

## Brooklyn County General Service Meeting St. Francis College 11/18/15

Next County meeting Jan. 20, at St. Francis College.

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

**Readings:** Preamble, 11th Trad., Daily Reflections.

Thanks to Kathy, Sponsorship Chair, who is rotating out. Introduction of 4 new GSRs.

Review of Sept. Minutes. Minutes accepted.

Registrar: we have a quorum.

Alternate DCMC, Mel absent.

DCMC Report, Richard S.: Brought box of published Delegates Questionnaire. Delegates questions start on p. 76. Intro to Fred, SENY Area 49 Registrar. Rick went to SENY Assembly in Sullivan County, SENY committee mtg in Bronx, DCMC group inventory. Adam & he put together budget. Attended workshop on CPC, Intergroup meeting, also one in the Bronx. Has attended all the Spiritual Breakfast planning mtgs. Motion to accept report. Accepted.

Adam, Treasurer: hard copy encompasses everything since May. Started w \$8013.13. Current adj bal: \$5882.88. Total disbursements, \$8455.25. Income from donations: \$6420. Our PO Box was not accepting mail for a while for an unknown reason. Please resend your group's donation if you had a problem w/ returned mail. Kathy and Joe volunteered to help set up NY tax exempt status. Adam hopes for greater participation in creating next year's budget. Discussion of the mechanics of a rolling budget: if your district needs money for an event, you'd come to County, make a budget request, and the body would vote on whether to approve it. Try to ask for what you think you'll make from an event. Ideally, later you would reimburse County for the amount your district borrowed. Highest possible grant, \$250. Assembly in April coming up. Looking at different venue than Bishop Kearney. Contact Adam via [treasurer@brooklynnaa.org](mailto:treasurer@brooklynnaa.org). Motion to accept report. Accepted.

Evelyn, Spiritual Breakfast: Event is scheduled for Sun. Dec. 6, 9:30 – 1 pm, at Dyker Hts Golf Course. Three committee mtgs have happened so far. Everyone has done great job. Event completely sold out. There's a waiting list of people wishing for tickets. So far, 50% has been paid to venue. They need to pay the venue the remaining balance by Nov. 27. So if you can't pay for the tickets you already have, please return them by Nov. 23. Next planning committee mtg is Sun Nov 22, 4 pm, at Old Park Slope Caton (OPSC).

Chris D., Chair, NY Intergroup: Despite rumors, Intergroup is not closing! But they had to delve into their prudent reserve, which is five-and-a-half months' rent. They were forced to withdraw \$30,000, leaving \$175,000 of reserve. Group donations are down—last year, 70 meetings closed due to losing meeting spaces; Intergroup also had unexpected expenses, such as a computer virus, which necessitated the hiring of a better, more expensive IP person; phone problems; sudden cancellation of venue for a big event, which resulted in the last-minute rental of a more expensive venue. What they hope for is more Anniversary Club and Faithful Fivers donations. (Anniversary Club--groups and individuals can celebrate their anniversaries with a suggested donation of \$2 for every year they're celebrating. Faithful Fivers are individuals who donate \$5/month to Intergroup.) Their new website will have an e-commerce function so that they will be able to accept donations online, and Intergroup hopes e-donations will also help rebuild the prudent reserve. Go to [nyintergroup.org](http://nyintergroup.org) for more info.

### Standing Committee Reports

Joe, Archives. Invited to bring archives to Greenwoods Halloween event. Invites your group to do likewise.

Joe, Corrections: apologizes for missing recent corrections meetings. No new info.

Raphael, Treatment Facilities: this Fri Brooklyn will be hosting fundraiser--\$25 per ticket at door, at 560 Washington Ave, Hope City & Parliament Center, Fri., Nov. 20. NY Institutions is thinking about moving their event in July. They're also trying to get into a new detox with MICA Patients. Upcoming openings for detox commitments. Meeting at 103 Quincy, last Sat of the month. For info, Raphael 347-661-8511.

Carl, Lit Chair: will table at Spiritual Breakfast. Bought rack, pamphlets, rolling cart, etc for presentation at events.

Cathy, Junction Editor: please let her know when you have announcements! She would love to promote your event. You now have till 1/19/16 to get your info, events, and essays to her. Send your announcements to her at [brooklynjunction@brooklynaa.org](mailto:brooklynjunction@brooklynaa.org).

Beth, PI: Jan 19th, PI workshop happened. PI has been meeting w/ professionals committee. Held workshop about how to speak at non-AA events. If you want to be on the committee, let her know. They also get calls for Bridging the Gap in her area, Bay Ridge, because it's in an area not repped by Bridging the Gap.

Fred, Area Registrar. Cleaning up database. They register people for SENY. If you haven't been getting info, such as minutes, he will pass around contact sheet for you to sign. Register at [registrar@aaseny.org](mailto:registrar@aaseny.org) You can also go online to [asseny.org/update-form](http://asseny.org/update-form) and update your group info, register as new GSR, or receive their alerts.

## **DCM & GSR Reports**

Chris, District 412: Dec 25, Alcathon, 9 - 9 pm, where Park West meets. [D412eventchair@gmail.com](mailto:D412eventchair@gmail.com)

Paul, 400-402: rotating out. Got 2 new GSRs, lost one.

Jesse: Sorry, Jesse! Your announcement flew by too fast for me hear & to record it.

Joe, Dist 404: rotating out at end of year. New Years Alcathon at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. 24 meetings back to back.

Andrew, Park West: Alcathon, will have family friendly room.

Carl, Primary Purpose, GSR: Cluster 401, 403, 411 will have annual Alcathon at Our Fathers House, 163 McDonough. 11 new meetings at Dec. 18 7 pm, 95th St. & 4th Ave.

Shante, Lefferts Group: Fri mtg cancelled. Tues still meeting

Byron, Our fathers House: Thanksgiving Day Alcathon on Th, Nov. 26, 8 AM - 8 PM. Also hosting Alcathon on Xmas day.

Jorge, Sober on the Hill Men's Grp. Grp doing well.

Audrey, Dist 410: Upcoming Dist 410 mtg Dec 19, 1:00.

Joe, Herkimer Sponsors. Doing well, Old Timers Mtg had good turnout. Two people w/ 35 years apiece spoke, and one with 34 years.

Jenni, OPSC. Held Old Timers Mtg. Heard a speaker whose story was in Big Book. One speaker had 40+ years sober. New women's mtg is keeping it real, Sat 6 - 7 PM.

Louie, Sheepshead Bay. Going well.

Megan, Park Slope Women's Step. Growing. Anniversary Dec 16. 7 PM. Women only.

Kathy Lou, Sunday Solutions, 5 pm Sunday. Meditation mtg on Th at 7 pm will be cancelled on Thanksgiving Day.

Dorian, Army Plaza. Meetings going well.

## **New Business**

Elections: Election of County Sec'y, to begin January 1, 2016. Mischie volunteers for interim, if no takers. Lu wants more info & will speak to Kimi after the meeting [Lu took this position--congratulations Lu!]

Motion to close. Meeting closes w. Responsibility Pledge.

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