

February 26, 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 readings of AA Preamble, Traditions, Daily Reflections

Next County Meeting will be held at St. Francis College, Wed., April 9, 6:30 PM Orientation, 7:30 PM, County meeting.

Introduction of new GSRs.

Registrar Desiree F. announces we have quorum.

Secretary's Report: January Minutes accepted.

DCMC Report:

Thank you to the 16 people who attended the Suffolk County SENY Assembly, 1/25. 75th Anniversary edition of the Big Book Spanish translation was discussed. This issue went to the Assembly, where 89 voting members were in attendance. 76 voted yes on a Spanish translation; 13 voted no. The issue will now go to the AA Board.

Delegate's Day of Sharing will be held March 15, from 9 AM - 3 PM, at 337 E. 74th Street, NY, NY 10021. Light refreshments & lunch will be served. The event is an opportunity for GSRs to go over the Delegate's Questionnaire (DQ) and to learn about background info on each issue. DQs will be mailed out by the end of the week to all registered GSRs. If for some reason you don't get one, pick up a copy at the Delegate's Day of Sharing or online, at brooklynnaa.org. It's important to attend. GSRs should set up a meeting in their groups to go over the DQ. People who have done the DQ before are available to help you. You have 6 weeks to return the DQ.

Next Assembly will take place Saturday., April 12, in Putnam County. A bus will leave from BAM. GSRs will get to vote on the DQ, so be sure to go over the questions with your groups before this date.

Marriott room reservations have been extended to March 6.

The pre-Conference Assembly is April 12 at George Fischer Middle School.

Motion to accept DCMC's report passed.

Treasurer's Report (TR):

Current balance: \$5171.86.

A few checks bounced, so it's slightly lower than what was reported last month.

As of 2/26/14, our balance is \$5879.36.

Share-a-Day still owes us \$400. Adjusted balance: \$6279.36.

Alert: Bounced checks cost the County \$60 each in bank fees. GSRs should tell their groups' treasurers that if they're gonna send out a check, make sure the money is in the bank! Checks should also be dated & signed properly and made out to "Brooklyn General Service."

Adam will try to deposit checks quickly. He may be asking for money to have checks forwarded to his home address so he can get them deposited quicker.

County pays for 2 monthly services: our PO Box & storage for archives. Late fees for these are exorbitant, so Adam applied for a debit card from TD Bank so these fees would be automatically deducted. This will save us \$\$\$.

Alt. DCMC, Mel's report:

GSR stands for Good Sober References. Concepts meetings are great. Old Park Slope Caton (OPSC) holds one the first Monday of every month. March's concept is the "Right of Decision," held March 17, 7 PM. Group Inventories are also a really helpful tool for your groups. People at General Service can help with that. Encourage your group to do one!

Registrar report: none

Standing Committee Chair Reports:

Junction Editor, Colleen: Will save Junction as PDF. She plans to reach out via email for more articles by mid-March. Send submissions to: brooklynjunction@brooklynnaa.org or tell her what's going on in your group.

Corrections, Joe S.: On March 12, a guy will be released from prison. He's requested that an AA member meet him that day & take him to a meeting. He will be released to a residence on Porter Street, "Ready, Willing, and Able." Anyone interested in this service commitment, contact Joe by phone or email. (See Secretary or Web Chair for email address & phone number)

April 12 is the next Corrections meeting, on 7th Ave. Contact Joe for more info.

PI, Marquis: Got correspondence letter together to send out to Brooklyn colleges. Workshop in June coming up. Marquis can be reached at (see secretary or web chair for email address) if you'd like to speak at a PI meeting.

Preston W., the Standing Committee Chair for PI SENY also gave a report: the committee meets every last or next to last Tuesday of the month at NY Intergroup. Next meeting, March 23, 7:15 PM. If interested, contact publicinfo@aaseny.org or (see secretary or web chair for phone number).

Workshop in June open to entire area, 12 geographical districts & one virtual district (Spanish speaking): Special Needs & Cooperation w/ Professional Community, Anonymity in the Age of Facebook. This is planned for the Brooklyn Share-a-Day, June 21.

