

May 28, 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 Kathy B.

7:30 PM Opened meeting with readings of AA Preamble, Traditions 5 & 6, Daily Reflections

No County Meeting for duration of summer. We'll meet back up in September. Stay tuned via email for date!

Introduction of two new alt GSRs.

Registrar Desiree announces we have quorum.

Secretary's Report: April Minutes not read aloud, but read silently and accepted.

DCMC Report, Richard S:

Attended Pre-Conference Assembly on April 12: 10 people on bus. Participants at Assembly either dropped their answers into box and/or read them aloud over mic.

May 19: Anonymity in the Online World Workshop, sponsored by Cluster 401, 403, 411.

April 27th Pre-Conference Dinner held at Ryebrook was widely attended by people from many states. Brooklyn was represented by Deirdre & Richard.

Attended half the Share-a-Day Planning Committee Meeting.

May 27 Service Participation Meeting--like a group inventory for DCMCs. Hot button item: Does your county have a budget? [501 C3]. Manhattan has \$30,000 budget & their DCMC has a \$6000 budget. This covers printing, workshops, events, etc. Next Service Participation Meeting (for DCMCs & their alternates) will be held on July 24, 2014.

SENY Chair Steve has offered to help Richard create a budget, targeted to be completed by next January. Tax exempt status would be helpful [501 C3]. Richard is getting information on it.

Information about bus from Manhattan to Post-Conference Assembly, Sunday, June 8, at Fallsburg HS, 115 Bruckman Rd. Manhattan set aside 12 seats for Brooklyn folks to ride on their coach. If you want a seat, contact Richard by June 5. Bus leaves at 7:30 AM. The Post Conference assembly is an opportunity to find out how delegates voted on the Questionnaire.

Budget issues: If a DCM wants to put on a workshop in their district, they should come forward for help with funding. Try to plan events well in advance so we can budget for them!

How to plan an event:

1. Go to your District meeting
2. Pass basket there to build up a district budget
3. Come to County to see if you can use County resources.

LINKS: If you want LINKS, give Richard a call. Old Park Slope Caton (OPSC) is distribution center for LINKS.

Treasurer's Report (TR), Adam:

Donations cover two main events, the Spiritual Breakfast and Brooklyn Share-a-Day (BSAD), plus travel expenses for GSRs and DCMs attending Assemblies.

April 9 closing balance	\$7099.39
Disbursements	\$1878.63
Income	\$1680.50
Pending disbursements	\$2600.00
Bal. as of May 28, 2014	\$6901.26
Pending Income	\$ 200.00
BSAD Contributions	\$ 300.00
Adjusted Balance	\$4201.26

Groups: Please contribute your BSAD donations ASAP--Adam needs to pay bills.

Motion: That we cut a check to Richard for \$195 to cover his hotel bill so he can attend the 35th Annual NY State Informational Workshop, Aug. 1 - 3. Passed.

Motion to accept report. Passed.

Alt. DCMC, Mel's report:

Mel's sick, so Rick gave a brief report for him. Online Registration at AA.International.org for the International Convention in Atlanta, Sept. 3

Registrar report: none

Standing Committee Chair Reports (*You don't have to be a GSR or a DCM to be a Standing Committee Chair, BTW!*):

Accessibility/Special Needs, Martha:

Accessibility/Special Needs Share-a-Day went well. Everybody helped a lot, it was well attended, and a lot of info was available. Great food, speakers! PI Preston attended, as well as someone from SENY. Books, pamphlets on subject exist. Next committee meeting at 307 7th Ave. (at W. 28th St.), at Manhattan Intergroup, 7 PM.

Marquis, PI: Getting responses from colleges. Table at Brooklyn Share-a-Day. Boat cruise NYCYPAA coming up.

Corrections, Joe S.: Next meeting June 22, 307 7th Ave. (at W. 28th St.), at NY Intergroup. No info yet on Bridging the Gap prospects. Needs help tabling at Brooklyn Share-a-Day. Bridging the Gap: both men & women AA's participate. Anyone interested in a Corrections service commitment, contact Joe by phone or email.

