

Brooklyn County General Service Meeting, June 17, 2015

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

Officers in attendance: Richard S., DCMC; Mel R., Alt DCMC; Adam S., Treasurer; Desiree B., Registrar; Kimi R., Secretary; guest: SENY Alternate Delegate, John W.

Readings: 6th Trad., Just for Today, AA Preamble

DCMC's report: Attended various meetings. Cathy M. new DCM for 405. Will publish Junction till year end. Richard was able to book a meeting room for Sept., but it would be for a Thurs. Checked to see if there were any members present who would be unable to attend a Thursday GS meeting. There were, so Rick will let us know the next date of our County meeting.

Report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$8018.13, carryover balance. Total disbursements, \$3855.80; income: \$1850.75; balance as of June 17: \$6013.08; pending disbursements: \$1771.42; adjusted balance: \$4241.66.

Report accepted.

SENY Alt Delegate, John W.: 12 counties in SENY. He is Alt. Delegate for panel 65. Liaises with NYPAA & Hispanic groups, and can be reached at: altdelgate@aaseny.org. NY State Informational Workshop will take place on Aug. 14-16, 314 Mountain Rd., Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520. Sign up at SENY website. AA celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, 4th of July weekend in Atlanta: 2015 International Convention of AA, July 2-5, Atlanta GA. At Georgia Dome. Area 49 will host hospitality suite there. If interested in doing service there, email John at above address.

Alt. DCMC's Report: Thanks to Cathy for getting out Junction. Brooklyn SAD coming up June 20. If you want to do service, it'll be an opportunity. According to SENY rules of order, if your GSR or alt GSR can't make an assembly, you won't have a vote, because you can't send a sub/proxy. But you may have a second alt GSR, provided s/he is registered with SENY. Concepts extremely important. To find out more about the Concepts, check out the 3rd Monday of month Concepts meetings at Old Park Slope Caton (OPSC), 7:00 pm. Also, if your group wants a group inventory, Mel can help you out!

Report accepted.

Vote on whether to rotate officers:

In September, at the end of our summer break, we will vote on rotation and whether officers should rotate out of their positions or continue one more year in their positions, in order to sync with SENY's rotation cycle. Adam unable to find copy of position paper County members wrote when they studied this issue during Nellie's term as DCMC, when County voted against it. Be sure to brush up on issue of rotation.

Richard S. wrote article in latest Junction about rotation—please read it.

John W.: According to policy laid out in AA Service Manual—service commitments are limited to 2 year, concurrent terms.

Ronnie L., Standing Committee Chair, introduces Standing Chairs:

Mary Martha, Special Needs: small misunderstanding about last report, re WC Accessibility checklist. Went back to committee and gave someone the checklist to send to Kimi, but the contact didn't get in touch with Kimi. Mary Martha will give Kimi that woman's email address so they can get in touch about putting it out on brooklynnaa@brooklynnaa.org email list. Contact sheet for WC Accessibility can also be DL'ed from Intergroup.

Will have a table at Share A Day service fair. Stop by!

Joe S., Archives: not much to report. Will have a table at Share-a-Day (SAD). Thanks to Niisa, who gave him a bunch of flyers that hadn't been archived yet. Will upload to Google Drive so people can upload it.

Joe, Corrections: not much to report. 7 July a guy's getting out, also somebody in Sept.

SENY Corrections Committee meets on Sundays at 10 AM, 199 Lincoln Ave, Bronx. Upcoming dates of committee meetings: June 28, September 27, October 25, November 29, December 13. Please come, if you're interested in this committee. Applications for AA members who want to bring AA into institutions available.

Mitch, Grapevine: purchased Grapevine literature for Share A Day, using budgeted money. Made copies of subscription forms. From Jan. 26, 2015 – Dec. 20, 2015, Grapevine is holding state- and territory-wide competition to see which Area can sell the most subscriptions to Grapevine. \$29 for yearly subscription. Good for rehabs, jails, institutions. NY sales up 7.3%. Would appreciate help on ideas for how to sell subscriptions, please share them!

Ronnie, NY Intergroup liaison: Intergroup doing OK. Ongoing discussion on what to do when lease to NY Intergroup office expires. \$10,000/month rent. Needs donations. Update on question of whether Gotham City Speakers qualifies for meeting list: yes. (This was a mini-controversy.)

Junction editor, Cathy M: printed 100 copies. Redacted version on Brooklyn County website—phone numbers, personal emails, and last names deleted. Please tell her if you think 100 copies too much or not enough.

Carl, Brooklyn County Literature Chair: sold a bunch of literature at OPSC Safety in the Rooms workshop. Would like to come to your event and bring literature.

Public Info, Beth: Not present.

Treatment Facilities, Raphael: talked to Dee about Kingsboro Bridging the Gap. NY Institutions & Treatment Facilities benefit: tix \$85, takes place Saturday, July 25, at Anton's Hall on Springfield Blvd., Queens. See Richard S. about transportation.

Cathy M., Website: everything OK. Controversy at SENY level about whether to have mail service managed by Google or 1&1. Discussed whether to exclusively send SENY mailings via email at last Area assembly, but decided against it, because not everyone has computers.

Katelyn, CPC: article in new LINK about how individual AAs might cooperate w professionals at grassroots level. CPC met with substance abuse counsellors. Focusing on how to reach out to community. Will work on summer projects. Safety in the Rooms pamphlet still brewing, will keep people informed.

Ronnie: thanks to Chairs & people willing to do service!

DCM, GSR REPORTS:

Evelyn, Dist 404 hosting June 27 workshop, speakers John & Niisa. Trying to involve more people in general service. Evelyn is our new Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast Chair. Will have a table at Share A Day. Putting committee together.

Jenny, OPSC. Held Semi-annual Old Timers meeting. Saturday men's meeting planned. Possibility of women's meeting as well.

Niisa, NYSI Workshop, can register online. Plans to attend Dist 404 service workshop, Intro to General Service & the 12 Concepts, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, June 27, 4:30-6:30 pm.. NYSIW costs \$20 for the day (including lunch); \$35 (including lunch and supper).

Mitch, Greenwood: New 5 pm Grapevine meeting starts July 4. It will replace the 4:00 pm Saturday Open meeting.

Carl, GSR, Primary Purpose: celebrating its group anniversary.

Ronnie, GSR, In the Garden: group anniversary Saturday, Aug 29

Eddie, Weeksville had good 37th group anniversary.

Bergen Group needs support.

Henry, Hansen Group doing well. Sept 3, group anniversary.

Michael, Gotham City Speakers. In Park Slope at St John Emmanuel Church (where Prospect Group meets), Thurs., 7:30-8:45, 283 Prospect Ave (upstairs).

Bill, Share-a-Day (SAD): lunch, service, speakers set up. Sent out SASE to groups for donations—please send them in! Brooklyn Share a Day June 20, 8:30-4 pm. At Bishop Kearney HS. Bay Parkway & 60th St.

Cathy, Long Island Spirituality thru Service: will start with meditation. 4-5 meeting rooms, lunch. Aug 1, 9:30-3:30, Garden City Community Church, 245 Stewart Ave. Contact Mel, Rick, or Cathy if interested in carpooling. It's like a mini Share A Day.

Chris, DCM, Dist 412: SENY PI & Dist 412 PI Community Meeting Panel presentation in May well attended. Attended by AAs & non-alcoholics who are in position to direct alcoholics to AA. Joint presentation. If your district interested in such a workshop, contact Niisa.

Stay tuned for date of September GS meeting.

Meeting closed w Responsibility Pledge.