

Brooklyn County General Service Meeting • St. Francis College • January 20, 2016

DCMC, Richard S. • Alternate DCMC, Mel R. • Treasurer, Adam S. • Registrar, Desiree • Secretary, Lu D.

Readings

Preamble	Read by: Dave
11th Tradition	Read by: Kyle
Daily Reflections	Read by: Judy

Opening

DCMC

- Chris will chair Brooklyn Share-A-Day
- Deborah L. is the new District 407- 409 DCM Cluster Meeting 1st Monday of the Month @ 6 pm @ St. Patrick's (9511 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY)

Alt. DCMC

Introduced new members:

Sharon - Starting Point / Kyle – 1st Step Workshop / Jacob – Brooklyn Artists in Recovery / Sharon – Alternate GSR – No Serenity 'til Brooklyn / Rachel – Alternate GSR – Park Slope Caton / Judy – Midday / Guy – Park Slope Caton / Margaret – Alternate GSR – Bay Ridge / Ann – Our Town / Meeshy – Alternate DCM District 410 / Denise – DCM District 410 / Karen – 12-to-Life / Dave – Seeing is Believing / Evelyn – DCM District 404

OFFICER REPORTS

Review of November Minutes

Motion to accept minutes. Motion passed. Minutes accepted.

Registrar

We need a secretary, plus 13 GSR's/DCM's to do business. We have a quorum.

DCMC

- Brought December and January Links – Gets them at SENY Committee Meeting. If you want copies before the Brooklyn General Services Meeting, they are stored at OPSC (Old Park Slope Caton)
- 12/19 went to District 410 Meeting – Observed elections for new DCM, Treasurer and Secretary. Expressed his gratitude and appreciation for that experience.
- SENY Convention registration is lagging. Brought/distributed registration forms (attached). Can also register online or over the phone.
- On April 9th, SENY Area 49 Assembly – Mel R. and Adam S. will be kicking off the planning, as it will be hosted by Brooklyn.
- Rick Weaver, SENY Area 49 Chair – Looking for a GSR to chair a workshop entitled, “Newcomers to Service” at February 6 Area Assembly and the four following Area Assemblies. DCM's asked to submit one candidate each to DCMC. Submit name, home group, phone number and e-mail.
- AA General Service Conference Inventory (Compendium 2013-2015). Distributed copies. This is the equivalent of AA doing a Fifth Step. All encouraged to read it. GSR's should bring to the next business meeting of their home group. It is okay to pass this to anyone who wants to see it.
- DCMC read from, The 65th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous – 2015 Final Report, page 15, Inventory-Looking Back to Move Ahead:

“We cannot underestimate the importance of this first-ever General Service Conference Inventory. It challenges

us to look at how well the Conference functions as the voice and the conscience of our society. It asks us to consider how well the principles of our Twelve Concepts are reflected in Conference actions and composition. It calls upon us to examine how well the Conference maintains communication throughout the Fellowship's structure. It requires us to look at how well the Conference does when selecting A.A.'s leaders today and inspiring its leaders for tomorrow."

"A comprehensive report of the General Service Conference Inventory will come out later this year. We will do well to study it carefully and accept it with humility and gratitude. We will have a written record of our defects; this will be of great value as we look ahead and make good estimates for the near, and more distant, future."

"Knowing that solitary self-appraisal is insufficient, we will gain much by sharing the report-throughout our interconnected circles of love and service. We will benefit greatly by discussing our shortcomings with trusted servants at all levels of our structure. It will give everyone who is willing the opportunity to help create plans for the betterment of our Conference. Let us involve and inspire our leaders of tomorrow as they continue the challenging assignment we have only just begun."

Motion to accept DCMC report. Motion passed. Report accepted.

Later in meeting from DCMC:

- February SENY Assembly – There will be a bus at BAM (heated!!) arriving at 7:30 am – departing at 8 am.
- All counties are required to provide transportation.
- \$10 suggested donation to the driver. Receipts provided. Give receipt to your home group for reimbursement.

Alternate DCMC

- Brooklyn is hosting the April SENY Area 49 Assembly
- It is the first time for both Mel R. and Adam S. to plan the Assembly.
- Will be asking for volunteers.

Treasurer

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Carry Over Balance As Of 11-18-15			\$5,982.88
Total disbursements		-\$378.15	
Income	\$1,068.00		
Balance as of 1-18-16			\$6,672.73
Pending Disbursements		-\$100.00	
Adjusted Balance			\$6,572.73

Notes:

- Likely, a bit of money in our mailbox.
- Our insurance covers off-site events. Will save us money and will allow us to hold events at more venues.
- Most standing committee chairs did not ask for any money in 2015. Each was budgeted \$250.
- Going to apply for state tax exemption for Brooklyn County General Services. We may save a little money. Also, in the past, venues have requested tax exempt documentation.
- Passed 7th Tradition "basket".

Motion to accept report. Motion passed. Report accepted.

Draft of 2016 Budget – Exactly the same as the 2015 budget. (See attached.)

Motion to accept 2016 Budget. Motion passed. Budget accepted.

FINAL UPDATE – SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST 2015, Evelyn R.

