

ECCNA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 22, 2014

1. **OPENING** – Karen opened our first ECCNA19 Host Committee Meeting at 7:05pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Discussion –

*Karen attended the ECCNA Board Meeting last night. The ECCNA Board meetings are held via conference calls. There was a discussion on registration and pricing, and about the money we (Bid Committee) raised (\$1,228.00) and what we were going to do with it. Karen mentioned that we were not sure at the present time and, that since we were a “Bid Committee” and not a “Host Committee” when the money was raised, the Bid Committee can do what is decided as a whole, where the money is best needed.

*ECCNA Board Meetings meet once a month on the first Monday of the month. Karen will keep the committee informed as to any discussion pertaining to ECCNA19.

*ECCNA19 will maintain \$1000.00 in the Convention bank account. The ECCNA Board holds \$5,000.00 from the previous year’s convention as start up funds. The Board will replenish the Host Committee account as needed once our budget is approved.

*In September we should have a non-profit #.

*Two (2) Areas that are Sponsoring ECCNA19 are Delco and Cape Atlantic.

*Will S. is Vice CFO on ECCNA Board. He mentioned that all fundraising money goes directly to ECCNA Board. There is a P.O. Box for ECCNA in

Mays Landing. Our committee decided we will use the Board PO Box since it is so close.

~ Karen went over ECCNA Host Committee Policy Guide and other convention details. ~

*There were group discussions on paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 9. Our Theme and Logo are in place and Noel F. has agreed to continue as Arts & Graphics Chair.

*Deb will email Liz the Bank Statements to go in the Minutes.

*Karen mentioned that when we go out to respective Areas, we need to say our sole purpose is to get Basic Text for jails and prisons.

*In accordance with ECCNA By – Laws, ECCNA has to be in the month of June. Our ECCNA19 date is scheduled for June 12, 13 & 14, 2015. These dates are also the same as the World Convention in Brazil. We plan to stream the Unity Day Meeting on Sunday morning, the 14th of June to our Convention. The Unity day Meeting raises funds for H&I and will be streamed into jails and prisons throughout the world. The cost of the Unity Day Meeting will be \$50.00, we cannot request the stream from World until March of 2015.

*Karen also mentioned that the Board asks that Registration stay with \$200.00. Pre – registration is \$50.00 and \$10.00 off the registration package if you registered during ECCNA18. Some kind of “limited edition” gift will be included for early registration. No date was put on the flyer since they kept changing the deadline last year. Karen asked Johnny to get pricing on shirts and mugs. At our next meeting we can decide on the “gift” being a shirt or mug.

*Georgian Court College is a “Green College” and asks that we include water bottle a water bottle with each registration package.

*Karen discussed the email she sent out about the committee running as a whole as opposed to separate sub-committees. Sub-committee Chairs will be

called Points of Contact instead, all agreed. We also decided that anyone joining need to be present for two (2) consecutive meetings before voting. All Points of Contact are required to have a minimum of three (3) years clean and keep a budget.

*We are going to ask Georgian Court if we can have a fundraiser on premises before our June 2015 convention.

*Kevin is looking into a Basketball Tournament in mid September as a fundraiser. For October fundraising we will stay away from the dates of October 10-12, 2015 respectively, as there is a convention that weekend.

*Karen spoke with Brain Mack, our “Web Master,” and he is willing to help us with whatever we need, as we need.

~ Around the Room about ECCNA19, and getting to know you! ~

* Will S. is the Vice CFO for ECCNA Board and the Board is the financial oversight for ECCNA with a lot of budgets. ECCNA is the oldest convention on the East Coast and is run a little differently than regular convention committees.

*Deb B. found out about ECCNA when Reno was asked to speak for our Bid Presentation, and soon after became our Treasurer. Deb felt it was an “intimate gathering of addicts and that there was a lot of history at the convention.” The convention was gone for 10 years and is in its 5th year back.

*Liz P. mentioned her experience as Secretary for Cape Atlantic and was asked to be part of Bid committee as Secretary. She got to spend time and get to know Karen when looking for our college site and driving to Virginia for our Bid Presentation. Liz also mentioned how the Bid speakers brought tears to her eyes with their heartfelt passion and sincerity to carry our Message of Hope. (Liz forgot to mention but is now, that for the past two and half years she has been Vice Chair for Atlantic County Women’s H&I and that our purpose holds a special place in her heart.)

*Mike G. knows Reno B. and Debbie B. and that this is his first Committee.

*Alexa M. has been to many conventions but this is her first Convention Committee. Georgian Court has a special place in her heart since she is a G.C. grad. Alexa is very happy to be involved and a part of.

*Matt W. said it was his first convention that he stayed the weekend.

*Lori H. is very excited to be a part of.

*Mark H. said he has been with the committee from the start and is thrilled we won the Bid. He is looking forward in planning and thrilled to be a part of the convention.

*Reno B. has been to 20 – 25 Conventions since he was released from “camp.” Our purpose is very dear to his heart. He felt the convention was very intimate and he could feel the history.

*Rhonda W. has been to many conventions and is involved in Committee work.

*Beverly D. is very anxious to help and be a part of. This is her 2nd ECCNA and she just loves it and the history.

*Dave D. thought the History was nice. This is his first official Committee. He said the Saturday night meeting that was broadcasted was the most powerful.

*Ken M. is committed to be involved and that “Raggs” got him involved. Back in the 80’s he was at the ECCNA at Yale. This is Ken’s first committee.

*Johnny R. is happy to be here and likes the people. He feels everyone’s commitment on this is strong. Johnny has always been involved in service. He was at the ECCNA in New Hampshire.

*Diane R. lives across from Lori and Tom. She has never been to a convention. She feels people are more at peace when they come back from a Convention. She wants the intimacy and glow we all have.

*Kevin W. was “told” to be on the committee by Dutch and just wanted to be on a committee where he didn’t have to be in control. He is enjoying being involved, sitting back relaxing and being told what to do.

*Tom H. likes being a part of ECCNA19. He went to ECCNA6 in Bloomsburg.

*Dave A. has been in service with NJ Regional for quite a few years. He loves service work and H&I. Dutch put a bug in his ear back in the 90’s about ECCNA. Our purpose is different than the regular committees. He feels we are going to do great and have a great time. He is pumped and excited.

*Karen W. has been in service since 30 days clean. She got involved with ECCNA through talking with Dutch. He asked and she said yes. She said this convention is intimate because it’s on a college campus, in a dorm with lots of sex.... “It’s goin’ down!” Karen has ideas for this committee.

~Host Committee Admin~

Karen W. – Chairperson

Dave A. – Vice Chairperson

Liz P. – Secretary

Debbie B – Treasurer

Tom H. – Site Liaison

~Points of Contact~

Noel F. – Arts & Graphics

George R. – Auction

Kathy K. – Convention Information

Mark H. – Entertainment & Fundraising

Beverly D. – Hospitality

Reno B. – Marathon

Johnny R. – Merchandise

Kevin W. – Program

Lori H. – Registration

Alexa M. – Serenity Keepers

Our next ECCNA19 meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at Saint Luke's Church, Willingboro, NJ, 6:30pm.

~Present~

Karen W., Dave A., Liz P., Debbie B., Tom H., Diane R., Johnny R., Ken Mc., Dave D., Beverly D., Reno B., Mark H., Lori H., Matt W., Alexa M., Michael G., Kevin W., Rhonda W.

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