The Pennsylvania Bid for the 61st ICYPAA

Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 2:18pm
TIME ADJOURNED: Approx 4pm
CHAIRPERSON: Michael C
RECORDING SECRETARY: David H

I. Opening prayer: Led by Mike C
II. Reading of Mission Statement: Read by Dianna R
IV. Secretary’s report: Read by Dave and approved
V. Treasurer’s report: Jaclyn K - There is money set aside for NYE event and retreat. Current balance of $500 (prudent reserve)
VI. Committee reports
   a. Site: William P - No report
   b. Web: Adam B - A meeting had been held on 11/16/17 to work out bugs with the Zoom platform and to test the setup of microphones and webcams. Minutes and the mission statement have been uploaded to the website. Weebly website host requires an upgrade to add more documents. Adam will look into other possible website hosts. Adam needs to be reimbursed for the previous expenses of purchasing the Zoom subscription. Outdated files from 2013 and 2014 are taking up storage on the website and preventing new documents from being uploaded. Adam asked about deleting old files. Mike suggested moving to cloud storage for safe keeping.
   c. Outreach: Neill D - YPAA Unity event was held in Harrisburg. Neill spoke with many people about the possibility of being an Area 60 Liaison for our committee but was unable to find someone to fill the position yet. Spoke with about 30 people regarding outreaching our bid and gathered emails from people that agreed to help. Handed out flyers for NYE event.
   d. Events: Victoria B - There is a new contact person at Circle of Hope where the NYE Rager had been hosted previously. Last year we had
paid 20% of the ticket sales. The new contact person has asked for 40% of ticket sales this year. Victoria had negotiated to 30%. So far, the current food/beverage budget has been estimated at $100. Since this is lower than what we had originally planned for, there is a little room for other expenses that might occur. A sign up document has been emailed to the committee for members to take time slots for various service commitments at the event.

e. **Fellowship:** No report (Previously, no Fellowship Chair had been elected. See Old Business for the election of Kim as Fellowship Chair.)

f. **A/V:** Not present

g. **Literature/Grapevine:** Not present

h. **Merchandise:** Alexis presented merchandise suggestions. Merchandise suggestions were split into two categories of “must haves” like shirts and keychains and things that would be “nice to have” such as temp tattoos, mugs, or block calendars. Bringing a motion in New Business regarding shirts so that we can order them and have them available for the NYE event. Mike noted that shirts are usually the only items that are sold and that smaller items are given away like temp tattoos or water bottles.

i. **Service:** Not present

j. **Graphics:** Heather S - Presented 4 options for logos. Option 1 was based on the “Miracle Tree”. Option 2 was based on the miracles of staying sober with the circles representing the AA coins for various lengths of sobriety. Option 3 was a microphone with the idea being that it is a miracle to be able to share our experience with others. Option 4 was “come on, it’s a freaking unicorn”. Motion to choose a logo design in New Business.

k. **CoChair:** David H - Regarding CoChair duties of YPAA Liaison, David attended the YPAA Unity event in Harrisburg and had many people asking about cohosting events. Among the committees that were interested in cohosting events included the MD Host for ICYPAA, the DC Host for EACYPAA, and the Cumberland Valley Host for PENNSCYPAA. ICYPAA had talked about holding a conference call on Saturday, December 9th at 5pm to start discussing the 2nd Annual Younger Games event.

l. **Podcast:** David H - No additional speakers have been recorded since the last business meeting. 2 new episodes have been released and the episodes are now on track to be released twice a month on the 1st
and 15th. The two new episodes were Craig W (Brewster, NY) and Sean K (Palm Desert, CA). Always looking for more suggestions regarding future speakers on the podcast.

m. Prisons/Treatment Facilities: Charlie H - All commitments have been filled. Prisons committee meeting coming up this week.

VII. Announcements
a. The SEPIA offices will not be available for our January committee meeting.

VIII. 7th Tradition observed

IX. Old business
a. Filling of vacant committee positions:
   i. Kim stood for Fellowship Chair. Accepted by acclamation unanimously.

b. The planning of our 2017 bid retreat:
   i. Two host sites have been proposed for the January 27th event
      1. David H - A day rental of $200 for the house of two members of the fellowship in Harrisburg. Upside: Cost effective and readily available. Downside: Does not allow for overnight accommodations and may be a far round trip for people that live outside of Harrisburg. The other downside being that the owners have a small dog and vape in the house and this may be a problem for people that have allergies.
      2. William P - An overnight rental at Camp Innabah at a cost of $100-$110 per person including 3 meals. Upside: Allows for overnight accommodations so that members don’t have to drive long round trips in the same day. Downside: The cost is much higher than the previously allocated $500.
   
   ii. Mike C - Noted that since we now have a Fellowship Chair, that it is the privilege and responsibility of that person to choose a location. Provided that it does not exceed the previously voted on amount of $500, it does not need to be voted on.
    
   iii. Alexis D - Motion made to “Create a google doc to see who would be willing to spend extra money to stay overnight”
      1. Seconded
2. David H - Time constraints would cause an issue at this point since many places are already booked and unavailable
3. Dianna R - Members could find a hotel for overnight instead if they are not able to commute in one day
4. Alexis D - The $500 could be spent to bring down the cost of the lodge
5. William P - The deposit required for the minimum amount of people that we would expect would likely exceed the $500 amount and we would not be able to vote on that until the next meeting
6. Vote: 2 in favor, 7 opposed - Motion fails - No minority opinion

X. **New business:**
   a. Alexis D - Motioned to “Use the unicorn logo (Option 4)”
      i. Seconded
      ii. Alexis D - It is an easy to use logo with a single color, making it cost effective for printing purposes
      iii. Dianna R - Unicorns would be popular among other members and would sell really well
      iv. Neill D - Call the motion
         1. Seconded
      v. Vote: 9 in favor - Motion passed unanimously
   b. Alexis D - Motion to “Purchase baseball Ts and tank tops”
      i. Seconded
      ii. Alexis D - Amendment to motion to “Provide an estimate of the quantity and cost of purchasing baseball Ts and tank tops to the committee by Friday, December 8th and that a poll could be emailed to the committee to approve the estimate”
      iii. Vote: 8 in favor, 4 opposed - Motion passed
         1. Minority opinion: Neill D - Alexis is allowed to have right of decision per the duties of her position as Merchandise Chair
         2. Point of Clarification: Mike C - Explained that any expense over $25 would need to be voted on by the committee
   c. Alexis D - Motion to “Purchase keychains”
i. Point of Clarification: Mike C - The committee currently would not have sufficient funds to afford any merchandise other than shirts
ii. Alexis D retracted the motion
d. Point of Order: Alexis D - Will anyone be making a motion regarding the rental of a location for future business meetings?
i. No motions brought forth

XI. **Upcoming dates:**
   a. NYE Rager - December 31st at Circle of Hope, Philadelphia

XII. **Announcements:**
   a. Mike C - Starting a Structure Subcommittee to handle changes to the bylaws to reflect the state-wide status of the committee
   b. Mike C - There will be a new location for the bid committee meetings and he will announce that prior to the next meeting

XIII. **Closing:** The Serenity Prayer lead by Mike C