

## ISCYPAA Advisory Meeting

Date: January 2, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

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### Attendance/Introductions:

1. James P - chair
2. Brian M - trusted servant
3. Savannah P - secretary
4. Meg B - trusted servant
5. Michelle D - trusted servant
6. Jeanette R - co-chair
7. Rian B - trusted servant
8. Meg - archives

### Guests:

- Peyton S - Host Chair

### Prayer

### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

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### Reports:

- Host Representative:
  - Hey y'all. My name is Peyton, and I'm an alcoholic. This is what your ISCYPAA Host Committee has been up to since Advisory's last business meeting. As of 1/2/2024, we have **76 room nights booked**. There has not been a dramatic increase in room nights sold. I mistakenly gave the figure of how many individuals booked last time I reported instead of the number of room nights booked. So, the number I reported last time should have been doubled. We have a **current balance of \$3,873.33**. We have sold approximately **151 regular registrations and 27 scholarships, for a total of 179 registrations**. This number does not include the registrations that the Chicago Host Committee gave us.
  - There are **currently 19 Host Committee members**, 18 of which are voting members. 19 is including the Al-Anon Liaison. We currently have the following positions open: Out of State Outreach Chair and Unity Chair We could ALWAYS use more Trusted Servants.
  - As far as events are concerned, **we haven't had anything since Shivering Denizens** in early December. We were originally set to have a New Years' Eve event. We decided against having it due to lack of participation. Also, that event was supposed to be held in conjunction with Southern Illinois Area 21, District 17's Alcathon, which also ended up getting canceled due to a lack of participation.

- **Our next event is our “Off to the Races Board Game Bash” on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the CSO in South Roxana, IL.** This is a pajama party event. We will have board games and will be watching the movie Jumanji, the original one from the 80s. We will have two speakers from Host, Katelyn V. and Justin B. speak about how service and specifically about how young people’s service, both in and outside of ISCYPAA, has impacted their sobriety. The suggested donation will be \$10. This will be the last event before the Open. We will be voting on the flyer later this evening.
- **The All Illinois Young People’s Open will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at The Regency in O’Fallon, IL.** We are still finalizing some of the details. **Tentatively, on that day, the Advisory business meeting will be at noon, Host elections to Advisory will be held from 2:00 or 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm or 4:30 pm, and the main event will be at about 6:00 or 7:00 pm. Tonight at 8:00 pm, Host has an emergency meeting scheduled.** We will be **voting on the theme for the Open** at this meeting. We should have a flyer out at our next regularly scheduled business meeting, which will be on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be communicating the theme to bids shortly after the vote.
- **As far as merch is concerned, we got another order of t-shirts in! We now have all sizes in stock! We also have beanies for sale. To date, we have raised \$300 from ornament sales. We still have some ornaments available for sale.**
- As far as outreach goes, **we have not attended any conferences in the month of December.** Recently, our outreach efforts have been more locally focused. We **started having meeting raids!** Our first one was last night, January 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Troy Welcome Home Group, in Troy, IL. For those of you who don’t know, Troy is over by O’Fallon. We are **planning on attending the following conferences: MOSCYPAA in Cape Girardeau, MO, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>; WICYPAA in Oshkosh, WI, January 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>; Five Corners Round – Up in Miner (Sikeston), MO, February 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> (This is a regular, local AA convention – not a YPAA), and TCYPAA in Jackson, TN, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.** Jackson is about an hour away from Memphis. These should be the last conferences we are attending prior to ISCYPAA. We **recently attended the Northern Illinois 20 Area Assembly in Elburn, IL on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.** We **recently attended the Southern Illinois Area 21 Assembly on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>,** in Decatur, IL. As far as upcoming assemblies go, we are **tentatively set to go to both the Chicago Area 19 and Northern Illinois Area 20 Assemblies on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, as well as the Southern Illinois Area 21 Assembly on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.** We will continue to hit our local and local-ish district meetings. We plan on going directly to districts and asking districts and groups to sponsor specific aspects of the conference, such as meals in hospitality, etc.
- We have updated our business meeting schedule. We are meeting more frequently as we get closer to the conference. Our meetings for the rest of the year are as follows:
  - 1/14 - O'Fallon Trailer
  - 1/21 - O'Fallon Trailer
  - 1/28 - First Christian Church Christopher

- 2/11 - O'Fallon Trailer
- 2/18 - O'Fallon Trailer
- 2/25 - First Christian Church Christopher
- 3/3 - O'Fallon Trailer
- 3/17 - O'Fallon Trailer
- 3/24 - O'Fallon Trailer.
  
- Our business meetings are still 3:30 - 5:30, as well as being hybrid.  
Thank you for allowing me to continue to be of service.  
In Service,  
Peyton S.  
ISCYPAA XLI Host Committee Chair

- Chairperson (James P.)
  - I have nothing to report this month.
  
- Co-Chairperson (Jeanette):
  - We moved to O'Fallon, IL the week of Thanksgiving. Jeanette is planning on attending the remainder of the Host Committee business meetings since they live in
  
- Secretary (Savannah):
  - Host Chairperson (Peyton) has shared the Host Committee's business meeting minutes from September thru November - will work with Michelle to get those reports saved into our Google Drive
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- Treasurer (James R.):
  - No transactions since the last Advisory Business Meeting.
  - As of 1/02/2024 - ending balance is \$23,961.80.
  - James held a sub-committee on Dec 14th, 2023, 8-9pm, regarding making bid seed money indefinite moving forward - cover in old business.
  
