MEETING MINUTES

Philadelphia Bid Committee for the 57th ICYPAA
December 1, 2013, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
4021 Club, 4021 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

1. Brian, Chair, called everyone to order at 12:02 p.m. (EST) and outlined the modified meeting format, to include guest speakers and "Pollyanna" holiday gift exchange.

2. Guest Speakers: Chuck G. and Katie G., members of the Host Committee of the 19th ICYPAA, held in Philadelphia in 1976. Here are highlights of their remarks:

   - Service and involvement in ICYPAA are good for one's sobriety. Over 75% of the committee from 1976 remained sober!
   - The host committee in 1976 was 4-5 times larger than the bid committee; think of ourselves as the nucleus, but know that we will need a lot more support to pull off the conference.
   - In 1975, Philadelphia was awarded the bid in Memphis because the committee demonstrated need. At the time, there were 4 young people's meetings in the region, including the Under 35 Group, which had been founded in 1946 and was held here at the 4021 Clubhouse. The committee indicated that ICYPAA would unify members of these groups, create opportunities for service and fun/fellowship, attract newcomers, and help young members stay sober.
   - At one of their committee meetings, Ron from the 12th ICYPAA (1969) showed up to share his experience and said the "survival rate" was good and created buzz – Chuck decided "This will be good for my sobriety!". He and Katie are here today to share their experience just as Ron did.
   - The impact and legacy of hosting ICYPAA in 1976 led to the creation of the Downingtown Young People’s Conference, and new meetings including Paoli, Narberth, and Center City Young People’s.
   - In the Archives for Area 59 and SEPIA, there are letters of support for the 19th ICYPAA, including one from Frank Rizzo (former mayor of Philadelphia, 1972-1980), the Intergroup, and Area.
   - Frank C. from Wayne, PA, was Chair of the 19th ICYPAA and could be asked to write a letter of support for our bid.
   - One way to increase involvement is to ask local meetings to host/chair a marathon meeting during the conference. Do outreach at local meetings to engage members and invite them to join the committee.
   - The Host Committee for the 19th ICYPAA worked with the Public Information (PI) Committee to create PSAs with silhouettes of members that appeared on TV. Also spoke at local high schools.

3. “Pollyanna” Holiday Gift Exchange
4. Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair, opened the meeting with a reading from the Big Book, p. 28, and the Seventh Step Prayer.

5. Introductions:

   Brian, Chair
   Mike C., CPC/PI Liaison
   Kelsey, Events Chair
   Graeson, Merchandise Chair
   Chelsea, Treasurer
   Alex H., Bid Book Chair
   Greg
   Caroline, Service Chair and Area 59 Liaison; Interim Secretary
   Audrey, 12th Step Call Chair
   Jackie
   Amanda, Corrections & Treatment Facilities Liaison
   Sarah P.
   Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair
   Katie G.
   Chuck G.
   Alison, Site Co-Chair
   Joe R., Member-at-Large
   Dave (DCM, District 21)
   Bob L. (Chair, Delaware County Bid Committee for PENNSCYPAA)
   Michelle C. (Outreach Chair, DelCo Bid Committee for PENNSCYPAA)
   Jon A. (Secretary, DelCo Bid Committee for PENNSCYPAA)
   Corinne, Member-at-Large
   Neal, Co-Chair
   Joe M. (Co-Chair, DelCo Bid Committee for PENNSCYPAA)
   Albert R. (Member-at-Large, DelCo Bid Committee for PENNSCYPAA)
   Dianna, Fellowship Chair and Archivist (left early; not counted in vote tally)

Absent:
   Josh, Outreach Chair
   Betsy, Site Chair
   Everardo, District Liaison
   Brad, Set-up/Clean-up Chair
   Jen, Calendar Chair

Total: 26 present; 24 votes (Brian abstains; Dianna left early)

6. Reports

   a. Secretary’s Report (Caroline)

      - Minutes from 11/3/13 read (Caroline) and approved. Caroline will circulate minutes after each meeting via email for committee’s review and approval within 48 hours.
      - Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1
b. Treasury Report (Chelsea)

- Treasury balance = $1,840
  o Made service contributions with income from 7th Tradition basket passed at Halloween Dance totaling $90
  o $100 cash on hand, $35 in PayPal, $100 outstanding for dance rent
  o Signatories on bank account will be changed to Brian, Neal, Betsy, and Chelsea, and paperwork will be brought to next month's meeting
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1

c. Events Report (Kelsey)

- PENNSCYPAA Bid Committee members are present to show their support and commitment to co-hosting an Ugly Sweater Party in December/January; Events is currently looking into pricing and locations
- Dodgeball tournament in Bucks County is being explored; there are many recovery houses there that are in need of activities
- Dave & Buster's is a venue option for an upcoming event
- Events Sub-Committee will be formed and meet in Center City to brainstorm
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1

d. Site Report (Alison)

- Nothing new to report.

e. Bid Book Report (Alex)

- Theme: see New Business
- Bid Book Sub-Committee (Site, A/V, Treasurer, Service, etc.) first meeting to be arranged (idea to meet the third week of the month, in between Bid Committee meetings was suggested in October)
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1

f. Corrections/Treatment Facilities Report (Amanda)

- Amanda will email the Corrections Correspondence forms to the committee; please complete if you are interested in writing letters to an AA member who is incarcerated
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1

g. Web Report (Rob emailed; Brian read)

- Rob updated the website with minutes and worked with Jen, Calendar Chair, to create a calendar online with our events and meetings
- Interest in creating a page on our website with a listing of YP meetings in the region
Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1

h. Outreach Report (Josh emailed; Brian read)

- Conducted outreach for the committee in Denver, CO and at local meetings in Philadelphia
- Attended District 26 meeting with Everardo, who also attended District 27 meeting to announce the committee
- Proposed the idea to select a meeting in the region each month for a “blitz” to announce our committee and increase awareness/involvement
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1

i. CPC Report (Mike)

- Attended CPC Commitment at Drexel University with Caroline and other AA members and shared experience/story with students there and answered questions during Q&A portion.
- CPC meets the first Monday of every month at 7pm at SEPIA, 444 N. 3rd Street – come get involved!
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1

j. Service / Area 59 Report (Caroline)

- Update on Service Project with The Bridge Way School
  o 3 initiatives: phone lists, meeting lists, monthly speaking commitment
    ▪ Friday, October 18 (Caroline)
    ▪ Friday, November 22 (Sarah)
    ▪ Friday, December 6 (Jason)
    ▪ Who wants January?
- Attended Area 59 Eastern PA General Service Assembly (EPGSA): November 8-10, 2013 in Lancaster, PA
  o Saturday at 11am: Literature Meeting: Young & Sober (Caroline chaired); Saturday midnight (Sunday at 12am): Hosted by Philly Bid (Jen chaired)
  o 757 attendees, 451 at banquet, $1,200 collected in 7th Tradition for GSO, 587 gallons of coffee consumed
  o Secured letters of support from George D. (an original ICYPAA attendee) and J. Gary L. (Northeast Regional Trustee)
- Will attend all Area 59 Quarterly Meetings (next is December 8, 2013 at 11 a.m. in Reading, PA)
- Work with Area 59 Delegate:
  o Steve is now my service sponsor and we have goals to increase YPAA participation in the General Service structure (Districts/Areas)
  o Requested additions to Contacts/Links page of Area website, which are now live: links to Philly Bid, PENNSCYPAA Advisory, and PENNSCYPAA XXIV Host Scranton
  o Please get involved as GSRs/DCMs! Since we got back from Phoenix: Jen W. (Calendar Chair) is AGSR for underground,
Brian R. (Chair) is GSR for Happy Hour, Chelsea (Treasurer) is AGSR for BYOB Women's, and Josh (new this year; Outreach Chair) is GSR for NUTS Fairmount