Deborah, Spiritual Breakfast (SB): Wants to schedule a meeting for June 9 or 12. In addition to \$1000 for deposit on venue (asked for and approved last meeting), the Spiritual Breakfast Committee needs \$100 to print tickets. Wants to make tickets available to pass out at Brooklyn Share-a-Day, where Spiritual Breakfast will have a table. Needs list of DCMs to facilitate distribution of tickets.

Motion: To cut another check for \$100 for tickets. Passed.

DCM/GSR Reports:

Sue B., Dist. 412: New Treasurer, Felice T.! Picnic will happen this summer, possibly in August, but no AA meeting due to anonymity issues (it's in an open public space). Historical background: in past, sometimes picnic has included an AA meeting, sometimes not. May try to get a pavilion. 12/25 Alcatraz: looking into alternative venue due to problems with Greenwood's landlord. Want to put on a Corrections Workshop to figure out how groups can utilize forgoing workshop information.

Bill, DCM 407, 409: All quiet. Bay Ridge moved to Union Church. Doing well, slow start, now it's picking up. Cannonball Park picnic, in "shadow of Verrazano Bridge," Sun. 10 AM--open air meeting. 10 commitments lined up for Brooklyn Share-a-Day.

Bill, 400-402: "Sobriety in the Gardens" lost space. Now at Sacred Heart on Carroll St. For more info go to website.

Heidi, 401, 403, 411: Having fun. Held Anonymity Workshop. Fred from NYCYPAA will speak on "Protecting Anonymity" at Brooklyn Share-a-Day. Discussing ideas for fun summer event, Sept or Oct, like movie night; plus yearly New Year's Alcatraz.

Heidi, for Mishie, Brooklyn Share-a-Day: Going well. Planning meetings: Sun., June 1, 11:30 AM and June 14, 1 PM, both at 103 Quincy. If your group has commitments for Brooklyn Share-a-Day., tell Bill M. the Program Chair or Heidi ASAP! This will facilitate scheduling. Groups: please donate money! In memo line of checks, say it's for Brooklyn Share-a-Day. If you want a table, let them know. There won't be an ASL interpreter this time. BUT--if someone needs an interpreter, contact the committee so they can reach out to SENY & set it up!

Ronnie, In the Garden, 411, Liaison for SENY & Intergroup: At Special Needs Share-a-Day, spoke to Hearing Impaired (HI) members. Be aware that sometimes HI people might need to speak loudly or get close to you so they can communicate. Many literature racks don't have "AA for the Alcoholic w/ Special Needs." This pamphlet plus large print pamphlets need to be available at meetings. "Survivors in Sobriety" is an AA group for cancer survivors that meets at 10 E. Union St. For info, check Intergroup. Upcoming Unity Cruise, July 19. Checklist about accessibility exists--get one for your group! Please remember to update meeting info for Intergroup. Lottery for speakers for Bill W. Dinner/Dance Wed. July 9, 7 PM at NY Hilton. Big Meeting 1 - 3 PM at Hilton. Bring a newcomer to the Exchange Meeting so they'll get the flavor of how groups exchange speakers!

Old Biz:

Wheelchair accessibility: Richard hasn't gotten any phone calls on that. Vis-à-vis WC accessibility for planning committee meetings' venues: Unfortunately, it's very difficult to find WC accessible venues in NYC. WC users also need wider bathroom stalls, doorways. Member notes that Share-a-Day venue tricky & difficult for WC users. WC access to Bishop Kearney High School is scary--goes thru kitchen, which can make WC users feel different, due to having to use other entrance from other attendees. Feedback from some WC users is that it makes them feel like 2nd Class citizens.

Other: Promises Workshop June 28, 12 - 2 PM at Army Plaza, 300 Vanderbilt.

Motion to close meeting.

Next County Meeting will be held at St. Francis College, sometime in September,

6:30 PM, Orientation, 7:30 PM, County meeting. Look for email announcement. Have a great summer!