

January 18, 2014 REDACTED For WEB
St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, USA

Richard S., DCMC • Adam S., Treasurer • Desiree F., Registrar • Kimi R., Secretary

6:30 PM GSR orientation led by Susan F.

7:30 PM Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer and readings of AA Preamble, Traditions, Daily Reflections

(Please Note Dates for County Meetings are listed on the back of the Junction)

Next County Meeting will be held at St. Francis College, Wed., February 26

6:30 PM, Orientation, 7:30 PM, County meeting

Introduction of new GSRs.

Registrar Desiree F. announces we have quorum.

Secretary's Report: December Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report (TR): Summary: Hard copy of TR made available. Balance as of 1/8/14: \$5,220.85. Adjusted Balance pending income and disbursements: \$5,571.86.

NOTE: The following AA groups, Seven at Seven, Hilltop, and Hanson Group, made out checks for County, but they can't be cashed because the checks are too old. Please see or call Adam! Treasurer's Report accepted.

Alt. DCMC Report: N/A

DCMC Report:

Reports on DCMC Committee meeting in Bronx. SENY budget approved.

NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly): Crowne Plaza Hotel fully booked. Only 49 tickets left for NERAASA event itself. Overflow hotel available at Holiday Inn Express. There will be a shuttle bus from train to Holiday Inn, 11 miles distance.

Grapevine 70th Anniversary coming up. The Grapevine Committee performs a skit they are willing to do for AA groups.

An AA film night is also available for groups to host.

Delegate's Day of Sharing scheduled for 9 AM, 3/15/14, to go over Delegate's Questionnaire. Continental breakfast provided.

Ben L. is this year's Convention Chair. Last day to register to book a room for convention is Feb. 27.

75th Anniversary edition of original Big Book is out. The Spanish group wants to see a Spanish edition. SENY voted down this idea because it would raise costs and make the book bigger. According to the bylaws for next Assembly, the Spanish group could bring this to a vote again. Be thinking about pros & cons of Spanish edition.

Last day to submit Junction articles, Feb 6.

Registrar report: N/A

Standing Committee Chair reports

Spiritual Breakfast, Bill R.: Summary: 300 tickets had to be sold to break even, but only 246 were actually sold, resulting in a \$1,210 deficit. Discussion of possible reasons for low sales, plus ideas for how to avoid problem next year. Details: Held at Dyker Hts. Golf Course. 300 tix had to be sold to break even, but only 246 were actually sold, resulting in a \$1,210 deficit. Discussion of possible reasons for low sales, plus ideas for how to avoid problem next year: Dyker Hts. Golf Course may be willing to reduce the number of tickets sold to 270. Raise cost of tix by about \$15, as other areas do. It's possible 2013 Thanksgiving date was too close to Spiritual Breakfast date, and that this factor affected ticket sales. Also, Intergroup didn't purchase its usual block of tickets this year. We could explore other venues, but Dyker Hts venue is wheelchair accessible; also parking available--good for seniors, special needs. Buffet vs. plate--buffet increased cost of tix: \$25 + 20% gratuity=\$30 for buffet, vs. plate, \$26.40 each. Advance notice to book hall must be given, so we need to speedily decide on venue for next breakfast. Only one month left to do so. Report accepted.

PI Chair, Marcus: Nothing new to report. In process of contacting colleges.

Corrections, Bridging the Gap, Joe: unable to fulfill December commitment to meet two guys getting out of prison who requested AAs to meet & take them to a meeting the day they got out. Need more people to get involved in Bridging the Gap.

Special Needs, Charlene/outgoing chair gives report: Committee wants to reach out to vets & people w/ learning disabilities who need to learn abt AA program in non-traditional ways. Jan 18, Special Needs Workshop in Suffolk County: True North Church 1101 Lakeland Ave., Bohemia, NY 11716. Good event for GSRs to attend so they can take info on special needs back to groups.

Treatment Facilities: Question: is Pat G. still committee chair?

Share-a-Day, Charlene: Suggests we elect new chair ASAP due to need for lengthy planning lead time. Introduced Cookie Fest. Whoever takes over new position should be able to bring lots of people into event. Williamsburg candidate may be ideal.

Rotations/Needs:

- Grapevine Chair needed.
- CPC (Cooperation w/ Professional Community): CPC chair needed.
- Susan F. new Sponsorship Chair
- Mel R. volunteers to be Alt DCMC. Accepted.
- Cathy is the new County Web Chair
- Martha & Bessie will take over as Special Needs co-chairs
- Charlene rotates into Archives
- Neesa new Literature Chair
- Colleen volunteers to be Junction Editor
- Ronnie L. will continue as InterGroup Liaison
- Marcus continues as PI Chair

Announcements:

SENY Assembly

January 25, 2014 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

True North Church 1101 Lakeland Ave. Bohemia, NY 11716

Bus leaves Brooklyn from BAM at 7:15 AM, 20 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11217

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DCM Reports:

Dist 406, 408, 413: nothing to report.

Dist 412, Sue B: Alcathon held New Year's Day at Greenwood; Dec 21, Spanish/English interpreted meeting happened there, as well. 17 handsets shared, enabling 34 people to hear simultaneous interpretation from Spanish to English, 3-speaker meeting! Plans for upcoming Dist 412 workshop, TBA.

Dist 407, 409, Bill: Verrizano group needs support. Don D. will celebrate 58th Anniversary last Sunday of month at Bay Ridge Group.

Dist 405, Colleen (new DCM): Wonderful Oldtimers Meeting held twice a year at Old Park Slope Caton (OPSC), on 3rd Sunday of the month in May and November. If your group has an oldtimer w/ 25+ years, tell them to apply to speak. They are especially eager to showcase a super-longterm sobriety speaker, like someone w/ 40-50 years sober. Could arrange transportation for this sort of speaker. OPSC also hosts a Concepts meeting the 3rd Monday of the month, 7 PM. The following meetings need support: Lefferts Garden (Fri 7PM), Refuge (Tues nite), Dorchester, and We Can.

Cluster 401, 403, 411, Ronnie: Held New Yr's Day Alcathon at Our Father's House.

Desiree, Spring Creek: 40 Year Anniversary meeting, 1/17, 8PM

Caitlin, No Serenity Till Brooklyn: needs support.

Anna, Tightrope: Sunday, 6:30 PM. Group moved first to Dist 404 from Dist 412, then lost space. Meeting now being held temporarily at Brooklyn Pride Center, Schermerhorn nr. Bond--there till May. Attendance good.

Ed, Brooklyn Sober Agnostics: moved to Brooklyn Hospital Center, 121 Dekalb, Sat. 11:30 AM.

Ronnie, In the Garden 11th Step Meditation: Upcoming Meditation Workshop, TBA.

Colleen, Brownsville Way: Colleen believes group has re-opened.

Closing words from Richard S.: It's a good idea for Brooklyn Standing Committee chairs to get in touch w/ SENY Standing Chairs at next Assembly. Auditorium or bus ride good places to connect. Intergroup Liaison will start going back to Dutchess.

Motion to close. Meeting ended with the Responsibility Statement.

--Kimi R., Recording Secretary