Philly Bid Committee Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2014, 12:00-1:00pm

4021 Club, 4021 Walnut Street, Philadelphia PA

1. Neal, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm EST

2. Carolyn opened the meeting with the theme from the 34th ICYPAA in San Francisco. “There is a solution”, page 25 of the Big Book.

3. **Introductions:**
   
   Neal, Co-Chair  
   Jason, A/V Chair  
   Josh, Outreach Chair  
   Hannah, Graphics Chair  
   Corinne, Member-at-Large  
   Josh, visitor (new to committee)  
   Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair  
   
   Absent:  
   Brian, Chair  
   Chelsea, Treasurer  
   Dorian, Co-Treasurer  
   Caroline, Service Chair and Area 59 Liaison; Interim Secretary  
   Mike, Events Chair and CPC/PI Liaison  
   Kelly, Events Co-Chair  
   Betsy, Site Chair  
   Robert, Web Chair  
   Alex, Bid Book Chair  
   Graeson, Merchandise Chair  
   Everardo, District Liaison  
   Maryclaire, Intergroup Liaison  
   Amanda, Corrections & Treatment Facilities Liaison  
   Audrey, 12th Step Call Chair  
   Dianna, Fellowship Chair and Archivist  
   Jen W., Calendar Chair  

4. Neal read the minutes from our last committee meeting.

5. **Reports:**

   Outreach (Josh)
Made announcements and handed out flyers and business cards in South Philly, North Philly, Center City and Wilkes Barre, PA.

-Motion to accept minutes, seconded, passed

**A/V (Jason)**

Been working on bid requirements 9 and 10 including helping Brian with the program. A/V sections of Bid requirement 10 are going well. Jason is focusing primarily on the Marriott right now but he will get to the Sheraton. The next step is to get estimates from the vendors. He also shared with us that he plans to submit a draft to Advisory for review.

-Motion to accept minutes, seconded, passed

**Graphics (Hannah)**

Waiting to hear from Alex on helping to design templates for the Bid Book.

-Motion to accept minutes, seconded, passed

**Site (Betsy emailed to Brian, Neal, Chelsea, Jason, Caroline, and Alex)**

Two options confirmed for Bid Book:

Marriott: August 26-30, 2015: Full meeting space and sleeping rooms at the Marriott.

Convention Center/Sheraton: August 20-23, 2015: Meeting space at the convention center; sleeping room block at the Sheraton.

6. **New Business:**

We spent the rest of the meeting discussing various topics.

Carolyn proposed the question, “What are we doing as service for AA as a whole?” She brought up the existence of meetings at certain treatment facilities and the Youth Study Center in the past, and suggested that we as a Bid Committee could possibly bring some of these meetings back into existence. She also mentioned that she went to SEPIA and spoke to the Prison Committee (see attached).

Corinne and Hannah mentioned that there are quite a few sober high schools in Chester County. They’re planning to attend the 307 Clubhouse’s young people attended meeting.

Josh M brought up possibly for next year to spend more time blitzing our homegroups that are already hearing these announcements often but don’t know all the faces of the committee.

Neal suggested that we focus more on having our events in all 5 counties.
The “Bid Presentation Task Force” so far includes Rob, Brian, Mike, Dorian and Josh M. We had one meet-up to bounce ideas off of each other. Rob volunteered to write a script for a skit that we plan to perform live at ICYPAA. Last we spoke the skit was about the meeting before the meeting. And of course includes some iconic Philadelphians!!

Josh, new to the committee expressed interest in holding the Graphics Co-Chair position.

7. **7th Tradition**

8. Carolyn took us out with the theme from WACYPAA 6, 2002 in Billings, Montana. Page 164 of the Big Book. “..create the fellowship you crave..”

9. Closed the meeting at 1:00 pm with, “I am responsible”. 
Prison Committee Update

Attended the SEPIA (Intergroup) Prison Committee meeting on June 5, 2014 and discussed with the committee reinstituting meeting at The Youth Study Center in Philadelphia. This had been a previous commitment but was suspended 15 years ago at the request of the prison system. The members who recall going to the juvenile facility reported that the inmates were physically aggressive with the speakers. The inmates initially were required to attend the meeting and there was a lot of resentment and anger on the part of inmates who did not internally identify as alcoholic. After some years the meeting was made voluntary and no one ever attended. The prison system disbanded the meeting.

The Director of Archives, Mike G., will research the previous commitment in the archives and will provide any additional historical information that may be pertinent.

The Director of the Prison Committee, Dan S, will discuss our interest in reviving the meeting with prison officials. (I’ve telephoned him for an update but have not gotten a response yet)

Overall there was quite a bit of discussion about the matter and the majority of committee members were supportive and excited about this new potential opportunity.

Currently the Chester and Montgomery County Zones are taking weekly AA meeting to the Juvenile Prison facilities in those respective counties. If Philly Bid for ICYPAA members want to assist with this endeavor we could attend the zone meetings in those areas and/or follow up with the prison liaisons for those counties.

SEPIA’s Prison Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at the Intergroup Office at 7:00PM.

Yours in Service,
Carolyn R.