- Looked at 93 Area websites to understand YPAA involvement: Area 8 (San Diego); Area 11 (Connecticut); Area 18 (Idaho); Area 31 (Western Massachusetts); Area 33 (SE Michigan); Area 45 (South Jersey); Area 46 (New Mexico); Area 59 (SW Ohio); Area 64 (Tennessee); Area 82 (Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador); Area 93 (Ontario) – participation varies from simple links to websites to having a Liaison from the state or local YPAA conference to being an "Invited Committee" to an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee

- Area 59 Committees are comprised of 5-10 members, including DCMs and Area officers and currently include Archives, CPC, Corrections, Finance, Grapevine, Public Info, Structure, Special Needs/Remote Communities, and Treatment Facilities

- Examples of other Area-specific committees outside Area 59: Technology, Spanish, Cooperation with the Elderly Community

- A YPAA committee would be chaired by a DCM (appointed by the Delegate or elected by the sub-committee members assigned by the Delegate). That person would liaise with PENNSCYPAA, ICYPAA, Downingtown, and YPAA groups throughout Area 59 (Eastern PA).

- ICYPAA Advisory members Laura and David were asked for their experience; Darren had a great point about “YPAA ghetto” and relegating young people to such a committee instead of encouraging participation in CPC, Structure, etc. Laura suggested I talk to Jay about EURYPAA.

- We realize that any change would require the input and experience of lots of people as well as a change to the Area Structure Manual, which entails lots of discussion and proven involvement of YPAAs over time to sustain.

- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 24-0-1

5. Announcements

  a. The 4021 Clubhouse has asked us not to bring in outside food and beverages, but instead to please patronize their concession stand

6. 7th Tradition

7. Old Business

   None

8. New Business

  a. Theme (Alex)

     Motion: To vote on our theme; seconded.
- Discussion: We will vote on the 5 themes that were submitted in advance and submitted today, to choose one, which will affect the “brand” of our committee to be rolled out in our merchandise, Bid Book, skit, etc.

- Motion to accept, seconded, passed 24-0-1

Theme options (all from the Big Book):

1. p12 “A new world came into view.”
2. p55 and p75 “On the broad highway.”
3. p62 “This is the how and why of it. First we had to quit playing God.”
4. p83 “A new freedom and a new happiness.”
5. p14 “The effect was electric.”

Members shared how each idea could tie into Philadelphia and how we could roll out.

Vote was taken and theme was selected:

p14 “The effect was electric.” from Bill’s Story in Alcoholics Anonymous. Tie-ins include Ben Franklin’s famous kite flying experiments that proved that lightening is electricity; Steps 2 and 3; Bill’s Story; YPAA beginnings in Philadelphia.

b. Elections

Outreach Co-Chair
Dave stands; candidate qualifies by giving service resume → Dave elected by acclamation; passed. Dave is DCM for District 21 and the youngest DCM in the current panel of Area 59. He is interested in outreaching locally to young people at meetings/groups that are unaware of YPAA.

Events Co-Chair
Joe stands; candidate qualifies by giving service resume → Joe elected by acclamation; passed. Joe is Co-Chair of the Delaware County Bid Committee for PENNSCYPAA.

c. Other service positions read aloud; no one stands. Available positions include:

- Co-Treasurer
- Secretary
- Co-Secretary
- Bid Presentation Chair
- Audio/Visual Liaison to Site
- Web Co-Chair
- Graphics Chair
Transportation Chair
Podcast/Video/Recording Chair
Intergroup (SEPIA) Liaison
Non-English Speaking Liaison
National/International YPAA Outreach Liaison
Literature/Grapevine/La Viña Chair
LGBTQ Liaison
Al-Anon Liaison
Accessibility/Special Needs Liaison

9. **Next meeting: Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 12 p.m. at 4021 Club**

10. Meeting closed at 1:43 p.m. (EST) with reading from Dr. Bob’s Nightmare and Responsibility Statement (Carolyn)