MEETING MINUTES
Philadelphia Bid Committee for the 57th ICYPAA
May 4, 2014, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
4021 Club, 4021 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

1. Brian, Chair, called everyone to order at 12:00 p.m. (EDT).

2. Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair, opened the meeting with a reading of a paragraph from Big Book, page xix, from SOCALYPAA 1 in San Diego 2009 where the theme was “AAs must hang together or die separately.”

3. Introductions:
   
   Brian, Chair
   Alex, Bid Book Chair
   Kelsey O. (new)
   Cameron
   Chelsea, Treasurer
   Robert, Web Chair
   Betsy, Site Chair
   Graeson, Merchandise Chair
   Hannah, Graphics Chair
   Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair
   Audrey, 12th Step Call Chair
   Dorian (new)
   Jen W., Calendar Chair
   Dianna, Fellowship Chair and Archivist
   Neal, Co-Chair
   Corinne, Member-at Large

   Absent:
   Caroline, Service Chair and Area 59 Liaison; Interim Secretary
   Mike, CPC/PI Liaison
   Josh, Outreach Chair
   Kelsey, Events Chair
   Joe, Events Co-Chair
   Jason, A/V Liaison
   Everardo, District Liaison
   Amanda, Corrections & Treatment Facilities Liaison

   Total: 16 present; 15 votes (Brian abstains)

4. Reports
   
   a. Secretary’s Report (Caroline by proxy, Brian read)

   - Minutes from 4/6/14 read. Caroline will circulate minutes after each meeting via email for committee’s review and approval within 48 hours.
   - Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 15-0-1
b. Treasury Report (Chelsea)

- P.O. Box renewed for another 6 months; $74
- License expense of $300 paid to Page 124 Productions for upcoming 6/21 showing of the Bill W. movie.
- Treasury balance = $3,141
  o $26 cash on hand, $205 in PayPal, $2,910 in bank
  o Net income YTD = $2,041
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passes 15-0-1

c. Events Report (Caroline, by proxy)

- 6/21 event: Founder’s Day BBQ and Bill W. Movie Night
  o Hannah made a flyer. Please distribute.
  o This is our last large event before ICYPAA.
  o See Old Business.
- Next Sat. 5/10, we'll plan on attending CAYPAA Speaker Jam in Absecon, NJ as a committee (Graeson will provide t-shirts for us to sell)
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passes 15-0-1

d. Merchandise Report (Graeson)

- No activity w/t-shirts since our last meeting
- Water bottles: Graeson found water bottles for a minimal cost per bottle, but with a $50 “set up fee”; we will discuss in New Business.
- Business cards: Graeson read draft of wording to put on the cards. He can get 2000 cards for $76. We'll discuss further in New Business.
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passes 15-0-1

e. Service Report (Caroline, by proxy)

- Service Project: Bridge Way School – our last monthly commitment will be in May; we have been invited to resume in the fall when the school year starts again; the school counselor provided a letter of support for our bid
- Area 59: Eastern PA General Service Assembly – Steve, our Delegate, has invited participation from Philly Bid at the November Eastern PA General Service Assembly and convention (11/14/2014-11/16/2014). Caroline will coordinate volunteers for a workshop on Saturday and 2 midnight meetings Friday and Saturday.
- Thank you to those who participated in the Cape May Round Up.
- A.A. Corrections Contact Forms and Correspondence Form (Temporary Contact) were sent to GSO and SEPIA, respectively.
- Motion to accept, seconded, passes 15-0-1

f. CPC Report (Mike, by proxy)
- CPC needs more people for fall commitments; shadowing and attending the monthly meeting is encouraged. Next CPC meeting: May 5 at 7pm at SEPIA.
- Motion to accept, seconded, passes 15-0-1

g. Site Report (Betsy)

- Three RFPs are out - Marriott, Sheraton, Convention Center
- Marriott is the strongest contender; they asked on Friday if we are able to shift our proposed dates by one day (from Thurs to Mon → Fri to Tues), will discuss more in new business.
- Sheraton responded this year! They've given us some dates and we will have to put a proposal together in conjunction with the Convention Center.
- On deck: proposed site inspection. Betsy will try to do all in one afternoon; any committee members who are interested are invited to attend.
- Betsy will work on contracts while Jason looks at the program (in conjunction with A.V.)
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 15-0-1

5. Announcements

Betsy: Roxborough Group (Thursday nights) has a dance event at the end of June; good YPAA involvement opportunity and they have asked for our help.

Details:
Recovery Dance
June 28, 2014, 8pm-1am
Leverington Presbyterian Church, 6301 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA
$10
DJ
Food/Drinks
50/50 and Raffling off of items (including Phillies tickets)

6. 7th Tradition – passed the hat. $30 in; $25 paid out in rent

7. Old Business

a. Bid Book (Alex)

Presented “Host Committee Responsibilities” for bid requirement #12 for committee review and asked us to read the paragraphs aloud and make notes on information we felt was important. After the reading, the notated papers were returned to Alex.

Carolyn asked if our speakers for conference would have to be under 30 when they got sober. Alex will ask Advisory.

b. 6/21 Event: Founder’s Day BBQ and Bill W. Movie Night (Brian)
Graeson relayed that Michael told him he could look into getting a large grill for our BBQ “on the cheap”. He may also be able to obtain tents. Rob also might be able to get us a grill. We should all bring games and music. Caroline will send out sign up sheet for food and supplies.

