

Brooklyn County General Service Meeting - May 13, 2015

St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn, 11201

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

Readings: Preamble, Traditions 4 & 5, Daily Reflections.

Intro of 2 new GSRs

Minutes read silently. Motion to accept minutes. Accepted.

Quorum.

DCMC, Richard S's report: thanks for everyone's service in General Service, including Standing Richard S. attended District 401 workshop, Delegates Day of Sharing, and the Pre-Conference Assembly. Post Conference Assembly will be held June 13, 9:15-3:15, in Staten Island, at PS 48 William C. Wilcox, 1050 Targee St., Staten Island, 10304. Bus leaves BAM at 8 am. BAM is at 30 Lafayette Ave., in downtown Brooklyn.

Adam S., Treasurer report: balance as of 3/18: \$7105.07; disbursements: \$1155.06; income: \$2068.12; balance as of 5/13: \$8018.13; pending disbursements: \$1523; adjusted balance: \$6495.13.

Motion to accept. Accepted.

Mel, Alternate DCMC: welcome to GSRs and everyone doing service in Brooklyn County. Elections to county coming up in November. We're the only county on a different rotation schedule. We should think about being in sync w SENY (we're not.). Can't vote on this today because a lot of members not here today. Make a Concepts meeting! Third Monday every month at OPSC, 7 PM. Mel glad to give you his phone number if you have any questions. Stay connected after summer break.

(Adam: issue of rotation & being in sync w SENY came up couple years ago. Committee formed back then, gave details about what it would mean to be in sync. At that time County members voted against it. Adam could look for notes and give them to Mel.)

Motion to accept Mel's report. Accepted.

Ronnie, Standing Committee Chair Reports: thanks to Katelyn for her work; Brooklyn Share a Day (BCSAD) planning meeting at OPSC: Niisaa will have a table at BCSAD.

Mary Martha, Accessibility, Special Needs: WC accessibility—wants to give out checklist on that to GSRs. Q: Are there guidelines for what WC accessibility is? Yes. Contact sheet with info about WC can be downloaded from the Intergroup website. Will create one & distribute it next county meeting.

Joe, Corrections: attended 8th annual Behind the Walls Conference. Two speakers. 2 people will soon be released from upstate facilities. Need AAs to meet these people. One being released 7/10/15 and the other, 9/9/15. To take meetings into upstate facilities, you really need a car. Corrections meeting this Sat.

(Note, Joe willing to stay in his position as chair, but if someone else would like to do it, say the word.)

Mitch, Grapevine: Would like to put together a Grapevine workshop, if possible. If your group doesn't have a Grapevine rep, please get one. Grapevine needs more subscriptions. Grapevine reps, give him your contact info. Each group should have a Grapevine rep (who'd order Grapevines for the group) & a Literature rep.

Suggestion from floor: Cookie used to hold writing for Grapevine workshops. If you see her at next Assembly, ask her about it. Anyone can submit Grapevine articles, poems, etc.

Ronnie, Intergroup Liaison: June 6 upcoming Intergroup meeting. Intergroup votes on whether meetings qualify for inclusion in the meeting book. 5 new meetings voted on last time, 4 passed, 1 didn't. It has been alleged that that meeting is for profit. (Gotham City Speakers Group). This will be voted on at the next Intergroup meeting.

Mel, for Colleen, Junction: needs two more articles for next Junction. Deadline flexible.

Raphael, Treatment Facilities: in contact w SENY & Brooklyn Corrections. If there's a facility who might want a meeting, he goes to facility & explains what AA is/isn't. If you know of somewhere that might need or want meeting, let Raphael know. Brooklyn Hospitals & Institutions is part of Intergroup.

Cathy, Website: nothing to report. A little behind on requests. Things going well. SENY redesigning its website.

Katelyn, CPC: reached out to Brooklyn Bar Association to see if they wanted in. Safety in the Rooms pamphlet: Passed out signup sheet to create subcommittee during summer to design service pamphlet for business meetings. Goal: to create protocols for what to do when sexual harassment or disturbance occurs in meetings. Brooklyn County would have to vote on it before distribution is possible.

Brooklyn Share a Day, Bill: need 6 clean up people—if your group is interested, contact him. Funding: will be in touch w DCMs to solicit funds from groups. Hoping for \$50+ from each group. Brooklyn SAD, June 20, at Bishop Kearney HS.

Deborah, program chair for BCSAD. Reached out already to language people. Needs speakers.

Aside: Next Spiritual Breakfast Dec 6. Anyone in tested in volunteering to chair that?

Cathy, Long Island Spirituality thru Service. Aug 1, Saturday, 9:30-3:30. Garden City Community Church, 245 Stewart Ave. @ Whitehall Blvd., Garden City NY 11530. In planning stages. Next planning meeting 1st Monday in June at Nassau County Intergroup.

GSR reports:

Jenni, OPSC: recently held group anniversary. Semi annual old timers meeting Sun. June 17, 4 PM.

Chris, Dist 412: decided to start passing basket at 412 biz meetings, so no repeat of rent arrears situation would occur. 412 voted on issue of: When there's a lot of business to discuss, should we send info electronically? 412 decided no on this. One group had a group conscience to change meeting time. In that group's business meeting, group vote split down middle, with tie broken by only one vote. Discussion in 412 as to whether this was a true group conscience? They thought maybe not exactly, because it didn't meet the criterion of substantial unanimity. Upcoming public PI meetings: note that your anonymity won't be preserved. PI presentation Sun May 16 at 2:00 pm, where Prospect meets. Re: Gotham City Speakers group, which wanted to be part of Dist 412. Dist 412 did not feel they were breaking any Traditions, because monies from Stuff they sell go toward group expenses, and extra monies are disbursed.

Bill, DCM Far Rockaway: Kings Night Workers, Free Spirit, Getting Started group anniversaries. Their District hasn't had strong showing of GSRs, so they're trying to address this by going around to groups to see what the problem is.

Marcus, Weeksville GSR: upcoming group anniversary, Sat. May 23, 7 PM, 656 Washington.

Raphael volunteers to be Spiritual Breakfast chair. Discussion over whether he can do SAD catering, be standing chair, and also be Spiritual Breakfast chair. This will be discussed further.

Closed w Responsibility statement. Next County meeting Wednesday, June 17, at St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn, 11201, downstairs in cafeteria, at 7:30 PM. Orientation meeting at 6:30.