MEETING MINUTES
Philadelphia Bid Committee for the 57th ICYPAA
February 2, 2014, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
4021 Club, 4021 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

1. Neal, Co-Chair, called everyone to order at 12:04 p.m. (EST).

2. Neal opened the meeting with a reading and prayer sent by Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair: Big Book, page 45, “Lack of power that was our dilemma. We has to find a power by which we could live and it had to be a power greater than ourselves. Obviously.” (theme of PENNSCYPAAN XVII), followed by 3rd Step Prayer.

4. Introductions:
Neal, Co-Chair
Graeson, Merchandise Chair
Corinne, Member-at Large
Jason, A/V Liaison
Chelsea, Treasurer
Caroline, Service Chair and Area 59 Liaison; Interim Secretary
Steve O., Member-at-Large; Area 59 Delegate
Mike, CPC/PI Liaison
Betsy, Site Chair
Rob, Web Chair
Josh, Outreach Chair
Audrey, 12th Step Call Chair
Maryclaire
Jen W., Calendar Chair
Shaky Mike

Absent:
Brian, Chair
Kelsey, Events Chair
Joe, Events Co-Chair
Dave, Outreach Co-Chair
Alison, Site Co-Chair
Alex H., Bid Book Chair
Everardo, District Liaison
Amanda, Corrections & Treatment Facilities Liaison
Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair
Dianna, Fellowship Chair and Archivist
Brad, Set-up/Clean-up Chair

Total: 15 present; 12 votes (Neal, Steve, and Shaky Mike abstain)

4. Guest Speaker: Steve O., Area 59 Delegate. Here are highlights of his remarks:
He has been sober since age 21 in 1987 and has been active in service ever since, both Intergroup and General Service. Described his responsibilities as Delegate, what the General Service structure is, what the annual General Service conference is, and described the role and functions of Area 59, its committees, officers, DCMs, GSRs, and his as Delegate. Noted and encouraged involvement by Philly Bid in all aspects of service. Noted increase in PENNSCYPAA’s service activity as well. Noted his work with Caroline as Area 59 Liaison and his commitment to our committee. Offered to make any introductions or connections for us and provided his email address: delegate@area59aa.org. We have the Area’s full support in bringing ICYPAA to Philadelphia.

5. Guest Announcement: Shaky Mike. On behalf of Intergroup’s Archives, he was there to drop off copies of the Philadelphia Bid Committee for the 19th ICYPAA’s bid book (they hosted in 1976) and all of their minutes, per request by Dianna, Archivist, for our committee.

6. Reports
   a. Secretary’s Report (Caroline)
      - Minutes from 1/5/14 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 12-0-3
   b. Treasury Report (Chelsea)
      - Financial Report on 1/11 Event: Speaker and Game Night at Dave & Buster’s
        o Approximately 50 attendees, 44 game cards sold for $880 total
        o $385 net income for committee, as our contract indicated we would spend $495 minimum
        o Therefore, we have 6 game cards leftover that we can use for prizes for events
      - Treasury balance = $2,225
        o $46 cash on hand, $74 in PayPal, $2,105 in bank
        o Net income since this bid year began: $1,094
      - What to do with inventory of last year’s t-shirts? (See New Business)
      - Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3
   c. Service / Area 59 Report (Caroline)
      - Service project: 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); Tuesday, January 28 (Josh)**
- Thanks to Josh who took the January commitment, Amanda for February, and Cara for March
- Caroline asked Bridge Way about our coming more than once a month, and they said once a month is working well for them; also, the students would like flyers for any and all upcoming events.
- **CPC :** Mike will give his report, but Caroline wanted to note she attended the CPC commitment at Drexel Medical School along with 40+ other AA members on Tuesday, January 28. There were 3-4 members assigned to 11 classrooms of first-year medical students for a 2 hour session.
- **Share-A-Day: February 16, 2014, 11am-4pm**
  o Philly Bid invited to participate by Area 59
  o The event brings together Area 59 and SEPIA Intergroup for a day of service and information sharing; expected attendance 200-300
  o We are slotted for 12 pm presentation – if you’re only there for an hour, come at noon!
  o There will be presentations and information booths to learn more about Archives, CPC, PI, Literature, Interphones, Prisons, Treatment Facilities, etc. and we will be able to meet people at the Area level and the Intergroup level who serve on these committees and learn how to increase our involvement.
  o We will also be able to “recruit” people to join our committee
  o Sign-up sheets are being passed around and we will discuss the presentation in New Business / at the retreat
- **EACYPAA, Chicago: March 28-30, 2014**
  o Philly Bid has a commitment to host the hospitality room from 5-6pm on Friday, March 28
  o Bring local treats (TastyKakes suggested)
- **Area 60: Reached out to Pittsburgh Bid Committee for PENNSCYPAA,** as they are the most active YPAA committee in Western Pennsylvania and will also contact Yvette N., Area 60 Delegate
  o Russel F., Outreach Chair for Pittsburgh Bid, and Caroline spoke by phone and discussed ideas; we are invited to speak at any of their meetings if any of us are travelling and same if they’re in Philly; we can do outreach for each other
- **Area 59 events** have been added to our calendar:
  o March 9: Area 59 Quarterly Meeting (Caroline to attend)
  o April 13: Area 59 Pre-Conference Sharing Session (Caroline in CA, but Steve will send her Conference Agenda items for review and input)
  o May 10: Area 59 Delegate’s Conference Report (Caroline to attend)
- Steve and Caroline are planning to send an email and survey to all Area Delegates for Panels 63 and 64 to poll on YPAA activity in respective Areas
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

d. CPC Report (Mike)