- The Spiritual Breakfast was a great success. Sold out. Great time for all.
- Paid for itself. (Net Profit \$43) (See attached.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility/Special Needs, Mary Martha

- Rick W. was filling in for Area 49 Special Needs Chair. Michele, who had stepped down for personal reasons, will now continue as chair.
- The Special Needs Accessibility Committee will no longer be held at Intergroup's office in NYC, but there will be a phone meeting, for which an access code will be required.
- Planning for 2016 Share-A-Day

Archives, Joe

- Happy to bring archives to any event. Interesting historical documents, including old county minutes and flyers. Contact him any time you want archives at your AA event.

Corrections, Joe S./Morgan – Absent

Grapevine, Mitch

- Encouraged subscribing to the Grapevine. If you buy two or more subscriptions, you get a discount.
- Had a table at the Spiritual Breakfast
- Open to ideas for workshops, writing workshops perhaps.
- Grapevine takes articles and artwork. It is an easy process. Everything in the Grapevine is from AA's.
- **Mitch is also the banquet chair for the SENY Convention and needs a back-up for banquet registration on the 18th & 19th.
- Mel added that you can attend the convention for a day. You do not have to go for the whole weekend.
- There will be transportation from Metro North.

Intergroup Liaison, Ronnie L.

- NY Intergroup has 1 year prudent reserve.
- Annual operating expenses are approximately \$400,000.
- Rent is over \$9,700, plus there are other expenses such as phones, utilities, etc.
- Don't make much money from The Bill W. Dinner Dance.
- More than 100 tickets were sold within a day of the event.
- Corrections and Treatment finances are down. The fundraiser at Antun's made \$3,000 more than in 2014. They also sold tickets within a day of the event.
- Literature Packing will next be held on February 6th at 10 am at NY Intergroup – 307 Seventh Avenue. This is a great service opportunity for everyone, especially newcomers.
- Every 3rd Thursday, you can pick up packets for facilities at NY Intergroup.
- PI (Public Information) is always looking for people to speak at hospitals, schools, etc.
- Intergroup always needs people to answer phones.
- Spent \$15k on the new website.

Junction Editor, Cathy M. – Absent

- Please let her know when you have announcements! Send your announcements to brooklynjunction@brooklynaa.org.

Website, Cathy M. – Absent

Literature, Karl D.

- If you have an event, feel free to contact him. He will support you.
- His car broke, so he will have to buy a new one.

P.I. (Public Information), Beth

- If you are interested in getting involved in PI, let her know.

Treatment Facilities, Raphael - Absent

- Meeting at 103 Quincy, last Sat of the month. For info, Raphael [REDACTED].

CPC, Katelyn G. - Absent

DCM & GSR REPORTS

District 400-402, Paul

- Trying to rotate out.
- Held workshop in November and it went well.

District 401, 403, 411, Heidi

- At next business meeting, election for new DCM. Heidi rotating out.
- 403 DCM, Leon C., passed away
- 401 has not had a DCM since Charles P. left for Pennsylvania
- Alcahlon donated 50% of 7th Tradition to NY Intergroup
- Will be hosting workshop about group business meetings on April 16th.

District 404, Evelyn

- This Ungodly Hour – Celebrating 2 years on 1/29 at 11 pm – Mt. Carmel Church in Williamsburg
- New meeting began on 1/29 – Came To Believe – 7 pm
- Working on a District 404 workshop on meditation

District 407-409

- New DCM, Deborah L, voted in prior to this meeting.
- Cluster will meet on the first Mondays of the month @ 6 pm @ St. Patrick's Church (9511 Fourth Ave.)

District 408, Bill

- Friday, January 29, 9 pm - Sheepshead Bay celebrating 59 years.
- District meeting will be scheduled after tonight's meeting.
- Will try to put together a Grapevine workshop.

District 410, Audrey

- Meeshy – Alternate DCM – Clinton Hill
- Treasurer – Lafayette
- Nicole – Secretary – Women in Spirit
- Jack – Alternate Secretary – Artists in Recovery

District 412, Chris

- Two members passed away on Friday.

- Fargo W.'s services will be held this coming Friday.
- Boyce B. was 86. Memories are being collected and information on his service will be made available.

Districts Not Reporting
405-406-413

In the Garden, Anna

- Heidi celebrating 12 years on Saturday at 10 am at 103 Quincy.

Our Father's House, Byron

- Hosted Thanksgiving and Christmas alcathons. All good.

Our Solution, Janet

- Our Solution and The Primary Purpose Groups merged. Now, now one group (Our Solution) that holds two meetings: Sat morning at 8:15 and Wednesday night at 8, both at St. Patrick's (9511 Fourth Avenue)

Twelve to Life, Willie

- Looking for updated meeting list.
- Suggestion made to go to the website. If your group's information is not accurate, then fill out and submit group information form.

The Weekend Group, Michael

- Doing well. Thanked Heidi for texting and keeping him informed.

Young People in Recovery, David

- Was food chair for New Year's Day Party at Our Father's House. Had a great time. 3 great speakers – SRO – a lot of participation.

NEW BUSINESS

Brooklyn hosting April 9th SENY Area Assembly

- Mel R. and Adam S. are chairing
- Bishop Kearny may host
- Need people to do service with hospitality, food, breakdown, etc.
- Will be approx 700 people in attendance
- If you want to be involved, e-mail Mel and/or Adam

Motion to close. Motion passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Pledge

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there;
and for that, I am responsible.

Next County Meeting:

When: March 16, 2016 - 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm (New GSR Orientation is at 6:30 pm)

Where: St. Francis College – 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201