

ISCYPAA ADVISORY MEETING
POST-CORONA DECISIONS

Sunday, June 7, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

1. Call to order & prayer

2. Introductions

- Attendance: Nicki, Steph, James, Meg, Michelle D, Annie, Sid, Kelly, Meredith, Ben, Laken

(Josh has stepped down from Advisory, Michelle D is the next alternate from Desypaa and has joined the committee)

3. GSO Clarification about Merchandise:

- Regarding SWSY clarification about the traditions and selling merchandise using an outside platform.

i. Here is the email from the contact at GSO that was sent to Rhett:

“...As you might be aware of the General Service Office, U.S./Canada is the publisher of AA literature and a repository of AA shared experience. This office is not a governing body or central authority for A.A. and has been given no power to direct groups or members in their actions. Each group and service entity is autonomous and has the freedom and the responsibility to interpret the Traditions and to set their own policies and practices according to their informed group conscience.

Within the scope of Tradition 4, each group is autonomous; it will be up to the event organizers group conscience to decide the matter concerning selling items. Our 7th Tradition guides A.A groups and entities to be self-supporting through "our own contributions". For an A.A. entity to sell trinkets as a means of raising funds does not really reflect the spirit of that Tradition. Since the money coming from the sale of trinkets is not being 'contributed,' it is being traded, which does not appear to fit the spiritual principle contained in the 7th Tradition. This latter statement – about selling to people outside of A.A. -- would hold true for any type of fundraiser that an A.A. group or event may choose to have”

Response from CASO - “ It appears the question is about selling AA merchandise outside of AA? if this is the case then you could be crossing into issues with Tradition Six. As an individual one can affiliate with anyone or anything. As a group it is highly suggested that we stay away from any real or perceived affiliations with any outside interests as it can cause confusion and set unwanted precedents. It can also allow for outside groups to use the name of AA in inappropriate ways.”

4. Zoom Account:

- Stephanie has been issued a check for \$30.00. Nicki to clarify what address to send a check to.
- Zoom account has not been purchased yet for ISCYPAA
- Motion for ISCYPAA to purchase annual ZOOM account

Motion seconded and passes

5. Public Storage:

- Suggest purchasing a storage unit for Archives material - 1385 E. Dundee Road, Palatine, IL 60074
 - i. Small 5' x 10'; Outside unit; drive-up access
 - ii. \$24/month + \$1 first month rent + \$24 one-time administrative fee
 - Due to the large number of archive boxes we have
 - Discussion: area that is good for next Archives chair. Discussion of if we needed to transfer to a different location (monthly bill, no yearly contract). Michelle & James volunteers to hold on to the bins
- Currently there are 5 large bins - possibility to go through it and convert some of it to digital to condense.
- Subcommittee will be created to handle Archives material

6. Edits to Bid & Host packets

- Finalize electronic submissions of bid packets - discussion of
- We do have an email address: ISCYPAA@GMAIL.COM
- Have edits in our minds, we will need to vote in edits closer to the 2021 Conference so that they will be applicable for next year's committees

7. LEGAL & BUSINESS: *Please see the attachment for this matter*

- What we need to do to remain a non for profit entity.
- What is legal zoom? Is it necessary?
 - i. We pay \$399.00 a year for legal zoom which only notifies us when we have federal and state due dates. They also are our "registered" agent which means if ISCYPAA gets any mail, they scan it in and send us an email.
 - ii. We do not need to pay \$399.00 a year, if that means we still have to complete the necessary documentation for state and federal. It would be even double the amount if we paid them to complete that information for us.

Clarification: we currently pay for legal zoom which was set up when we got non-for-profit status and the tax exempt ID number a few years ago
What do other committees do?
Can we use an Alano club or CASO? (issue with where things are sent and we don't receive it)
- Need a registered agent with an agent
 - i. Proposal: Nicki proposes that ISCYPAA hires a registered agent to complete the necessary tax and legal information. This would allow the treasurer of ISCYPAA to only handle the treasury aspect of ISCYPAA and doesn't need to know the legal aspect.
 - 1. We can hire - Nichelle R. Cesario who has a 1099 account to be ISCYPAA's registered and legal agent. Upon discussion, a contract will be written up for all to review and edit.

Nicki and Steph will research options: looking into hiring an accountant, negotiating legal zoom contract, and other options for registered agents for our non-for-profit status and bank account
Motions will be brought up on the next meeting for what to do

Motions to approve minutes from April 11 and April 18

Seconded and passes (2 abstain)

Bids that have reformed/continuing the bidding year : Chicago, Springfield, Champaign-Urbana, Swsypaa

Desypaa disbanded - Nicki will check in again to see when they will be sending a

Steph will reach out to Lakeypaa to see if they are still planning on still being a committee or disbanding

Open treasurer position - Meredith can handle treasurer role for the remainder of the year or until one of the trusted servants becomes available to take over treasury

Tabled for next meetings:

- Open v. Closed deliberation*
- Host and Bid packet edits*
- Voting on registered agent*

Next meeting TBD per poll of people's availability