Discussion: is this an open event or closed to AA?

Motion (Rob): To make this an open event, seconded, passed 15-0-1

Discussion: do we take donations from non-AA members? Is this a large issue? It may not be.

c. Attendance Policy in Bylaws (Brian): Policy was read. At the next meeting (since we will now be meeting more than once/month), we may be voting on having people forfeit their trusted service positon.

d. Merchandise – Water Bottles (Graeson)

$150 budget was agreed upon at last meeting for water bottle give-a-ways at ICYPAA in Texas. There is a $50 fee to “set up”; with this fee and a $150 budget, we can get 112 bottles of “the cheapest water bottle you could imagine”. Is this good enough?

Motion (Graeson): To purchase 250 bottles for $237; seconded.

Discussion:
- Carolyn: 250 water bottles is way too many
- Alex: if we bring 200 bottles to ICYPAA (with 50 given away at 6/21 event), we’re still only giving away to a small % of conference attendees.

Motion, amended (Alex): To purchase 500 bottles

Discussion:
- Cameron: it’s not like they’re going to go bad…if we don’t give them all away, we can still use them
- Dorian: usually committees give away stupid stuff…a water bottle is practical! Handing more out is a good thing
- Rob: agree with 500 bottles and use of budget, but how are we supposed to ship 500 bottles to TX?
- Hannah: we probably shouldn’t be spending our budget on giveaways, it should go back into AA
- Neal: Can we get a price break down? Service contributions are more important
- Carolyn: now is a fan of the “250” number. Let’s check what TX is doing with their merchandise so we’re not stepping on any toes. Reminder that our logo will change again, so we don’t really want any extra water bottles.
- Dianna: clarified that motion is now 500 water bottles for $420 and
asked questions about what we did last year (Chelsea to look into what is on prior year financials) in terms of putting $ back into AA

Move to table this motion until we have further information on:
1. What is TX giving out/selling?
2. Prior year f/s - what did we spend on giveaway merchandise and what were our service contributions?

Motion to table seconded, passed 15-0-1

8. New Business

a. Open positions

Brian read open positions aloud.

Elections:

Co-Treasurer

Dorian stands for Co-Treasurer and gives his bio. Sobriety date is March 2008. He moved to Philadelphia from New Mexico, where he held various service positions; he has professional bookkeeping/accounting experience. Voted in by acclamation; unanimous consent.

Other available positions include:

- Secretary
- Co-Secretary
- Events Sub-Committee Members – need help with Events!
- Outreach Co-Chair
- Site (Hotel) Co-Chair
- Web Co-Chair
- Bid Book Sub-Committee Members – need help with Bid Book!
- Bid Presentation 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
- Set-Up / Clean-Up Chair

b. Business cards (Graeson)

Motion: Spend $77 for 2000 business cards; seconded; passed 15-0-1.
c. Treasury balance (Chelsea): Let’s think about, for next meeting, how we want to use funds to give back to AA. Splits to GSO/Area/District? Or unique service project that could use funding?

d. Announcement (Hannah): Registration for Downingtown YP Conference (October 24-26, 2014) is now open.

e. Announcement (Dorian): New Mexico YPAA registration is open, too.

9. Next meeting: Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 12 p.m. at 4021 Club

10. Meeting closed at 1:20 p.m. (EDT) with reading from the Big Book, p. 58 and the theme of ICYPAA 38 in Honolulu, 1995: “Willing to go to any lengths…” and Responsibility Statement (Carolyn).

Upcoming Philly Bid dates for your calendar:

- May 10: 8pm South Jersey Young People Meeting in Absecon with CAYPAA. Location: Presbyterian Church, 208 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon, NJ
- May 11: 4pm ICYPAA Webinar – Committee Roster, Service, and Structure
- May 12: 7pm Give a brief presentation at the the Chester County Zone intergroup meeting on Monday, May 12 at 7pm. Location: Church of the Holy Trinity, 212 S. High Street, West Chester, PA
- May 18: 12pm Bid Committee Meeting
- June 1: 12pm Bid Committee Meeting
- June 14: 3pm CAYPAA Speaker Jam (Caroline will be a speaker)
- June 15: 12pm Bid Committee Meeting
- June 21: 3pm-7pm Founder’s Day BBQ and Bill W. Movie Night

Upcoming other AA dates for your calendar:

- May 18: 9am-12pm SEPIA’s 2nd Annual Gratitude Breakfast. Location: 401 South Schuylkill Avenue, Jeffersonville, PA
- May 23-26: Memorial Day Weekend Alkathon at 4021 Clubhouse is going to be held Friday, May 23 at 9pm through Monday, May 26 at 7pm. See event listing on SEPIA homepage for more info.
- June 1: Delegate’s Conference Report / Mini Assembly. Location: McNeil Science & Technology Center (STC Building), 723 South 43rd Street Philadelphia, PA
• June 8: 11am Area 59 3rd Quarter Area Committee Meeting. Location: Summit Station Banquet Hall, 1138 South Route 183, Summit Station, PA

• June 14: 12pm-3pm Districts 25, 26, 27, 28, and 60: Combined District Workshop. Theme: “Communicating Our Three Legacies (Recovery, Unity, and Service). Location: 444 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA

• June 28: 8pm-1am Roxborough Group Recovery Dance. Location: Leverington Presbyterian Church, 6301 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA

• July 11-13: PENNSCYPAA XXVI, Scranton, PA. Registration flyer here.