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

1. Brian, Chair, called everyone to order at 12:05 p.m. (EST).

2. Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair, opened the meeting with a reading of a paragraph from Big Book, page 25, “If you are as seriously alcoholic as we were, we believe there is no middle-of-the-road solution…”, followed by the Declaration of Unity.

3. Introductions:

   Brian, Chair
   Caroline, Service Chair and Area 59 Liaison; Interim Secretary
   Kevin
   Mike, CPC/PI Liaison
   Dianna, Fellowship Chair and Archivist
   Nicole
   Hannah, Interim Graphics Chair
   Graeson, Merchandise Chair
   Chelsea, Treasurer
   Matt (Unity Committee, Southeastern PA Intergroup Association)
   Tim (Unity Committee, Southeastern PA Intergroup Association)
   Glenn (Unity Committee, Southeastern PA Intergroup Association)
   Alex H., Bid Book Chair
   Audrey, 12th Step Call Chair
   Bob (Unity Committee, Southeastern PA Intergroup Association)
   Jerry (Unity Committee, Southeastern PA Intergroup Association)
   Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair
   Corinne, Member-at Large
   Neal, Co-Chair
   Jason, A/V Liaison
   Everardo, District Liaison
   Jackie, Member-at-Large
   Amanda, Corrections & Treatment Facilities Liaison
   Cara

   Absent:
   Kelsey, Events Chair
   Joe, Events Co-Chair
   Josh, Outreach Chair
   Betsy, Site Chair
   Alison, Site Co-Chair
   Rob, Web Chair
   Jen W., Calendar Chair

Total: 24 present; 18 votes (Brian and Unity Committee members abstain)
4. Guest Speakers: **Unity Pitch**. Here are highlights of their remarks:

- **Glenn**: Director of Unity Committee. He was enthusiastic about co-presenting with Philly Bid at Share-A-Day. He gave a brief history of AA and Intergroup in Philadelphia. In February 1940, the first open meeting of AA was held in Philadelphia. By April, the first treatment facility commitment was taken at the Philadelphia General Hospital psychiatric unit. In September of the same year, the first prisons commitment was done at Holmesburg. In 1948, PIA (Philadelphia Intergroup Association) was formed.

- **Ways to be of service at Intergroup Office (444 N. 3rd Street):**
  - The office publishes meeting directories, runs the website, and sells literature.
  - Volunteer to answer the phones (1 year required plus training)
  - Volunteer to stuff envelopes

- **The Unity Committee members described the following committees to share how we can get involved in service at Intergroup.** Each committee meets monthly or bimonthly:
  - **Interphones**: answer the phones when the Intergroup office is closed after hours
  - **Treatment Facilities**:  
    - Assignments are made to AA groups at Zone meetings for each of the 5 counties  
    - Groups can “adopt” a meeting and consistently take the commitment  
    - Groups can serve as a “host group” to back up the groups that adopt meetings
  - **Prisons**:  
    - Assignments are made to AAs as individuals at Zone meetings for each of the 5 counties  
    - **Temporary Contact Committee**
  - **Public Information**:  
    - Visit schools, businesses, church and civic groups, community meetings.  
    - Staff AA booths at health fairs  
    - Serve as resource for the media
  - **Cooperation with the Professional Community**:  
    - Escort students to meetings  
    - Presentations in schools, e.g. Drexel Medical School
  - **Finance**:  
    - The annual Round-Up event brings in 70% of income  
    - Contributions from groups (7th Tradition) is 30% of income
  - **Special Events**:  
    - Annual Round-Up (Spring)  
    - Annual Breakfast (Fall)
  - **Archives**:  
    - Displays of archival materials at SEPIA office and at events  
    - Initiative to record long-timers with 20+ years
  - **Unity Committee**: 

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Unity pitches across the 5 counties (“dog and pony show” for service)
Two events:
- Fun Shop (May)
- Unity Picnic (June 29, 2014 in Neshaminy State Park)

5. Reports

a. Secretary’s Report (Caroline)

- Minutes from 2/2/14 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 18-0-1

b. Treasury Report (Chelsea)

- Renewed website host and domain for another year: $60
- Purchased t-shirts: $462
- Merchandise sales at Share-A-Day:
  - 30 shirts; $450 in sales
- Treasury balance = $2,139
  - $282 cash on hand, $38 in PayPal, $1,819 in bank
  - Net income since this bid year began: $1,122
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 18-0-1

c. Events Report (Brian, as Kelsey was called into work)

- Brian recapped the priorities articulated at our retreat and our goal to have 2 “big” events (generate income) and 2 “small” events (like bowling, dinner, fellowship)
- Subsequently, an Events subcommittee was held on February 12
- Upcoming events/activities:
  - 3/8 Event with MDYPAA cancelled
  - 4/5 Philly Bid Speaker Jam at 6pm (Neal confirmed St. Pio’s)
  - 4/11-13 SEPIA Round-Up at Cape May
  - 5/10 Absecon Meeting with CAYPAA and mini-golf or batting cages
  - 6/7 Philly Bid Movie Night in the Park (Caroline to confirm with Parks & Rec; rain location: Univ. of the Sciences?)
  - Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 18-0-1

d. Outreach Report (Josh emailed, Brian read)

