sending me reports. I'm looking forward to telling you all about Tradition 3!

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

Hotel: I almost had nothing new to report until yesterday. The Hotel tried to take a \$1000/month for the last 3 months in the amount of \$3,000. Payment was denied by Bobby. The hotel was spoken to about the contract and payment was not supposed to be made until August 31, 2023. Apparently Danielle left and no one was informed or even read the contract when Todd spoke with them. The Crowne Plaza is aware and I told Todd today to please check with the Oncenter so we are all on the same page.

Please get the bid committees to book their hotel rooms and register for ESCYPAA 9. The Attrition Rate has barely moved in the last 2 weeks.

Archivist: Archives are safe and dry. Will unfortunately be missing tonight's meeting. Hope everyone is doing well!

Bid City Liaisons

HVYPAA: HVYPAA had a nachos and tradition themed event this past friday. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend because of work but I was kept in the loop on

how it went. A ton of new people who had never been to an event or heard of HVYPAA of all ages were in attendance! Didn't get numbers but there's reason to believe the event was profitable. Will be having a call on Tuesday evening with Evan the facilities chair to see how the hunt for hotels is going. Also perhaps a wellness check on the archives is in order to make sure they are in fact "safe and dry" as AI reports. Looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow night!

CRAYPAA: I had the pleasure of attending the CRAYPAA Talent Show after also attending and speaking at the HVYPAA Nacho Average Traditions Panel (which was also highly attended). The Talent Show was well attended I counted over 40 during the opening meeting.

CRAYPAA has narrowed their search down to 3 hotels to obtain contracts from. They're doing a great job at attracting their community and getting people interested in service below the group. There was talk of contacting treatment facilities and sober houses to see if they can bring meetings in. Also talk about adding Area/District Liaisons to their bylaws as standing positions (individuals have been volunteering to attend those meetings and one district decided to create a YPAA liaison). Love how these guys are learning as they go.

I have plans to attend the Host River Floating Event, it's hard to get up there as it is a HIKE that eats almost an entire day.

I have my concerns with the news of Host losing more members. But I do have faith that this conference will be a success. I'm open to helping host however I able to. I have some personal things going on that will likely restrain my financial and personal availability. Everything will continue working out as it always does with God in one had and AA in the other. 🙏

ROCYPAA: ROCYPAA is starting to go over bid requirements. They also have a silent disco event June 3rd.

SYRYPAA: Have an event planned for June 17th with a confirmed location. They are putting a flyer together and once they have it they will send it to myself and Jeff.

Past Host Liaison: LICYPAA voted to hold a Tie Dye event called Traditional Tie Dye on June 10th 2pm-6pm in East Islip, NY. There will be a Traditions Panel at 5pm. LICYPAA is about 6 weeks away from presenting their bid for EACYPAA, during this year's conference in St. Petersburg, Florida June 1-4!

Non Bid City Liaison: Nothing new to report with non-bid cities at this time.

HOST NEWS: Refresher from report last time: Host has had two key position come open this week because two people stepped down. There seems to be some issues with the event today. I'm hoping that bid cities and advisory shows up for them. Host is going to need a lot of support from us AND bid committees. I would like us to discuss this in new business on Monday.

Update: I attended the Host event. This was not a very well attended event. The out of town speaker had to cancel at the last minute. Host did a very good job of finding people to speak in their place. I did notice that there were NO bid cities in attendance and advisory attendance was limited to members that are connected to host by sponsor and sponsee relationships. I am surprised at this after mid-year discussions from last year.

Outreach: Monthly mtg was poorly attended. Had 9 folks attend. Topic was "How to Support tge Host Committee!", the Rocypaa Outreach was the only bid city to attend. Would like to see some more participation from Bid Cities!!! Please talk to your bid cities about attending the monthly Outreach Mtg.

I attended the "Spring into the Concepts " event today. They had 20 people attend. They are struggling in a lot of areas right now. They had their Registration Chair & Merchandise Chair step down this week. They NEED OUR SUPPORT!!! They have 8 active members!!!!

Adam, Jamie and I helped out at their event today. Adam & Jamie manned the Reg & Merch while I sold 50/50!!

We had a blast!!!

Hoping we can discuss what we can do to help this Host Committee!!!! They need us!!!

Prayer & Unity Chair: Had a subcommittee meeting last week. Bobby and I were the only ones on there... at midyear we are going to be doing the meetings at the park right by the park. We will also be cooking over there because we don't have grills on the campsite.

Web Chair: Made a few tweaks to the "Bidding Section" in attempts to make the Bid Requirements Document more accessible. Please provide any/all feedback. Moved the "Meeting Lists" under a single heading with the "Flyers and Calendar" to make the headers easier to follow on desktop/mobile.

Step Three: Jeff speaks on Step 3

Tradition Three: Danielle speaks on Tradition 3

Business:

Discussion about Host. What do we want to talk to them about?

- Committee member retention and unity
- Outreach needs to step it up - do not show up with registrations and merch anywhere
- They need to stop trying to do things the hard way; re-evaluate some of their group conscience decisions; cohost things with other committees
- They NEED to make more money
- Suggest meeting bombs and more online/Facebook presence
- Unity is needed amongst the committee; how can we help make that happen?
- They're not making announcements at meetings for their convention or the events; not outreaching the boat cruise
- **Carolyn asks us to each think about a time we each had a positive transformative moment on your host committee that we can share with them**
- It's not too early to start a pre-reg contest amongst the committees to get things moving
- Love the inspo and ideas surrounding their events; all their different creative outlets they are using to connect with the newcomer; incorporating our principles in their event creation
- They work well under pressure; were able to pull out the stops and make something work for an event when they needed to
- Most of their events have been successful
- We want to add perspective to the pot, not take away their autonomy
- In a town with 6 AA members, we gained one more host committee member
- Another 50 year old member thought they couldn't join because they're too old, then saw Cindy and Todd, and joined the host committee
- They really are making an effort to expand, and want to understand how to do it
- Their events are great and we trust them to spread the message of AA and YPAA and carry that message effectively

JEFF made a motion to close; ADAM seconded

ERIN closed with the WE version of The Serenity Prayer at 9:47pm