

**Brooklyn County General Service Meeting**  
**St Francis College January 21, 2015**

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

**6:30 PM GSR orientation led by Kathy B.**

**7:30 PM Opened meeting with readings of AA Preamble, Tradition 1, and Daily Reflections.**

**Introduction of 11 new GSRs / DCMs**

**e-Minutes accepted.**

**Registrar's Report, Desiree:** We have a quorum.

**DCMC Report, Richard S.:** Attended 1/5/15 committee mtg. 11 counties/districts in Area 49 rotated in new officers. We're the only County on a different rotation schedule. Next SENY Assembly 9:15 - 3:15, Feb. 8, 2015, at Aviation H.S., 45-30 36th St., LIC, NY 11101. No bus this time. We have a full complement of Standing Committee Chairs. Roni will be coordinating them. Junction will be available at OPSC this coming weekend.

**Treasurer's Report, Adam S.:** Bal. Nov.: \$4600+. Took in \$2000+, paid out \$1000+. Current balance: \$5721.30. Brooklyn County has no operating budget, unlike other counties, so we want to create one with 4 categories: Admin., Officer Expenses, Events, and Standing Committees. Adam & Richard went to Treasurer's Workshop & plugged in our numbers based on what they learned there. Request for someone to make a motion to create budget. 2/3's majority needed to pass.

Q: What if budget item goes over?

A: GSR or whoever would petition the body for more \$.

Q: Plan if contributions don't cover projected budget?

A: We would keep running track of budget & Adam would keep us updated. The proposed budget is a baseline we can tweak as we progress.

Q: Do we have a prudent reserve?

A: That's our balance. We have never had a budget, consequently, no prudent reserve.

Q: Would we need to create a prudent reserve?

A: That's not typically done, but possible, especially if groups are over-contributing.

Q: Could Russian group use the \$500 allotted to them in 2011, which they never used?

A: No, you would have to re-petition the body.

Q: What happens if we're faced with a new expenditure?

A: GSR petitions District; if District doesn't have enough in its budget to cover expense, then it would come to County for a vote, then to SENY, if need be. County can only approve 5 workshops a year, on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. Best ideas win.

Motion to accept budget. Passes unanimously. 45 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

**Alt. DCMC Report, Mel R.:** Advocate for Standing Committee Chairs & DCMs. Get a service sponsor to help you with GSR process. Call Mel R. if you have any questions related to service. 47th SENY Convention, March 20-22.

To register:

Email [convention2015@aaseny.org](mailto:convention2015@aaseny.org). Or visit [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org). Low registration turnout so far. Event like a super Share-a-Day (SAD). You don't have to attend entire event. Many fellowship opportunities,

Make a Concepts meeting, held the 3rd Monday of every month at OPSC. Next Concepts meeting on 2nd Concept. Speaker Tracy O. 2/16/15, 7 PM at Old Park Slope Caton (OPSC), 74 E. 17th St. @ Church, Brooklyn, NY 11226.

### **GSR & DCM Reports:**

Jennie, OPSC: Attended Assembly. Upcoming group inventory, March 15. Oldtimer's Meeting, OPSC, 3rd Sunday, May 17.

Chris, 412: 3 years late on rent due to misunderstanding! Xmas Alcathon at Park West location. Went super well.

Leon, Dist 403: Some groups need support: AA on Gates, Bergen Group, and Greater Recovery. Herkimer Sponsors Group Anniversary, 1/25/15, 10 - 11:30 AM, Interfaith Hosp., 1545 Atlantic @ Albany. Breakfast served. New Stuyveysant's 67th Group Anniversary, M. 1/26/15, 7 PM, 163 McDonough St., Our Lady Victory Church, red door.

Bill, GSR Sobriety Plus: Sheepshead Bay's 52nd Group Anniversary, Last F, 1/30/15, 9 PM. Sobriety Plus 32nd Group Anniversary, Last M, 2/28, 8:30 PM. Original members will speak.

Joe, 404: Article in latest LINK on safety in AA. Sat. March 7, Our Lady of Carmel, Workshop 4:30 PM--sorry, no more info available. Please ask Joe.

