MEETING MINUTES
Philadelphia Bid Committee for the 57th ICYPAA
July 20, 2014, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
4021 Club, 4021 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

1. Neal, Co-Chair, called everyone to order at 12:05 p.m. (EDT).

2. Introductions:

Neal, Co-Chair
Jen W., Calendar Chair
Caroline, Service Chair and Area 59 Liaison; Interim Secretary
Chelsea, Treasurer
Graeson, Merchandise Chair
Betsy, Site Chair
Mike, Events Chair and CPC/PI Liaison
Corinne, Member-at-Large
Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair
Josh F.
Jason, A/V Liaison
Josh M., Outreach Chair
Dorian, Co-Treasurer
Dianna, Fellowship Chair and Archivist
Brian, Chair

Absent:
Kelly, Events Co-Chair
Robert, Web Chair
Alex, Bid Book Chair
Hannah, Graphics Chair
Everardo, District Liaison
Amanda, Corrections & Treatment Facilities Liaison
Audrey, 12th Step Call Chair

Total: 15 present; 14 votes (Neal abstains)

3. Carolyn, Prayer/Unity Chair, opened the meeting with a reading from the Big Book, page 84: “And we have ceased fighting…” (theme from ACYPAA 37)

4. Reports

   a. Treasury Report (Chelsea)

      - Treasury Balance: cash on hand of $305, $33.47 in PayPal account and $1,193.28 in the bank. Total available funds = $1,531.75
      - Updates on BR5 (financial statements), BR8 (budget), and BR11 (tax research), sent to Advisory for review, some feedback received
      - Motion to accept report, seconded, passes 12-0-3
b. Secretary’s Report (Caroline)

- Minutes from 7/6/2014 read. Caroline will circulate minutes after each
  meeting via email for committee’s review and approval within 48 hours.
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passes 12-0-3

c. Service Report (Caroline)

- Billy N., AA Trustee and Chair of AA World Services, reviewed our Bid
  Book. He praised the good work and service that went into the bid.
- Service commitments at the 56th ICYPAA:
  - Sunday, August 24 at 7am: Marathon Meeting (Chair: Dorian;
    Topic: Third Step Prayer)
  - Friday, August 22 at 4:30pm: Panel (Caroline speaking on Steps
    4/5)
  - Caroline will create and circulate a sign up sheet for shifts at the
    Bid Table
  - Visit the 56th ICYPAA website to complete a sign up form to
    volunteer for Registration, Security, Pre-Conference Event,
    Hospitality, Entertainment
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passes 12-0-3

d. Merchandise Report (Graeson)

- T-shirts: We have sold 86 shirts to date and have 14 remaining in
  inventory. Caroline sold 9 shirts and 2 DVDs at PENNSCYPAA.
- Water bottles: To be ordered on July 21 to arrive at the hotel on time
- Online ordering feature of our website will be discontinued given our
  low inventory. Graeson to ask Rob to remove the items and insert:
  - PHILLY BID MERCHANDISE
    2014 SHIRTS SOLD OUT
    STAY TUNED FOR MORE AVAILABILITY
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

e. A/V Report (Jason)

- Option 1: Marriott has two vendors (in-house and outside)
- Option 2: Convention Center only has one required vendor (in-house)
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

f. Site Report (Betsy)

- Submitted BR7 (hotels) for Advisory feedback
- Next step with Option 2 (Convention Center) is a license agreement, so
  Betsy posed the question to Advisory whether we have to take that
  step, and the response was that we don't need to take it that far, but
  we must have "first option" in writing. We don't want to burn bridges
  with CC, as unlike Marriott there is no history with ICYPAA.
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

g. Outreach Report (Josh)
- Announcing the committee, distributing flyers and outreach cards – outreaching continues; this time to Wilkes-Barre, Shoppers Special, 19th/Walnut, Center City Group on Wednesdays, Fairmount
- Motion to accept report, seconded, passed 12-0-3

5. Announcements

Neal: Delaware County was awarded the bid for PENNSCYPAA XXVII in 2015. Host Committee elections will be held on September 14, 2014.

Caroline: Delaware County’s annual comedy event is tentatively scheduled for the end of September and will provide outreach tables for YPAA committees.

Dianna: August 17 is a date that we have a committee meeting scheduled, but since this will be after bid book deadline, let's have a fellowship event for end of year pre-conference celebration! All present were unanimously in favor.

6. Old Business

a. Bid Presentation Task Force (Mike, Dorian, Rob, Josh, Brian, Max)
   - Skit: Rob will send script to committee next week
   - Video: Caroline to create; each committee member asked to please send her footage of responses to questions:
     o Name and service position
     o What's your favorite step and why?
     o What superhero would you be?
     o Where do you get a good cheesesteak and how do you take it?
     o Where should the 57th ICYPAA go? (Philadelphia!)

b. Service (Prison Committee Update from Carolyn R.)
   - Youth Study Center history: commitment disbanded 15 years ago, juvenile inmates were not welcoming to AA members, mandatory became optional and due to lack of interest and behavioral issues, the meeting commitment ended
   - Carolyn has attended the last 2 monthly prison committee meetings
   - Prison Committee member Annmarie will reach out to Philadelphia Prisons System to see if it's a possibility, what clearances are needed
   - Carolyn was asked to return to bid committee and gauge long term interest, beyond bidding process. Show of hands indicated almost all committee members present would be interested
   - Dorian shared experience taking prison commitment in New Mexico
   - Caroline shared ideas about YPAA committee at Area or Intergroup

c. Tablescaping
   - Brian to create a sign up sheet, each member going to Texas will be asked to pack so we can share load, including shirts, Tastykakes, and Goldenberg peanut chews

7. New Business
a. Bill W. DVDs
   - **Motion:** To bring remaining Bill W. DVDs leftover from our event to Texas to be disbursed at table in bid room; seconded.
     - Discussion: would we sell them or give them away? This is non-conference approved material. Determination that giving away as prizes is better than selling.
     - Vote: 10-1-4.
     - Minority opinion: Not conference approved

b. Bid Book status
   - Brian to call Alex. Caroline and Chelsea available to edit.

8. **7th Tradition**

9. **Next meeting:** Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 12 p.m. at 4021 Club

10. Meeting closed at 1:12 p.m. (EDT) with reading from BB, page 85 “Safe and protected” (theme of MCYPAA 6). Followed by Responsibility Statement.