- Hotel (Tara):
  - No report
  
- Outreach (Tamara):
  - No report
  
- Archives (Megan):
  - Still need to work with Meg B to get archives stuff from her
  - Have been in touch with Host Archives chair, asking about meeting tapers - if they tape all the meetings or just the main speaker. Told her it depends on what kind of taper they hire.
    - James - the decision lies with the committee; typically, the main meetings are the only items taped

- Brian - also depends on audio/visual limitation of the space; MP3 recording devices can also be used for smaller meetings
- Webmaster (Tim):
  - No report
- Trusted Servants (Bill, Brian, Meg, Rian, Ryan, and Michelle):
  - No reports

## Old Business

- Seed Money permanent (James R.)-
  - Subcommittee met-
- Retire Banner (James P.) - *Wanting on logo*
  - Megan to bring pricing and design to the committee
  - Posted a couple mock-ups in the Google Space
  - If we purchase 2 banners (1 official (premium fabric and metal grommets), 1 unofficial (regular quality)) - total cost is \$232
    - James: Why would we get 2 banners?
    - Meg: So people can steal the banner and we wouldn't have to worry about it

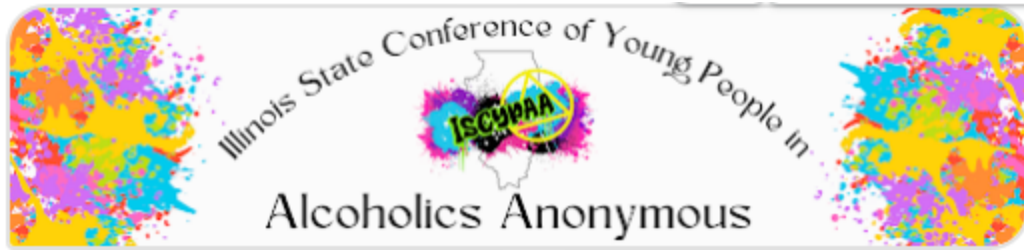
## Proposed banner designs



a. Votes - 3



a. Votes - 2



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- Option 1 wins the vote. Meg will bring different iterations of banner #1 to Advisory
  
- Regarding Bid Requirement #2 which states, "Bidders must have a commitment from at least one hotel. This commitment must include the dates of availability for the banquet and meeting rooms and proof that the hotel will not require a minimum number of attendees,"
  - Michelle motions that bid requirement #2 be changed to "Bidders must have a contract from at least one hotel. This contract must include the dates of availability for the banquet and meeting rooms and proof that the hotel will not require a minimum number of attendees." This change to take effect for the bidding year of ISCYPAA 42.
    - We believe we have been misinterpreting this bid requirement. The term commitment should imply that we are getting signable contracts from hotels, not proposals. We would like to make it known to all the bids this year that they should be submitting signable contracts and will be more seriously considered with signable contracts. If anyone has a concern with this interpretation, we can discuss it more in new business.
  
  - *AT THE October BUSINESS MEETING, WE WERE UNABLE TO VOTE ON THIS MOTION DUE TO NOT HAVING ENOUGH MEMBERS PRESENT.*
  
- Getting Host to share Google Doc of Financials (Tim)
  - *TABLED FROM October BUSINESS MEETING DUE TO NOT ENOUGH MEMBERS PRESENT TO VOTE.*

#### New Business

- Nondiscrimination And Harassment (NDAH) policy review and edits (Steph & Michelle)
  - Met with Steph (previous chair) some time ago. Brought up in our committee that our NDAH policy may need to be revamped and why we have one.
  - Background: In 2017, when NIB was Host, a sexual harassment case was opened, claiming an assault took place in a hotel room during the conference. Victim went to the police and the police contacted advisory through the ISCYPAA website - they asked for a list of the people registered for the conference and this brought up some discussions

because there was controversy over anonymity and whether the entire list be provided or just the info of the accused at the time - there was no NDAH policy in place at the time, so ISCYPAA just adapted the policy from ICYPAA and it was voted in after-the-fact (corrective vs. preventative). The language of the committee states that we, as an Advisory committee, must investigate any incidents, and I (Michelle) think this is not appropriate. I don't think it is within our realm to investigate sexual assault cases, I think it is the police's job.

- Link to our current NDAH policy:

<http://www.iscypaa.org/uploads/1/0/1/9/101981142/ndah.pdf>

- James: The email address in the NDAH policy needs to be updated
- James/Savannah: Lets organize a subco for this
- Brian: Can we discuss, as a part of that policy, what our action would be should police action be involved in an incident? Like an action plan or outline for Advisory standard protocols in case of police involvement – what we would be immediately willing to do/not do
- James: What does AA as a whole do if police ask us for our attendance records?
- Found coverage of what to do in our existing NDAH policy:
  - Confidentiality ISCYPAA recognizes that confidentiality is important. Those responsible for implementing this Policy will respect the confidentiality and privacy of individuals reporting or accused of discrimination, harassment, or sexual harassment to the extent reasonably possible. Examples of situations where confidentiality cannot be maintained include circumstances when ISCYPAA is required by law to disclose information (such as in response to legal process) and when disclosure is required by ISCYPAA's outweighing interest in protecting the rights of others.
- Savannah: (responding to statement that policy sounds like it was written by a lawyer) an NDAH policy should be written and approved by a lawyer because there is specific language in a policy that, if the situation ever arose, a prosecution would be looking for
- James: We should contact a lawyer or GSO about this for help
- Michelle taking point on organizing a subco for the NDAH policy

- Having 2 sub-accounts, 1 for odd, the other for even years so overlap doesn't occur (Tim)
  - Should the Host be required to use Sub-Account?

#### Announcements

- James: Our next business meeting will be an in-person/hybrid meeting in O'Fallon at noon. Advisory elections from Host at 2PM.

#### Motion to Close:

- So moved
- Seconded
- Motion passes

Next meeting: At The Regency in O'Fallon, IL the day of the OPEN on February 10, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Meeting closing time: