

ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 8/28/2023

Start time: 8:32pm

Carolyn does intro

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

REPORTS:

Chair: Apologies on the late agenda! We'll be meeting with Host at 8:45pm tonight and will carry on with our meeting afterward.

Had a really great conversation with Cindy the other day, and have been meeting with her regularly.

A little financial snafu last night when they were trying to purchase lanyards. Something happened with the credit card, but that's looking corrected for now. Jeff and Kayla have been working on the Program, and Danielle says she is happy to help as well. Scheduling Thursday dinner and Sunday brunch shortly.

Alt-Chair: Sorry I haven't been super present of late, but life has decided to just keep fucking happening. So I've been dealing with basically more than I can handle lately. I am still working on putting together a document that goes over how to do the taxes. That should be done shortly and I will send it out once finished. I went to the CRAYPAA Safety Workshop and it was very good!

Treasurer:

The following is a snapshot of Chase accounts:

Advisory account	\$5811.97
Host 9 account	\$12,877.12
Host 10 account	\$2750.00

There have been no changes to the Advisory or Host 10 accounts.

I mentioned to Todd that there was a PayPal balance of \$613.73 on 8/4/23. Today I noticed there was an increase in the PayPal balance to a total of \$1088.94. I took the liberty of transferring that balance to the Host 9 account. I alerted Todd of the transfer via text so he can adjust the Host 9 ledger accordingly. Todd has mentioned that he has been extremely busy with changes at work and has not had a chance to make any deposits. He hopes to get there this week.

I submitted the credit card authorization form for the Crown Plaza this week. I authorized \$8,418.40 to be debited to the Host 10 account. I would like to thank Adam for his diligence and assistance with this process. He has been on top of the hotel financials and been invaluable in sorting out any questions or concerns I may have had.

I received a text from Carolyn that she did receive the new card I mailed to her.

I will have the checkbook at the conference for Advisory member stipends. Per the By-Laws the stipend is \$125.00.

***NEED TO MOTION ON THIS NEXT MEETING**

Secretary: Minutes in folder and on discord.

Minutes 8/14:

TBA - Still working on transferring because of a computer issue.

Minutes Folder:

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

Key points from last meeting:

- Discussed making our meetings once a month unless we are needing extra for particular business
- Pre-convention check-list
- Discussed putting out a yearly questionnaire to local committees to hear more back from higher levels of the pyramid.

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Hotel: I am unable to be at the Advisory meeting tonight. My sponsee relapsed and I asked him to go to a meeting with me tonight. 12th Step work in action.

Hotel Update.

The room block is still open and rooms can still be booked. We only have king rooms left. There are no more doubles available. The Cut Off Date is Wednesday August 30th which is 2 days away. The hotel is full and we are unable to add anymore rooms. I have hotels on standby that are nearby to call for an overflow and will be calling those hotels tomorrow.

Hotel room nights left as of Today.

Thursday 9

Friday 12

Saturday 10

The credit card authorization form has been updated by Stephen and payment of \$8418.40 will be coming out on Thursday August 31, 2023. I did let the Host Committee know that an insurance policy is also needed at the hotel.

Maria at the crowne plaza is speaking with Meg tomorrow for room setup layouts for the conference. We are allowed to begin using the conference center starting at 7pm on Thursday September 14th. They want to have it all setup prior to us arriving. When I get to the hotel on the 14th I have to sign for the 3 keys at the front desk. I will have one of the 3 keys to the boardroom and the other 2 will go to Meg and Cindy on Host. We can't lose these or we have to pay \$50 per key to replace.

I also have been in contact with the Oncenter and everything is set. They need the insurance policy by Friday September 1st. Cindy is aware and I will continue to remind her of this.

I have been in contact with Rocypaa, Craypaa and HVYPAA about Hotel Proposals and have been helping answer questions and keeping up to date with everyone.

I have also been made aware that I will need to be available throughout the weekend at the conference because they don't have a hotel chair. I may need to leave periodically to help.

Archivist: *DIDN'T RECEIVE REPORT*

Bid City Liaisons

HVYPAA: Hvypaa has been diligently working to finish their bid book and it's looking very promising. Unity seems to be very good which is always fantastic!

Been specifically helping get their budget in line as well their ledger for the year which wasn't a strength of theirs earlier in the year. But they definitely come a long way. Got their lead contract as fine tuned as I think we can get it at this point and it's very workable in my opinion. Looking forward to the meeting tonight and seeing everyone.

CRAYPAA: CRAYPAA had a safety workshop event that was very impactful and well attended. Feedback was that everyone got a lot out of it. They have a new events chair and appear to have gained many new members and are meeting weekly leading up to ESCYPAA. Erika is now the events chair and jumped right in to make the Safety Event happen. She is hopeful to have one more event (BBQ cohosted with AYP) before ESCYPAA. Roxie is now their new secretary and has shared beautiful minutes.

As per the bid, Kate is in Montana and unable to give me a full update. But I spoke with a few other members and have gathered that the book is nearly complete, Vinnie is just working on finalizing a few numbers for the budgets.

All in all, I'm very proud in the turn around since our conversation at HVYPAA campout.

WHERE'S THE HYPE?!?! With your permission, I'd like to start introducing some of Advisory members through #notready posts.

ROCYPAA: ROCYPAA is working on their BID book and their hotel contracts. I've offered support and they know there is an open line of communication if they need me/us.

SYRYPAA: SYRYPAA has a committee with a couple of newer AA members holding positions! As far as I know they are working with Meg from host on where they can be of service!!!! I'm really excited for them!

Past Host Liaison: EACYPAAX Host will have a strong presence at ESCY! All hands on deck :)

Non Bid City Liaison:

It's been a crazy few weeks. I was not able to stay at the STCYPAA campout for personal reasons. However later that weekend I was at a sober music festival and did a little outreach for ESCYPAA. Also, I met someone from White Planes who was around when NYSCYPAA ended. He gave me a little insight on his thoughts/observations as to why they ended. Also, after the hotel asked people to leave they ended up at his house. So a pretty interesting story there.

BUFFYPAA has their event Sunday, September 10th. The flyer is on our page.

You may not have heard about this... I don't remember seeing any related posts

😊 EACYPAAX campout September 8-10.

Donnie from ROCYPAA did reach out to me yesterday with some questions about the bid book/hotels.

I think that is it for now.

Can't wait for the #notready posts for ESCYPAA.... Not to self... remove all pictures on me on social media sites.

Outreach: We had a great time at the Stcypaa Campout!! Stephen,Roger,Adam & I ran the elections. They filled Chair,Co-Chair Secretary, Treasurer,Outreach, Events & Prayer and Unity!!!

Approximately 60 people attended Campout.

Received word that Syracuse Young at Heart will be donating to Host to help support.

Worcypaa mentioned that they have \$1k to donate,but I am not sure of that has made it there way.

I have been assisting Meg with her program. As we all know, this is a stressful time for a host committee!!! I hope you all are making the time to reach out to host with your support, instead of concerns. They need us!!! Please make the time we were all once on a host committee!!!

Looking forward to the Digital Bid Books next week. I did reach out to each bid city, just to offer any assistance with requirements. Heard back from Billy B who I referred to Adam, as it was hotel questions & Kate F, who asked about requirements 1-3 not being in physical copies!!

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Prayer & Unity Chair: *DIDN'T RECEIVE REPORT*

Web Chair: Updated additional event flyers and past meeting minutes.

Anti-Harassment Adhoc Chair: I apologize for needing to reschedule our Ad Hoc on Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policies. I will keep you all posted on a future meeting date.

Meeting with HOST

CINDY

- Marathon meetings filled, panelists and speakers scheduled and confirmed, having a volunteer sheet for various aspects of the convention.
- Hospitality schedule getting going. Will not be running all night, because they can't. They need help. Sign ups for time slots online.
- Reg and merch volunteers needed. Sign ups for time slots online.
- Need help with Archives - location

STEPHEN

- Suggests having the Archives in the Hospitality Room since someone is always in there

ALEX

- Suggesting having it at Reg, after toying with the ideas of Hospitality and Merch

ZACH

- 2 long tables and a wall will work

CINDY

- Are we comfortable kind of winging it when we get there to see where it fits best?

KAYLA

- Why is hospitality closing? Some of the best and most spiritual connections happen at 2 or 3 am.

ERIN

- Don't want to burn out

DANIELLE

- Doesn't need to be manned 24 hours, but should have some snacks available at all times. SENY puts out granola bars, chips, and fruit for over night and share it with

the game room. That way people are snacking and playing and meeting new people, etc. When people get finished dancing, they are going to be hungry and want to come eat all the things and drink all the coffee. Agreed with Kayla and Erin

DEAN

- Agrees with connecting with others being important.

CINDY

- Want to lock up the conference center because people will want to wander in at random times

MEG

- Cornhole tournament in the hallway?
- Possibly put snacks in the game room for throughout the night, as opposed to the hospitality room, since it will be opened
- Is going to be in touch with Danielle about designing a program

RYAN

- People will volunteer the day of as well
- Lots of good reminders and love and support*

KAYLA

- Update on reimbursement of merch

TODD

- Has made sure this has happened
- Gives some numbers and mentions needing

*Discussion on finances

MEG

- Shares that the hostility she senses in some comments from people makes the atmosphere tense and uncomfortable, and only serves to defeat how well they are doing

*Zach requests a prayer break → Erin obliges and has us all unmute and say the Responsibility Statement

TODD

- Shares spreadsheets with us to update us thoroughly on their finances

*HOST will be getting more markers and stickers

MEG

- Hopes to have the full program all typed out within the next few days

CAROLYN

- When are you dropping the program?

MEG

- Thinking September 1st since that's when the Pre-Reg contest ends

CINDY

- Do you want us to join you weekly?

CAROLYN

- No, just advisory

ZACH

- Are you guys going to have/have you considered having a non stressful unity event to just hang with each other?

KAYLA (Host)

- Suggests Labor Day since most people are off that day

*Discussion on this idea

MARGO

- Whatever we can do to generate hype on the FB page, or wherever, let us know and please help us out

KAYLA (Advisory)

- Let's get started on those #NOTREADY posts

STEPHEN

- Just jump in and throw them out there; get it going!

CAROLYN

- Thanks host for coming and says Goodbye

POST-Meeting with HOST

CAROLYN

- Let's approach things with HOST without fear. We are allowed to have fear, but let's not express it here.

*Discussion on this

Advisory Member Check In

ZACH made a motion to close; CORI seconded

ERIN closed with the Lord's Prayer at 10:35pm