

ISCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes  
Monday May 2, 2022  
7:15 pm

Attendance: Steph R., Michelle D., Meg B., Tim H., James P., Tara G., James R., Jeanette R., Ryan M., Daniel R., Tamara S., Isidro B., Rian B., Megan G.

Meeting opens with Serenity Prayer & Introductions

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Daniel made motion to approve. Tamara seconded. Passed by majority vote.

#### Chair Reports

- Chair-Steph R.
  - Submitted Report: Went to host check in with Tamara. Went to website subcommittee meeting, awesome job Jeanette and Tim! [Encourage everyone to look at website] Added past event flyers to bid resources folder in Drive for current bids to look at to get event ideas [along with past by-laws and bid books]. Reached out to Illinois state conference again via phone and email but still haven't heard a response, Tamara will be reaching out to them. [Hopefully will know more soon about in-person meeting in August at the State conference].
- Co-Chair- James P.
  - Report Given: Soberfest invited to host panel at upcoming conference. Had relationship in the past and trying to have a relationship again. Would normally reach out to host but will be reaching out to advisory.
  - Discussion:
    - Tamara* – amazing, are you going to be the one for contact or would that be outreach?
    - James* – I am on Soberfest committee, would rather not be contact person.
- Secretary – Kelly B.
  - Submitted Report: I have created a host and bid roster spreadsheet containing current contact information for host and the bids. This can be found in the drive (ISCYPAA -> Secretary -> 2022-2023). Each sheet within the file is labeled with the committee's name along with the date it was last updated. If anyone updates the information please rename the sheet to reflect when the update was made. I have not received anything from Springfield if anyone has an update about their status. Under the “2022-2023” folder in drive, all the minutes the host and bid committees have sent it can be found in the “Bid/host committee minutes”.
  - Discussion:
    - Tamara* – bid elections for Springfield coming up
- Treasurer - Daniel R.
  - Submitted Report: Bank account 33,062.07, Paypal account 679.28, total: 33,741.35 [paypal account started for easier disbursements for seed money]. Was talking to Rob from Host back account and the seed money, I gave him the EIN number but need to confirm where to send the seed money. SWSYPAA had asked we disburse differently to the areas than what is in the Advisory packet because they had members that lived in Chicago Area and NIA so they asked we do 30% to each instead of 40% to NIA and 20% to Chicago but I would like to discuss in new business a motion to delay disbursements until at least a hotel contract is

signed with Chicago so it might be a moot point to discuss changing the disbursement to the Areas anyways.

- Disbursements as calculated if we were to do them now - Starting balance: 34,041.35 (includes the \$300 spent this year for bid seed monies so far which is why its more than the current balance) Prudent reserve: 15,000 Seed money: 2,000 Amount to be disbursed: 17,041.35

Donation to Corrections HTF	\$500	
SWSY's 10% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Books are \$8.93 each from GSO</li> <li>• Amounts are as close to the percentages as possible</li> </ul>	1,654.14 ( <i>total amount 1648.14 because of taxes, 6 dollar difference</i> )	
	Dr Bob's House 17.86%	\$295.43
	Sponsorships to ISCYPAA XL 17.86%	\$294 (14 sponsorships)
	Big Books to Gateway Aurora 14.29%	\$223.25 (25 books)
	District 12 (Area 20) Corrections Chair 10.71%	\$177.15
	Big Books to Solid Ground 10.71%	\$160.74 (18 books)
	Donation to ISCYPAA bid committees 7.14%	\$118
	District 22 7.14%	\$118.10
	Big Books to Haymarket 7.14%	\$107.16 (12 books)
	Big Books to WRS (Vernon Hills, IL) 3.57%	\$53.58 (6 books)
	Big Books to ATP (Waukegan, IL) 3.57%	\$53.58 (6 books)
<i>Estimated tax for big books: \$47.15</i>		
NIA (40% of 14,887.22)	5,954.89	
Southern Area (20% of 14,887.22)	2,977.44	
Chicago Area (20% of 14,887.22)	2977.44	
GSO (20% of 14,887.22)	2977.44	

- Discussion:  
*Tim* – we shouldn't be paying taxes for the big books  
*Steph* – that was through GSO ordering big books, may be a little different when we go to purchase books
- Hotel – Ryan M.

- No report, not in attendance
- Archives – Meg B.
  - Report Given: Going to host subco 05/23 @ 7:15pm, get ideas about some to-dos for this year for archives. Would like everyone's input.
- Webmaster – Jeanette R./Tim H.
  - Submitted Report: Had subco meeting with Tim and Steph and discussed several options as far as design, organization, and content. We found a cleaner way to incorporate the graphics from Host and decided that they were not host specific, but that host was creating newer ones that we could also use. Need to connect with John from host about our site. They may want to create their own. We plan to look into Wix more over the year to determine if it would be a better fit. [have a year left with Weebly so we will reevaluate]
  - *Tim* – email addresses for individual chairs have been sent out to everyone. They are on the website, so please login to check.
  - Discussion:
    - Meg* – website looks great. Do we give host the autonomy to take over the website?
    - Jeanette* – No, we manage and ask people to send in the information and have communication with host. We can't have them rewrite the ISCYPAA website. Didn't think they could make their own, but it looks like they could make a website specific for this year and we could link to it. Then they could put what they want on the website
    - Tamara* – the website and branding has not been a conversation with the full committee
    - Tim* – did reach out to Jason about flyer being removed. The committee did come to that decision to motivate more online registration than paper
- Outreach – Tamara
  - Submitted Report: Had subo yesterday. Steph and I attended. After last subco and discussions with bidders, we would like to start bid info sessions for certain topics. [place where we give bids about certain topics and they can ask questions] [Reached out to bids] All bids want more info on hotels [some also said budgets]. Will be making a motion: have an info session on a Saturday or Sunday in June to talk about hotels. 5/10 min presentations from advisory hotel chair, a host hotel chair and a bid hotel chair. [Steph moved to new business]. Our suggestions [for the session] are: Ryan – advisory, Brian M (chicago) bid, Tara. James P or James R host. Decatur [planning to bid and are finding election sites]. Will contact ISC [Illinois State Conference] chair. Posing the question to committee, is there anywhere else you think we should be present?
  - Upcoming events
    - Napypaa backyard BBQ 5/14 @3:30 2506 Caton Farm Rd Joliet – Tamara
    - Kankakee Bingo Night 5/14 @ 9pm 1245 E River St Kankakee – ???
    - SIB 5/21 @ 7 pm Rend Lake North Shelter 3 Jeanette?
    - SIB Recovery Olympics/ Campout June 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> - Tamara
    - Next outreach subco May 11th, 8pm - firm up June event
  - Discussion:
    - Steph*- Rockford said something about event in May
- Trusted Servants
  - Isidro B. – no report
  - Michelle D. – no report
  - James R. – no report

- Rian B. – no report
- Megan G. – no report
- Tara G. – no report

#### Bid requirement Subco

- Submitted Report (Steph): Continued discussion and options regarding bid requirement #6. Began discussions around Host selection and bid feedback. Created a template for "scoring" bids as a way to give them constructive feedback. Next subco will be Tuesday May 10 at 8pm

#### Old Business

- Putting Ben [previous advisory member, removed due to missing the conference] to be on the alternate list
  - **Tamara made a motion to table putting Ben on the alternate list.** Daniel seconded. None opposed. One abstention. **Motion passed by majority vote.**
- Pulling next Mesypaa alternate (Amy) to fill vacant Springfield spot.
  - Discussion:

*Steph* - we are currently at 15 members, 4 members are from NIB, will be rolling off

*Tamara* – why are people from host committees serving in other committee slots?

*Steph* - We were pulling from other hosts because we were not able to meet a quorum at one point

*James* – Clarification: 4 from NIB, 2 from Springfield. St. Louis – James, Jeanette, Ryan. To get more equal representation for North and South, we had three slots for Bloomington, unprecedented times, did unprecedented things.

*Tim* – doesn't matter as much about whether north or south, principles above personalities. With 15 members don't need to add any

*James* – We had problems when host was St. Louis, kept asking for help and the two people who were able to help weren't available. People to have available nearby in the south. Good the way we are with 15.

*Tamara* – committees can ask trusted servants in area to help with inventory. They don't have to ask advisory. As host, we vote in people from Swys to represent Swys. Having other people from other committees fill those positions does not fall into principles.

*Kelly* - I don't represent NIB, committee does exist. Representation isn't the same as in our general service structure. Don't think the practice of filling slots with people from other host committees should continue, but it was done when we needed people.

*Jeanette* – Agree that it is clean when we don't pull up people from different host committees.
  - Conclusion: No further discussion was requested and no motion made.

#### New Business

- Daniel (Treasurer): Discussion regarding disbursements. Possible motion to delay 2022 disbursements until after a hotel contract is signed with Chicago or until after the next conference
  - Discussion:

*James* – wait a whole year, make sure things are taken care of at home and then send it. Looking at the hotel proposal it can get out of hand real quick with union. Biggest fear if

we are made to have two workers instead of one and \$10,000 goes to \$20,000. Think we should disburse host's and hold onto other disbursements. It is a onetime thing with Chicago. We don't have to change by-law just vote on it for this year.

*Daniel* – lot of variables, all first-year bids, good idea to see how everything playouts. hate to see us in a situation where we are behind. Lots of variables with unknowns.

*Tamara* – agree, it is real about the AV and the difference between times. Remind everyone, if we use outside sound instead of the hotel speakers money can be saved

Tim made a motion. **Motion that the treasurer make the host disbursements, but hold on to the other disbursements (i.e. NIA 20, Area 19, Area 21, GSO).** Motion seconded.

Discussion:

*James* – normally five disbursements, host's and then the rest. Next year, next host committee would have a different disbursement if we change disbursement percentages based on Swys request.

*Steph* – we are not clarifying when disbursements are being made. We would not disburse the \$14,887.22 (40% to area where conference held, 20% other areas)

*Tamara* - this postpones the disbursement; it is not removing it or stating when the disbursements will be held

*Kelly* – would like to make a friendly amendment that uses the word “delay” instead of hold onto.

Tim accepted friendly amendment. **Motion that the treasurer make the host disbursements, but delay making the other disbursements (i.e. NIA 20, Area 19, Area 21, GSO)**

Vote: In favor – 9, opposed – 3, abstentions – 1

Minority Opinion:

*Sid* – looking at the list items that Swys wants to disburse to includes those outside of service structure.

*Michelle* – doesn't sound like a clear thought out process, sounds loosey-goosey. Financials should be taken into great consideration. Doesn't like that something will be revisited but doesn't state when or how.

*James R.* – general consensus that we are nervous about disbursing money, but we are feeling unsure about when the disbursement will be made. If that clarification is made, then that might firm up the decision

Tara changed her vote based on minority decision

Discussion:

*Tim* – we can't set date or time because we don't know when we will have enough to cover expenses, we could wait until 6 months or until after next conference. That is why didn't include a timeline. Big books were chosen, not giving money to organizations. Weren't giving money to Haymarket, giving big books, standard practice in AA

*James* – confused thought we were pushing it a whole year, bring options to the table in subco, vote to table this, then vote to push the 90 days to 120 days, in by-law treasurer needs to make dis in 90 days

*Steph* – we cannot vote to table but will do revote. If fails then the motion can be brought back.

Revote taken: 2 in favor, 7+ opposed. **Motion failed**

*Steph* - suggest forming subco to discuss more. Since disbursements haven't been voted on, Daniel cannot do them.

- Tamara made the Motion: **Motion to have an info session on a Saturday or Sunday in June to talk about hotels. 5/10 min presentations from advisory hotel chair, a host hotel chair and a bid hotel chair.** Seconded by Tim.

Steph – on zoom?

Tamara – confirmed on zoom

Vote taken: None opposed. **Motion passes.**

Tamara - Suggestions made in subco. Can subco do the rest of that?

Steph - Yes, as long as not financial

Announcements: More advisory babies are coming. There is something in the water. Meg wants to make onsies.

Meeting ended 8:40 pm

Next meeting Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm