

10/21/19 LICYPAA Business Meeting

*Ryan K recording minutes as fill-in Secretary. Eleven attendees, one invited guest.

- 8:17pm Sam opens meeting – What Is LICYPAA
- Mike H leads in a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer
- Invited guest Tom B (SENY Alternate Delegate) shares on Concept 10 and report on SENY.
 - “To me this concept is summed as ‘Balance, balance, balance’”
 - “Helps tell me what I can and cannot do in service role.”
 - At the most recent SENY Assembly a motion was proposed to update the AA preamble, it was tabled and will be brought to the floor at the next Assembly on February 9th, 2020 in Nassau County. There will be free bus service available.
- Passing of the basket – 7th Tradition is read by Ryan K.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Committee Chair Report – Sam F:
 - This will be his last business meeting as Chair, as he will be stepping down from his commitment due to life/employment changes.
 - Erin M the current co-chair will rotate into Chair position.
- Treasurer’s Report – Kevin K:
 - The current balance is \$2,624.35
 - Casey F makes motion to accept report, 2nd by Alex S.
- Secretary’s Report – Matt R:
 - Not present, no report provided.
 - Committee asks if Co-secretary Zach has been present for his commitment. In-coming committee chair Erin reports she will remind Zach of LICYPAA’s attendance policy.
- Events Report – Alex S/Mike H:
 - Delaware YPAA committee has reached out regarding co-hosting their New Year’s Eve event, if LICYPAA wanted to co-host all they are requiring is to bring two food dishes to contribute.
 - ESCYPAA 7 Host has reached out regarding co-hosting an event, no details yet.
 - HVYPAA has also reached out regarding co-hosting an event, no details yet.
 - The venue/location fell through for the planned Emo Night with the Brooklyn YPAA committee that LICYPAA is planning to co-host.
 - Brooklyn YPAA has also invited us to co-host a NYE event with them, no details yet.
 - Mike H has been in discussion with NJYPAA regarding the planning of a co-hosted Valentines Event. NJ requested a location in Nassau County, Thrive in Westbury has been proposed. Mike H is working the logistics, it appears February 15th, 2020 is an open date for Thrive in Westbury.
- Outreach Report – Collin S:
 - Adele is officially stepping down as Outreach Chair. Collin will rotate into position.
 - Outreach organized service efforts for SIA Share-a-thon 10/13/19 – LICYPAA provided speakers for four panels and had an outreach table.
- Website Report – Matt R:
 - Not present, no report provided.

- Suffolk General Service Liaison Report – Mercedes B:
 - Not present, provided a report.
 - Attended Friday’s meeting 10/18/19, provided the service body with a LICYPAA report including unity pumpkin carving event, EACYPAA bid process, and open service commitments available.
- Graphics Report – Donna P:
 - Complete a flyer for the Pumpkin Carving Unity Event.
- PI/CPC Report – Ryan K:
 - LICYPAA invited for public information speaking opportunity at Bellport High School on Thursday October 31st and Friday November 1st. Contact Ryan K if you are interested.
 - LICYPAA invited for public information speaking opportunity at Nassau Community College on April 15th, 2020 12:30 to 1:45pm. Contact Ryan K if you are interested.
- Prayer & Unity Report – Casey F:
 - Casey has family commitment during Friday’s unity event – has asked Donna P to handle purchasing event supplies and decorations.
 - Presents the idea of having LICYPAA members read and share on the monthly Tradition and Concept. The committee expresses interest.
 - November Tradition 11 – Erin M
 - November Concept 11 – Ryan K
- Bid Book Report – Erin M:
 - Last Thursday’s Subco meeting was lightly attended. Few tasks were committed to.
 - Casey to provide Erin with contact info for EACY advisory members.
 - Ryan K contacted by EACYPAA Host bid liaison for a check-in, reported that we are in beginning stages of bid.

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

- Collin S distributes a proposed amendment to the LICYPAA by-laws for formal motion at next business meeting. Amendment proposes to change the by-law language stating business meetings held on Mondays, to proposal for Sunday meetings.
- Erin M steps down as Bid Book Chair
- Sam F formally steps down as Committee Chair, Erin M now Committee Chair.
- Alex S stands for Committee Co-chair
 - Provides service resume.
 - Motion to accept by acclamation by Ryan K, Seconded by Casey F.
 - Vote unanimous, Alex is now Co-Chair.
- Jocylin stands for Corrections and Treatment Co-Chair
 - Provides service resume.
 - Motion to accept by acclamation by Casey F, Seconded.
 - Vote unanimous, Jocylin is now Corrections and Treatment Co-Chair.

- Ryan K stands for Outreach Co-Chair
 - Provides service resume.
 - Motion to accept by acclimation by Casey F, Seconded.
 - Vote unanimous, Ryan is now Outreach Co-Chair.
- Motion to close, Seconded. 9:45pm

By-Law Amendment Proposal 10/21/19

Re: Change of Meeting Day

Current By-Law

8. Committee Procedures

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Proposed Amended By-Law Option A (to be effective December 1st, 2019)

8. Committee Procedures

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Proposed Amended By-Law Option B (to be effective December 1st, 2019)

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Purpose

This By-Law amendment is being proposed for the main purpose of increasing attendance at the LICYPAA business meeting with a secondary purpose of making the business meeting fit more easily into the schedules of current and future committee members.

Reasoning

As a Service Organization, we want to extend the opportunity to join LICYPAA to all young people in AA and want them to be able to be active members. When I speak with young people in A.A. about joining LICYPAA, I have found that one of the biggest obstacles they face is the fact that the business meeting is scheduled on Monday nights at 8. If we want to increase our membership and attendance at meetings, we may find that moving the meeting to Sunday is of great benefit. Anyone who we invite to our come to our meetings or to join is going to consider how LICYPAA fits into their schedule and they have every right to do so. LICYPAA is one of many options for doing service in AA and we cannot expect people to join without weighing us against other options, nor does the natural requirement of people being willing and able mean that we, as a committee, are absolved of the responsibility to make whatever reasonable adjustments we can so as to increase the majority of people's ability to join. Our first step is to look at whether we, as an organization, are doing everything within our power (and within reason) to make LICYPAA accessible to current and potential members.

The reasons for why we believe that this change could help achieve this goal is that it would address the following issues:

I. Overlap with other Meetings

1. The business meeting is currently situated during one of the most popular time slots for A.A. meetings on Long Island. Monday's have more meetings than any other day of the week. The business meeting overlaps with 38 meetings in Nassau and Suffolk Counties (meetings that start at 7:30, 8, 8:15, or 8:30). This means that we overlap with an estimated 10% of the total meetings on Long Island including the nearest Young People's meeting, Sweet Air. All of the meetings I counted for this are within 35 minutes away from South Oaks there may be more farther away.

- a. When factoring in 15 minutes of travel time, and discounting meetings that are within 20 minutes away from South Oaks, it overlaps with 46 meetings. (18 meetings are from 7-8 but are more than 20 minutes away from South Oaks). All of the meetings I counted for this are within 35 minutes of South Oaks, there may be more farther away.
2. Sunday afternoons have far less meetings. Sunday's have less meetings than any other day of the week. For example, if the LICYPAA business meeting was at 3:15 pm on Sundays, it would only overlap with 5 A.A. meetings, and overlap with 9 when factoring in travel time. Two of the meetings that are incompatible when considering travel time are in Greenport and East Hampton.
3. The meetings we overlap with may be people's home groups, the groups where their sponsors are, or else just meetings that they get a lot out of. If we do not give this due consideration when scheduling our meetings, then we put people in the position of having to choose between their recovery meetings and the business meetings. While of course the decision to do anything means not doing something else, we want people to be able to fit LICYPAA into their recovery without interfering with it any more than is reasonably required. Looking at the meeting list on LI, we can see that there are times that are less intrusive than others. Furthermore, when people weigh their service options, they are less likely to choose a committee that forces them to miss meetings they benefit from, and we would not want them to do so if it would negatively impact their recovery.
4. Although there is always the option for them to go to Doing it Young, we are not responsible for that meeting, people may not like it for whatever reason and we don't want that to impact our own attendance, and that still requires them to not go to their own preferred meetings. Additionally, that practically makes going to DIY a *de facto* requirement of joining LICYPAA and that is not appropriate or beneficial to us. We are not attached to the meeting officially and it contributes to a false notion that people in AA have that we are only a service organization geared towards YP meetings and their members.

II. School Schedules

1. The demographic we serve is more likely than others to be attending college or grad school. For the most part, this means that people would have classes during the week.
2. These classes could require work be done on Monday nights and we would be taking that time away.
3. People could have to take night classes which preclude them from coming to the Monday night meeting. Because semesters change and most schools don't make the followers semester's

schedule available until partway through, people could join LICYPAA and not find out until months later that they are no longer able to make the meetings.

III. Work

1. Most jobs require people to work during the week, Monday-Friday.
2. The LICYPAA meeting sometimes goes as late as 10:30 or even 11.
3. Even when it doesn't go that late, having a nighttime meeting after a person gets off of work, after a regular meeting and the night before they have to go back can create an unnecessarily loaded day that not only exhausts members of the committee, but deters potential members from joining in the first place. It is an unappealing concept that numerous people turn down for that reason.