

ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 5/22/2023

Start time: 8:32pm

Bobby does intro

RYAN K brought us in with the Serenity Prayer at 8:34pm

REPORTS:

Chair: I hope you're having lovely weekends!

Some life updates for me — my last day at my job was Friday and I start my new job on June 5th! Thanks for being part of the support system that made it possible for these amazing gifts in my life ✨

Monday's agenda includes going over Kayla's templates. It's also been 2 weeks since midyear, so hopefully Liaisons we're able to touch base with their committees & have feedback to discuss in new business. If there is any other new business, please add it to your report and give Bobby a heads up as I will not be on our call.

If you're unable to make it, please reach out to Bobby directly. If anyone wants to volunteer for step, tradition and concept 4, please reach out to Bobby!

Alt-Chair: I will be sending out the formal agenda this afternoon when I get home from work. The only thing I have to update is that I heard back from the accountant I reached out to and they are not taking any new clients at this time. So, I'm not sure what to do from here and would like to leave it to the group to discuss what we want to do in regard to our taxes. Looking forward to seeing you all tonight.

In addition, our next bid requirements adhoc is this sunday 5/28 at 6pm

Treasurer:

The following is a snapshot of Chase accounts:

Advisory account \$5986.85

Host 9 account \$5814.09
Host 10 account \$2750.00

The change in the Advisory account from \$5247.04 is the deposits of \$532.00 cash (\$382 collected at Mid-Year and \$150 cash withdrawn for change) and \$207.81 (PayPal deposit from Mid-Year minus fees).

I had to re-add Todd as an authorized user and got my card reactivated. Apparently, when I attempted to call fraud alert about changing administrators (before I was an account administrator) they locked my card because I had all the right answers except for the phone number (which Bobby's was still on account).

Additionally, the extra \$3000.00 that the Crown Plaza deposited was reimbursed (three \$1000.00 debits) from the Host 9 account on May 9, 2023.

I'm confident in reporting that the bank account is ALL SET!!!!

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

Secretary: Thank you everyone for understanding my absence at our last business meeting, after I had to have an emergency root canal. It sucked! But I'm better from that now. Thank you Carolyn for helping me get the minutes situation figured out. I'm sure whoever took notes will send that to me to put into our minutes folder as well. Not sure who did, so please send them to me when you get a chance.

Minutes from last meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14bXD8P3vv4vIbHWfuBnBspSQu5mEgid4/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110265512522740550849&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Minutes Folder:

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

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

Hotel: I sent an email to the Crowne Plaza Hotel to see if Todd and I can meet with on Thursday June 15th. I am waiting on a response hopefully I get one tomorrow before our meeting as i sent the email yesterday. Then after that the Host Committee can plan a walk thru prior to the conference.

Updated Hotel Rooms booked as of 5/22/23:

Our Attrition is at 41.5% so we have another 38.5% to go. We are just over half way to our attrition rate.

We have 133 room nights booked.

We have the following left room nights open that can be booked listed below.

16 left for Thursday 9/14

97 left for Friday 9/15

95 left for Saturday 9/16

I have a list of names of who has booked their rooms so far. From what I saw on the list is that there are members of Advisory, bid committees across New York State who have not booked their rooms yet and know who they are. Bid City Liaisons could you please pass the word along to those people for me please to book their hotel rooms.

Archivist: Hey guys archives are definitely still safe and dry!

Bid City Liaisons

HVYPAA: Some progress has been made as far as finding facilities for the bid. The Holiday Inn in Poughkeepsie is definitely in play and there has been communication. I have heard some details but nothing is in writing so I'll wait to talk to the facilities chair this week. They have another really interesting option which is a resort, boutique-ish hotel (I forgot the name I apologize). It def has things that a regular hotel wouldn't have (like tennis/sports facilities to use, a built in lounge/club for a dance) but might require some more tedious negotiation since they aren't one of the major chains.

