Brooklyn County General Service Meeting • St. Francis College • 9/10/14 REDACTED FOR WEB

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

6:30 PM GSR orientation led by Kathy B. Many new GSRs!

7:30 PM Opened meeting with readings of AA Preamble, Traditions 7, 8, & 9, and Daily Reflections

Registrar Desiree announces we have quorum.

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

DCMC Report, Rick: Met w/ officers over the summer.

9/27 SENY Election Assembly at Bronx HS of Sci, 75 W. 205th St., Bronx, NY 10458. Bus from Brooklyn--meet at BAM, 30 Lafayette Ave. Bus leaves at 8:00 sharp, retns @ 4:00 PM. Must have state ID to enter school.

Report accepted.

Adam, Treasurer: Bal. \$3000+. Just rec'd \$2000 in group contributions. Will email Treasury report next week. His email address is treasurer@brooklynaa.org. Manhattan recently hosted Treasurers workshop. After attending, Adam realized Brooklyn needs an operating budget. Will work on outline for budget to present at next County meeting. Needs help creating baseline budget. Please volunteer if you can. It would be nice to have a baseline budget of \$200 for each standing committee. Groups would petition County for amount of money they need. Line items in budgets are reimbursable expenses. Brooklyn County doesn't have tax exempt status. Will maybe register w/ State (not Feds), which will save \$\$\$.

Groups--thanks for signing checks & telling Adam which groups they're from!

Checks should be made out to: "Brooklyn General Services" and sent to: PO Box 170582, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Suggests groups use pie chart when deciding how to disburse funds.

Suggestion from floor: To accept donations online. Discussion ensued.

New business agenda item for next County meeting: Whether we should accept contributions online. We could potentially increase donations by doing this.

SAD cost \$4129. Rec'd \$450 in contributions. [Not sure I heard correctly--Kimi]

Michie, Share-a-Day (SAD): Everything went well. Lots of groups helped, it was well attended, and had great food. Wonderful experience.

Mel, Alt. DCMC: Attended LISTS--Long Island Spirituality Thru Service. 4 Counties participated. Workshops + keynote speaker who was past delegate. Nassau County hosted. Mel urges push for Spiritual Breakfast (SB)--let's sell lots of tix & make it a great event. Reach out to find out how you can help. Service extremely important, as are Concepts studies. Come to the OPSC Concepts meeting, held every 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM.

International Convention July 4, 2015. For more info, click on:

http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/2015-international-convention-of-alcoholics-anonymous

Hotel rooms often sell out the first day of online registration, but outlying hotels still have rooms. Use a shuttle bus to get from airport to nearest public transportation. Suggests purchasing MARTA card (to use mass transit).

Deborah, Spiritual Breakfast (SB): Will take place Sunday, 12/7/14, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Buffet style, at Dyker Heights Golf Course. WC accessible, parking lot, great food, beautiful surroundings! Turkey sausages & "bacon" available. 1.5 hours for meal. Chose speaker, Lonnie G., 43 years sober! Looking for woman speaker w/ 25+ years sober. \$30 tix. Hope to sell 300 tix to break even. Event costs \$9000. Deposit due by end of month. Will distribute tix to DCMs of each district, who will be responsible for distributing tix to GSRs in their districts. Requests that DCMs follow up w/ their GSRs. If unable to sell tix, please return to Deborah/ Committee ASAP & they'll try to sell them. Next planning meeting at OPSC, Sun. 4 PM Sept 21. Suggests giving tix as gifts. Spread word thru flyers.

Ronnie, Intergroup Liaison: In the Garden 11th Step Meeting: Upcoming meditation workshop. Queens holiday share-a-thons coming up! Starts 11/26 at 6:00 PM. Ends midnight, 11/29. Then another, starting 12/24, from 6 PM till 8 PM on 1/1. Find out more at http://www.queensaa.org/

DCMs and Standing Committee Chairs:

Bill, DCM 407, 409: In November, Steps to Freedom will move to an unknown location. Verrazano Group at St. Patricks has new meetings: Wed. 6:30 PM & an 11th Step meeting, Sun., 11:00 AM.

Cathy/Webchair: Figued out how to forward mail from brooklynaa.org to GSRs. Needs your contact info. Brooklyn has 200 AA groups. Please stay current! Send group contact info to Cathy, at webchair@brooklynaa.org . SENY Web Committee meeting, Sat.,

11/13. County pages will be rolled out, modeled after Brooklynaa.org's website. Currently our webhost is an AA member. It costs \$65/yr. Looking into whether it might be better for us to use same server as SENY uses. Please send/give old Junctions to Cathy so they can be archived on website! Electronic archives got lost somehow.

Sue B., District 412: Picnic Sunday, 9/14, 12 - 3 PM, in Prospect park, 5th Ave entrance, north of Picnic House. Sandwiches & bevy provided, but food donations welcome. Ask your friendly local GSR for more info. Call Sue for service opportunities: 347-613-6205.

Adam, S. Brooklyn, 400 - 402: Annual Beginners Service Workshop, 11/15, 10 AM - 3 PM, Grace Church, on Grace Ct.

Leon, DCM 403: Brooklyn Central group anniv, 9/21, 6 - 9 PM; Courage to Change, new meeting time 5:30 - 6:30; Clinton Hill group anni, 6:30 - 9, Oct 14; Herkimers Sponsors Old Timers Meeting, 10/12, 10 - 11:30 AM. Food!

Other announcements:

OPSC Semi-Annual Old-Timers' Meeting, Sun., Nov 16, 2014, 4 - 6 PM. Five speakers w/ 25+ years sober. 74 E. 17th St. bet. Church Ave. + Caton Ave. Directions: Q to Church Ave exit, or B35 to Church.

Motion to close.

Next County Meeting will be held at St. Francis College, November 12, 2014,

6:30 PM, Orientation, 7:30 PM, County meeting. Look for email announcement.