Leroy, Bergen Group GSR: Group needs support. Workshop planned.

Roni, GSR for In the Gardens: Rotated out as GSR. Group hosted meditation workshop, Sat. Nov. 22. New Year's day Alcathon at Our Father's House. Roni is available as service sponsor, BTW!

Paul, 400, 402: Nothing much to report. FYI: New Year's Eve party not officially put on by District. Usually whatever group meets on that day hosts this yearly event.

Eddie D., GSR Starting Point: Rotating out. May close one of their meetings--Monday 8 PM. Group inventory. Really worthwhile.

Leah, GSR Lafayette / Clinton: Recently moved to: Queen of All Saints, 300 Vanderbilt Ave., by Lafayette/Dekalb. Rotating Format.

Dmitri, GSR Russian Big Book Study Group: Russian groups scattered all over Brooklyn. If you know any Russians conversant with Traditions & Steps, send them his way.

Willie, 12 - Life: 12 to Life closed one day only, Tues. 2/17/15.

Megan, GSR for Park Slope Women's Step, 7:00- 8:15, 274 Garfield @ 8th Ave. Step study with Tradition once a month. November Anniversary went well. Mtg procured shades with Traditions, Steps, and Concepts (!).

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Roni, Coordinator.

Devorah, Spiritual Breakfast (SB): Thanks to committee. Sold out. Sold 321 tix @ \$30 ea., for total of \$9630. Paid

Dyker in full, + \$100 tip. Gave back all but \$82 to County. Next year, tables will be located on side, because this year, not everyone could hear well. Important to rotate speakers. 15 volunteers participated. \$450 used to pay transportation for out-of-town speakers. Contract with Dyker for next year, Dec. 6.

Bill, S.A.D.: He's the new chair, although it's his 3rd year working on this event. Great service opp. 3-4 planning meetings projected. Several positions avail. 2015 Share-a-Day (SAD) 1st planning meeting: Sat., 2/7/15, 6 PM, St. Mark's Church, 2609 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11235 (where Sobriety Plus meets). More info: Bill: 347-853-1873. Plans to move future planning committee meetings. 255 attended last year at Bishop Kearney. Date not yet selected but looks like 2nd or 3rd week of June.

Paul, Lit.: Got books. Looking for events to bring them to. Feel free to invite him to your event!

Martha, Accessibility & Special Needs Chair: Is your group wheelchair accessible? Committee formed action plan to raise awareness & advocate for special needs people. Central Office may not have correct info about your group's accessibility. Committee would like to send out forms to all groups to update accessibility. Newsflash: You can find these forms on the back page of NY Intergroup meeting books! Fill one out for your group & send it in.

Beth, PI: Attended NY Intergroup 12/14.

Nissaa, PI Chair, Area 49: In Dec., PI sent lit. to Manhattan public high schools. Will continue sending to all the boroughs. Hoping to expand to private schools. CPC will meet at Intergroup T, 2/17/15, 7:15 PM. Also, PI will meet at Intergroup 1/26/15, 6:30 PM. Come if you're interested in being a CPC speaker.

Joe, Archives: Had to take stuff out of one of the locations (?).

Caitlin, CPC: Nothing to report.

Jennie, Grapevine: Looking for co-chair.

Raphael, Treatment Facilities: Excited about commitment.

Roni, Intergroup Liaison: Bill W. Dance made a profit. Upcoming workshop will deal with disturbances in AA, usually sexual or violent. A nationwide discussion is currently underway about these issues.

Camilo, NYCPAA Brooklyn Liaison (New York Young People in AA): Current NYCPAA service commitments available with PI and Corrections & Institutions. He is the new Brooklyn Liaison, which is also a new NYCPAA position. If NYCPAA can be of service to your group, pls. contact him--for example, if you want your meeting listed on their website. NYCPAA meets 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month, 4-6 PM, Brompton Center, 7 E. 10th St.

Motion to close meeting.

Next Brooklyn County Meeting will be held March 18, 2015, at St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn, NY, 11201. Regular meeting at 7:30 PM, preceded by orientation meeting at 6:30 PM. Note: We will meet downstairs in the cafeteria!