- CPC Commitment at Drexel Medical School: 77 AA members showed up over two days, January 28 and 30; thanks to committee members who attended.
- CPC meets the first Monday of every month at 7pm at SEPIA, 444 N. 3rd Street – come get involved and take monthly commitments to escort students to open AA meetings
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

e. Site Report (Betsy)

- Attended webinar on hotels, which was informative and thorough
- We will submit as a “Large City” given attendance projections
- Next steps: update RFP and solicit proposals from Sheraton, Marriott, Convention Center, and possibly the Hyatt
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

f. Web Report (Rob)

- Online calendar is up to date. Any updates? Send to Jen and Rob.
- More research is needed regarding hosting audio files on our website, or via a link to whatever host site may be less expensive option, as we recorded the speaker at our November event and want to make it available (Neal has it and will send to Rob). Sound Cloud is one idea.
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

g. Outreach Report (Josh)

- Conducted outreach for the committee at local meetings in Philadelphia
- Took the January commitment at The Bridge Way School
- Proposed Downingtown Young People as the next meeting in the region to “blitz” to announce our committee and increase awareness/involvement (see New Business)
- Also, Northeast Philadelphia near Dave (Outreach Co-Chair) has a lot of young people – let’s find a meeting there, too
- Would like to see us get “business cards” like the 56th ICYPAA Seat Savers to better outreach our committee (see New Business)
- Will send Announcement Template for 56th ICYPAA Host Committee so we can better announce and outreach the conference
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

h. Calendar Report (Jen)

- Please check it, use it, and let her and Rob know of any updates.
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

i. Bid Book Report (Alex emailed; Caroline read)
- Sign up sheets from Alex are being circulated to get into service at the South Jersey, Area 45 50th anniversary convention, March 21-23, 2014.
- His email: “I look forward to (hopefully everyone) being at the most excellent adventures of the Philadelphia ICYPAA bid committee [retreat] taking place next weekend and hope that everyone will also remember to participate in bringing a friend and be a part of the ICYPAA University session that afternoon.”
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

j. Fellowship Report (Dianna emailed; Neal read)

- February 8-9: Philly Bid Retreat with bid year planning workshops hosted at Audrey’s family’s house, Saturday, February 8, 2014, 10 am to Sunday, February 9, 2014, 10:30 am
  o Please refer to Dianna’s email to sign up to bring food
  o Please come with pillows and sleeping bags/blankets
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

Note: Audrey suggested we go out to dinner on Saturday night, then only bring items for lunch and breakfast

k. Events Report (Kelsey emailed; Neal read)

- Would like committee’s input on which day of the week would work best for an Events Subcommittee meeting.
- Committee instead wants to ask Kelsey to set the date, then whomever can attend will.
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

7. 7th Tradition

8. Old Business

   None

9. New Business

   a. T-shirts (Chelsea)

      We have 34 of last year’s shirts in inventory, an asset of $153. Overall, we have made a profit on t-shirt sales.

      Motion: To write off t-shirts for accounting purposes; seconded; passed 12-0-3.

   b. 1995 and 1996 Bid Books (Caroline)
Bobby C. donated Philadelphia Bid Committee bid books from 1995 and 1996; Caroline will bring to the retreat for people to look at.

c. Bill W. Documentary Screening (Jen)

Idea to host an event at which we screen the Bill W. movie; Jen knows of a facility with an auditorium; there was a question about legality and rights and if partnering with an entity that has rights would be ok. Further research needed; Jen to share contact info / follow up.

d. Outreach “Blitz” for February (Josh)

Motion: To visit Downingtown Young People’s meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 7pm; seconded; passed 12-0-3. Location: St. Joseph’s Church Meeting Rooms, 338 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335

e. Outreach “Blitz” for March (Caroline) to Valley Forge Freedom in the Park

Caroline noted she’s chairing Mondays in March, the meeting is in Valley Forge Park at the chapel at 7pm.

f. SEPIA Round Up in Cape May, NJ (Neal)

Neal and Corinne attended the planning meeting and are getting in service at the event by chairing/speaking at meetings.

g. Carpooling for Retreat

To be coordinated on Facebook secret group.

h. T-shirts for this bid year (Graeson)

i. The cost was $4.80 per shirt last year. Graeson has quotes for a company that will charge $3.93 - $4.45 per shirt. He presented 7 options, all with our new logo (kite and key with lightening in rectangular box with “PHILLY” below) and passed around the sheets to mark a check to vote:

- Green with white ink
- Maroon with white ink
- Black with yellow ink
- Green with black ink
- Maroon with light blue ink
- Gray with maroon ink
- Light blue with maroon ink

Vote: Light blue with maroon ink
Motion: To purchase 100 shirts; seconded; passed 12-0-3. Graeson will determine size breakdown based on what sold best last year.

j. Biweekly Bid Committee Meetings

In September, we voted to begin meeting biweekly 3 months before the Bid Book deadline, which is July 24. Therefore, we will begin meeting biweekly in April.

k. Share-A-Day Presentation (Caroline)

Please come to the retreat with ideas for the presentation, so it’s not boring! Caroline hopes to show the video and have the committee talk about what we do and how it’s helping us stay sober and serve AA.

l. Elections

Intergroup (SEPIA) Liaison
Maryclaire stands; candidate qualifies by giving service resume → Maryclaire elected by acclamation; passed. She just moved back to Philadelphia from Maryland and wants to get into service.

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

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

10. Next meeting: Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 12 p.m. at 4021 Club

11. Meeting closed at 1:29 p.m. (EST) with reading from the Big Book, page 153, “Among them you will make lifelong friends, you will be bound to them with new and wonderful ties for you will escape disaster together and you will commence shoulder to shoulder your common journey. Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life. You will learn the full meaning of Love Thy neighbor as thyself.” (theme of PENNSCYPAA XX), followed by Responsibility Statement. (Carolyn sent; Neal read).