Workshops focus on how to speak at non-AA groups--did past workshop which included role-playing presentations for AAs speaking to non-AA groups.

Reaching out to Mayor's office for addiction/alcoholism so that 311 would disseminate info about AA to inquiring addicts/alcoholics.

Volunteers to table needed at SENY convention. PI table will be available at Delegate's Day of Sharing.

Richard adds that GSRs should inform their groups about all these activities.

Open positions:

- Cooperation w/ Professional Community
- Grapevine

Intergroup Liaison, Roni L.: nothing to report.

Share-a-Day, Michelle: 1st planning meeting, 2/15. Next meeting: 3/30, 11:30 AM, 103 Quincy near. Classon. Event will take place June 21.

Aiming for \$3,500 budget. Want seed money. Asking groups for \$50 donations. Bring donations to County meeting or send checks to:

**Brooklyn General Service
PO Box 170582
Brooklyn, NY 11217-0582.**

For more info: brooklynshareaday@brooklynaa.org.

Share-a-Day is like a mini convention--a day of meetings. Last 48 meetings, each meeting needs 1 chair & 1 speaker. Breakfast, snacks, baby sitter avail., lunch.

Bill is Program Chair.

Cathy M., Webchair: Rolled out new website! Brooklynaa.org . Send announcements! Wants to try a \$40 website which would become property of County. Could expand to give each district its own page, contain disclaimers, etc. Will contact someone at Suffolk County GS, about their site. No committee as of yet, but would like to form one.

DCM-GSR Reports:

Sue B., Dist. 412: Upcoming workshop on Delegate's Questionnaire: 3/16/14, from 4 - 6 PM, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 283 Prospect Avenue (bet. 5th & 6th Avenues--where Prospect group meets), Brooklyn, NY 11215. Linda McGee will be present to answer questions, explain how to present info & generate enthusiasm in your groups. Flyers will be available on new website: brooklynaa.org

Colleen V., Dist. 405: Lefferts Garden added new meeting Fridays, 7 PM. Big Book meeting in Moravian Church, 161 Ocean. Groups needing support: We Can, Refuge Group (at 21st & Ocean). Friday Nite Live's new location, 1099 Ocean Ave.

Leon, new DCM for cluster, Dist 403, 411, 410: April "Anonymity Workshop" coming! Cluster meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 103 Quincy St. Greater Recovery needs support.

Joe, Dist. 404: Corrections Workshop! March 29, 2014, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 275 N. 8th St., entrance Havermeyer. Info at AASENY.org and brooklynaa.org. Email northbrooklyn404@gmail.com

Bill, Dist. 407-409: Verrazano group needs support.

Laurie, DCM 406, 413: Doing well!

Heidi, DCM 411: No Serenity Till Brooklyn Anniversary April 7, 6:00 PM. St. Theresa of Avila Church, 563 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Liz B., w/ 61 years sober, will speak!

Paul, 400, 402: Will help host workshop at St. Francis, "Seeing Is Believing." Lost space (?). Trying to drum up more GSRs.

Edwin, Brooklyn Gratitude: meets Fri. 6:30 - 7:30 PM, in downtown Brooklyn, Zone 2. Easily accessible by many subways. Meeting format, 5 min. meditation, speaker, topic of his/her choice. Brooklyn Pride Center, 4 MetroTech Buillindg. Brothers in Gratitude, GBLTQ focus, anyone welcome.

General:

Send announcements to webchair@brooklynaa.org, our new website!

Delegate's Day of Sharing

March 15, 2014, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Archdiocesan Church of the Holy Trinity

337 East 74th Street

New York, NY 10021

General Service World Service Tour - April 4. Tour 9 AM, followed by 11 AM - 12 noon meeting. Contact SENY Sponsorship Chair Michele sponsorship@aaseny.org. Avail. any Fri. for tour.

Closing words from Richard S.: Consider whether to have Spiritual Breakfast at same venue as last year's.

Motion to close. Meeting ended with the Responsibility Statement.

Sorry in advance if I misheard anything! --Kimi, Recording sec'y

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