As far as events go:

July 15th Cohosted with District 3 AA 'Oke (Karaoke event)

July 29th Cohosted with Worcy:

BBq and Bags event

CRAYPAA: I'm typing this report from beautiful Croton on Hudson after an amazing and wet NYStatwide Campout. There was a ton of unity shown.

As per CRAYPAA, I attended their business meeting and offered the feedback discussed at our last meeting. Highlighting the need for more events and focusing on service as a group. They voted at the following meeting (Tuesday) to move their business meeting to the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 5pm at the CDRC in Albany only. Making the meeting more accessible and less confusing to remember. Their first Sunday meeting is today to replace the one that would have been Saturday.

The entirety of the committee took all the feedback gracefully and sound like they are hitting the ground running with planning more events. More to come!! From what I read in their minutes it looks like there are 3 members that have missed 2 consecutive meetings without giving a report or reason. There was a motion to reach out and give them a warning that if they don't show at the next they will automatically be resigning from their position. One of which was their Bid Book chair.

ROCYPAA: I reached out to rocypaa to see feed back from midyear and waiting for a response. They have a silent disco June 3rd from 7-11pm!

SYRYPAA: Here's a flyer for SYRYPAA's event (attached to email thread). Tomorrow they will finalize everything for their second event.

Past Host Liaison: - LICYPAA will be submitting their Bid Book for EACYPAA this week! Anyone who is attending the conference, LICYPAA would LOVE your support!

- June 10th 2pm-6pm: Traditional Tie Dye - 127 Country Village Lane, East Islip - Traditions panel @5pm

- June 25th 10am : LICYPAA 20th Annual Luau - Robert Moses State Park, Field 2 - 600 Robert Moses State Pkwy, Babylon NY

- July 22nd 6pm-11pm - Not A Glum Prom - cohosted ESCYPAA XI, CRAYPAA, WORCYPAA, SYRUP, ROCYPAA, Big Apple Bid, and more!

- Sept 8th-10th - LICYPAA Kampout - 690 Queens St, Greenport NY 11944

Non Bid City Liaison: I got to hang with host at the WORCYPAA camp out today. Host sold some pre-regs and some Merch.

There is some buzz from BUFFYPAA.

STYCYPAA is planning a campout (possibly co-hosted by host) August 18-20.

HOST NEWS: ____

Outreach: We had a great Outreach Call. 20 people attended. Peter V from Delco Bid fir Pennscypaa shared his experience with Outreach & bidding for Eacypaa & Icypaa. Lots of great questions and feedback!!

Host had there first Outreach table at my homegroup and had some success!!

Adam, Jamie & I had a BLAST at Disney!! I still had some mid-year fomo tbh. Some of the host 7 members have decided to hop back on Stcypaa, as we all love it soooo much. They need support!!

We are all looking forward to the Annual Sunflower Acres Sober Campout. Unfortunately, it's the same weekend as the Boat Cruise, but how lucky are we to have two amazing events in NYS!!!

Hope everyone is well.

Next Outreach Call is 6/13 @8pm

Prayer & Unity Chair: I am not going to be able to attend tonight's meeting. I have nothing new to report.

Web Chair: - I will be moving the Mid-Year pages from public view in the coming days. Keeping it saved on the backend for easy access to edit for next year's event.

- Added an additional tab for the Bid Requirements PDF for ease of access on a mobile phone - making it one click to the PDF.

Volunteers for Next Biz Meeting

Step 4: Kayla

Tradition 4: Jeff

Concept 4: Danielle

Old Business:

Kayla's Proposal for Templates

- She shares screen and shows us
- Ryan K said this was very helpful for ESCY 8 Host
- Jeff asks if it's the same
- Kayla explains how it's more detailed

- Jeff motions, Danielle seconds : Motion to replace both budgetary templates for future bids to use
- 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

New Business:

Bobby tells us about our taxes and needing to following

- Bobby - is this a true average of all 3 years or each year? If it's individual, we need to file each year's individual taxes. Exhausted all personal resources.
- Jeff can reach out to Delegate and Treasurers of Area 47\
- Jamie has a tax accountant that he uses for his business and he can contact her regarding all of this.
- Bobby will forward all information to Jamie to send over to his tac lady
- Stephen asks to be CCed on emails with Jamie and Jeff, etc
- Stephen thanks Bobby for all he has been doing to help this!
- Will do information gathering and bring this back up next meeting

Jeff - Outreach with HOST

- Host is really struggling and really, really needs our support
- Danielle: Isn't advising what we are here for? What are our parameters in helping them? I really, really want to help more but don't want to be crossing any boundaries.
- Kayla thanks Jeff for bringing this to us. Familiar with autonomy and wants to have it, but wants them to have a successful conference. Offers to try and make a bridge with someone on host that has communication difficulties with Jeff
- Zach expresses that we are here to advise and help, and HOST is asking for help. Previous HOST committees didn't need our help, and we need to be here for THIS HOST because they are literally asking for us to help. Doesn't want to be tip toeing for fear of getting kicked off of advisory when our HOST committee really need help.
- Jamie expresses that we have certain by-laws about voting or something, but I can help them with anything they ask for help with. They're not putting a limit with what we are helping with, so let's do it. We can also give opinions, not as an advisory member, but as another alcoholic.
- Ryan hears the sentiment. In our by-laws it says "we are here for guidance". Not sure how he feels about doing for them, but maybe we can have templates to share in the future for any HOST committee.

- Bobby: Does anyone have a course of action to share/suggest? Going to reach out to Cindy and see what support they'd like and think.

Bobby - What feedback did everyone get from other committees for midyear?

- CRAYPAA heard us and followed our suggestions. Only 4 people made the midyear event (Ryan had questions about that since it was specifically in their area).
- HVYPAA hasn't specifically asked for feedback about advisory from them for the midyear event. They generally felt like it was a really positive experience.
- Jamie - has any other committee decided to bid since mid-year? Who is definitely bidding so far?
- Bobby - CRAYPAA, HVYPAA, ROCYPAA

Kayla - I strongly feel a financial review is in order?

- Zach agrees
- Alex hated getting a financial review during ESCY Host 8; didn't even know or think about as a HOST member; maybe we think about going over different roles we have all done ourselves with them so they know who they can reach out to, etc? Share our experiences with HOST
- Kayla mentions needing to come at it with lots of love
- Zach says HOST is so concerned with turning people off that they are biting themselves in the ass
- Jamie shares that he spent a lot of time with the treasurer and HOST knows there are going to be cuts to the budget; they're learning as they go; they're starting to realize they are in trouble
- Adam proposes a way of putting things side by side and showing a budget breakdown and payment necessities, etc. Trust God.
- Jeff shares about ways he shared with Meg to cut corners
- Ryan expresses this is a very important conversation to have HOST; encouraging HOST to have a review and readjustment of their budget, instead of us enforcing it - really just reframing how we talk about it with them
- Bobby gives some reminders and asks Stephen for a precise breakdown financially from Todd
- Adam asks if we should ask these venues if they would push dates for payments
- Kayla asks Stephen for clarification about seeing cash balances and some discussion about this is had; bottom line is that the cash has not yet been deposited and Stephen will find out exactly what's up with it from Todd

- Kayla mentions that the boat party may very much help HOST with their financial status and we should potentially wait until after the boat party to call this financial review
- Bobby suggests we all reach out to the committee members that are doing the positions we did our HOST year

Ryan asks who has taken over Registration? Who can he contact?

Jeff reports that the Co-Chair has stepped up to help, Jenny. Ryan is encouraged to reach out to Cindy and/or Jenny.

RYAN made a motion to close; JEFF seconded
CORI closed with the Serenity Prayer at 9:55pm