- Josh attended meetings, made announcements, and posted our flyer with sign-up sheets in the clubhouses at Fairmount, South Philly, Grays Ferry, and Old City
- He emailed our flyer to the DCM for District 32
- During our retreat we made our announcement in Pottsville, PA.
- Thanks to committee members who made it out to Downingtown for the young people’s meeting blitz
- From the sign-up sheets, Josh updated our Philly Bid outreach list and added the email addresses to the ICYPAA constant contact list as well
- Neal: added that the DCM in Chester County’s District 44 reached out to the committee and invited us to present for 10 minutes at their monthly meeting, so Neal and Corinne went on Thursday, February 27, brought the flyer, and gave a pitch. The flyer will be included in the district’s minutes for those groups not in attendance.
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 18-0-1

e. Merchandise Report (Graeson)
- The new shirts are in and all sizes are still available
- If you are interested in a hoodie, please reply to his email. They will be ordered for $19/sweatshirt
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 18-0-1

f. 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); Friday, February 28 (Amanda)
  ▪ Thanks to Cara for March 21
- Share-A-Day: February 16, 2014, 11am-4pm
  o Philly Bid was invited to participate by Area 59 (the event brings together Area 59 and SEPIA Intergroup for a day of service and information sharing; attendance 200-300)
  o We presented at 12 pm; 11 committee members attended
- Caroline emailed our flyer to the SEPIA Office Manager for inclusion in all the Zone packets for Intergroup Reps (deadline is the 20th of each month) – this was a suggestion made at Share-A-Day
- YPAA Share-A-Day idea suggested?
- 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 June 1: Area 59 Delegate’s Conference Report (Caroline to attend)
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 18-0-1

g. Bid Book Report (Alex)
- The following has been drafts have been completed: Bid Requirement 1 (Alex) and 4 (Caroline). Alex asked that everyone review, edit, and return the documents before the next meeting on April 6
- The next Bid Requirement due date is April 1 and people Responsible are: 6 (Alex) and 12 (Brian)
- Alex will create a flow chart with assignments and deadlines agreed upon at the retreat, to be emailed
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 18-0-1

6. Announcements

March 6, 2014, 6-8pm: 74th Anniversary of AA in Philadelphia event, St. Luke’s at 13th/Pine, hosted by District 27

7. 7th Tradition

8. Old Business

a. Outreach “Blitz” for March – Valley Forge

   Motion: To visit Valley Forge Freedom in the Park meeting on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 7pm; seconded; passed 18-0-1. Location: Washington Memorial Chapel, Route 23, Valley Forge, PA

b. Biweekly Bid Committee Meetings

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

   Motion: To meet twice a month (first and third Sundays) beginning May 4; seconded; passed 18-0-1.

   Meeting dates: May 4, 18; June 1, 15; July 6, 20; August 3, 17

9. New Business

a. Outreach Meeting Assignments (Josh emailed, Everardo read)

   Please sign up if you are interested in volunteering to distribute flyers and/or sign-up sheets in various areas of Philly to meetings that are known for young people in attendance. This way we can see which meetings could use a blitz or Josh could focus on outreaching those groups. Josh suggests bringing the following items to the meetings to leave with the group: Philly Bid flyer, the Constant Contact sign-up sheet, an ICYPAA registration form, and the list that we have of Young People meetings in our area. Josh will create a spreadsheet like the Outreach Chair did last year.

b. Chester County Zone presentation to Intergroup Reps (Neal/Corinne)

   We have been invited to give a presentation to this zone, which meets the second Monday of every month at 7pm in West Chester, PA.
Motion: To visit the Chester County Zone intergroup meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7pm; seconded; passed 18-0-1. Location: Church of the Holy Trinity, 212 S. High Street, West Chester, PA

c. Outreach “Blitz” for April – West Chester

Motion: To visit Church Street meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 8:30pm; seconded; passed 18-0-1. Location: 307 Club, 822 E. Washington Street, West Chester, PA

d. Attendance Policy in Bylaws

- Brian reminded the committee about our attendance policy. He will begin reaching out to those who have been unable to attend to see if they are still interested in participating. Votes to remove people from trusted service positions will be held next month, if necessary.
- Caroline shared that Brad and Dave have stepped down from their positions (Set-Up/Clean-Up Chair and Outreach Co-Chair, respectively).

e. Downingtown YP Conference committee

- Hannah announced this committee has started to meet the last Sunday of every month to prepare for their annual October conference. Anyone interested can see her to get involved. They need people with committee experience.

f. Theme

The San Antonio Host Committee for the 56th ICYPAA recently announced their theme (“Effect was electric”), which is the same as Philly Bid’s theme; see Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2013

Motion: To change our theme from “Effect was electric”; seconded.

Discussion: Would we, if awarded the 57th ICYPAA, need to be ready to implement the theme in our Bid Book and stick with it? No, the Bid Committee would disband and a Host Committee would be formed and a new theme could be selected. San Antonio didn’t unveil their theme until now. However, our logo is flexible enough to use with other themes. Some members expressed a desire to show unity and unwavering commitment to group conscience decision in December.

Vote: 0-18-1; motion does not pass.

10. Next meeting: Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 12 p.m. at 4021 Club

11. Meeting closed at 1:30 p.m. (EST) with reading from the Big Book, followed by Responsibility Statement (Carolyn)