

Brooklyn County General Service Meeting - March 18, 2015
St. Francis College Cafeteria

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Richard S., DCMC • Mel R., Alt. 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, Tradition 3, and Daily Reflections.

e-Minutes read silently & accepted.

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

Rick W., SENY Chair (visiting): Introduced himself and SENY. SENY = South Eastern New York; it covers southern half of Area 49, from Sullivan to Montauk. LINK is SENY's newsletter. Rick's job is simply defined: to serve the needs of AA groups in this area. In 2016, Rick W. will rotate out.

DCMC Report, Richard S: Attended Assembly at Aviation HS, March 14, also 401/403/411 Cluster Meeting and Share-a-Day (SAD) planning committee meeting.

North East Regional Forum (NERF) will be held May 29-31 in Albany, NY. (For transportation planning, took head count of those of us interested in attending--9 people.)

Delegate's Day of Sharing: March 28, 2015, P.S. 40, 320 East 20th Street, New York, NY 10003.

SENY Pre-Conference Assembly: Area 49/SENY Pre-Conference Assembly: April 11, 2015, 9:15 am – 3:15 pm, Pearl River Middle School, 520 Gilbert Avenue, Pearl River, NY 10965. Bus from BAM, will pick up at 7:00 AM and return at 5:00 PM.

47th SENY Convention, Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, NY 10591. March 20-22. Call 1-800-882-1042 to get SENY discount.

Adam S., Treasurer: Bal. Jan.: \$5721.30. Took in \$2052.81, paid out \$669.04. Bal. 1/15: \$7105.07, Pending disbursements: \$1200, Adj. Bal: \$5905.07. Budget: will use Manhattan's budget format to create ours. Will have prudent reserve--turns out this is the norm. Created envelopes for group contributions.

Important: Contributions should be made out to "AA Brooklyn County General Service." Updated website will also explain how to make contributions. *Treasurer's Report accepted.*

Mel R., Alt. DCMC: Welcome to new GSRs/DCMs. Support Share-a-Day (SAD). Try to make it to 47th SENY Convention in Tarrytown. Last Concepts meeting at Old Park Slope Caton was very good. Concepts meetings held at 7 PM every 3rd Monday at Old Park Slope Caton (OPSC), 74 E. 17th St. Brooklyn, 11226.

Standing Committee Reports, Ronnie L., Coordinator

Martha, Accessibility & Special Needs Chair: Nothing to report, except that she'll be tabling at SENY Convention in Tarrytown.

Joe, Archives: Selected cool stuff to bring to events, such as group anniversaries. If interested, email him: archives@brooklynaa.org

Jeannie, Grapevine: Bowing out as chair.

Ronnie, Intergroup Liaison: 5 Intergroup treasurers have quit in the recent past, so things there got confusing. Groups must be ratified to make it into the meeting list--there's now a controversy, based on the opinion/input of one member, over whether Gotham Speakers Group uses 7th Tradition money for profit. This will have to be resolved in June.

Colleen, Junction Editor: Junction is Brooklyn County's own newsletter. She welcomes your articles & hot topics--on general theme of AA service. (Topic examples: What Service Means to Me; Traditions, Concepts, SAD Report, Group Anniversaries, Workshop Reports, etc.) She especially wants more news, announcements. Prefers typed, electronic submissions, up to 300 words. No deadline--your piece may not be published immediately, but eventually it will be. Expect her to edit your work for spelling, grammar and brevity. Now that we have a budget, Junction can be printed! Email your submissions to colleen.vincent@me.com

Carl, Literature: Wants to have a literature table at your anniversary or event!

Beth, PIO: Absent, no report.

Cathy M., Webchair: If interested in participating in website committee, contact her. Junctions & Minutes all archived. Future enhancements: Possible PayPal plugin for contributions to SAD, County, Spiritual Breakfast. PayPal takes 2.7% transaction fee. All contact info for officers at Brooklyn County available thru website. Would like to revamp mail system to eliminate defunct addresses. Site can't show any personal addresses containing your full name. Needs current contact info for GSRs, etc.

Caitlin, CPC: Stands for Cooperation w/ Professional Community. CPC gives info about AA to professionals, such as doctors, nurses, lawyers, and orgs such as the LGBT Expo Group.

Nissaa, Public Information (PI): PI tries to reach the still-suffering alcoholic. Had a table recently at LGBT Expo Group, held at Jacob Jarvis Center. People from CPC also dropped by--the two groups working closely together. Reception good. Niisa on PI: "We are anonymous, not a secret society."

GSR & DCM Reports

Joe, 404: Held Safety Workshop.

Jennie, OPSC: Group Anniversary, May 2, 7 PM, St Paul's Church, 18th & Church. May 17, Semi-annual Oldtimers Meeting, 4 PM. Group inventory went well. Everyone got 2 minutes to speak, plus an additional minute, later, if needed. Discussed safety issue: Be mindful of joking comments that might be taken the wrong way. Stick up for someone else if you witness them being disrespected. Men w/ men, women w/ women. Intervene if you see 13th Stepping.

Bill, DCM, Far Rockaway: Spring workshop: Service Beyond the Group. More later.

Paul, 400, 402: Redhook, Monday, 6:30, Tues, 7 PM have moved (?). Seeing Is Believing, group anni, April 4.

Mitch, Greenwood GSR: Oldtimers Meeting: Sun., May 3, 1 - 3 PM at Bishop Kearney. 3 speakers: Don D., 61 years; Tom K., 59 years; Liz B., 63 years. Flyers available.

Marcus, Weeksville GSR: Group Anni, May 23, 7 PM. Workshop on Safety in the Rooms, April 18, 1 - 3 PM, 103 Quincy, at Claussen.

Bill, S.A.D.: Next SAD, 6/20/2015, from 8 AM - 5 PM, at Bishop Kearney. Planning workshop at OPSC, 4 PM, April 18. Needs contributions & Cleanup Chair. Make contributions to AA Brooklyn County General Service, with a note earmarking funds for "BCSAD 2015."

Megan, District 412 Secretary: Next District 412 meeting at 5 PM Sunday, April 19--early due to Prospect's Group Anniversary, same night. Prospect Group's 67th Anniversary: Sunday, April 19, 7 PM Set up at 6 PM.

Niisa, Service Fair Chair: Wants standing chairs to have a table & meet everyone at SAD event. Please give her your contact info.

Suggestion from floor, from Caitlin: Would like to see County create pamphlet on Safety in the Rooms in AA. Richard (DCMC) responds that we can make this an agenda item for next time.

Motion to close meeting.

Next Brooklyn County Meeting will be held May 13, 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.