

**Brooklyn County General Service Meeting
St. Francis College
March 16, 2016**

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

Readings

Preamble	Read by: Anthony
3rd Tradition	Read by: Leroy
Daily Reflections	Read by: Jesse

Opening

DCMC

- Today is Richard's 10th Anniversary!!!! Celebrating this Friday at OPSC (Old Park Slope Caton) at 1:30pm
- It's also James' 7th Anniversary!!

Alt. DCMC

Introduced new members:

(Name. Home Group. Position. Sober Date) John. Gerritson. GSR. 6.22.14 – Anthony. Greenwood. Alt. GSR. 10.15.95 – David. Young People in Recovery. ? 4.24.96 – Jesse. Good Morning Sobriety. Alt. GSR. 7.3.14 – Ted. Bedford. DCM District 401 – Michael. Bleeding Deacons. Alt. GSR. 3.6.90 – Carl. ?. DCM District 411. ?

OFFICER REPORTS

Review of January Minutes

Motion to accept minutes. Motion passed. Minutes accepted.

Registrar

A quorum is the minimum number of people required for voting to take place.
We need a chair, a secretary, plus 13 GSR's/DCM's to do business.
We have a quorum.

DCMC

- Attended the SENY Assembly (South East New York Area 49 Assembly)
- Attends committee meetings every other month in Castle Hill. That is where he gets copies of The Link for distribution in Brooklyn.
 - The February Link's Calendar of Events lists the wrong location for the SENY Pre-Conference Assembly.
The correct details are:
SENY Area 49 Pre-Conference Assembly
April 9, 2016 @ 8:30 am – 3:15 pm
PS 84 Jose De Diego
250 Berry Street in Williamsburg, 11249
Registration starts at 8:30am and workshops start at 9:15
- Catherine will post these details on the Brooklyn General Services website.
- All DCMCs go the service workshops. Things are run differently from county to county.
- Went over the questionnaire.
- There will be a bus to the Delegates Day of Sharing on March 26th. It will arrive at BAM at 7am and leave for Pearl River at 7:30 sharp. It ends at 2pm.
- All counties have to provide a bus.
- At the Delegates Day of Sharing, past delegates will give background on the questions on this year's Delegates Questionnaire.
- Voted at the last committee meeting to enhance the look of The Link by using a new, two-color format. This is part of an effort to increase readership.

Alternate DCMC

- Brooklyn is hosting the April 9th SENY Area 49 Pre-Conference Assembly
- Being planned by Mel R. and Adam S.
- There have been two planning meetings and a lot of progress has been made.
- Evelyn R. announced the venue. PS 84 at 250 Berry Street. Can take the L, J, M, Z trains.
- There will be a walk through on March 25th.
- We have to work out parking issues as there is no parking lot.

- All districts are asked to be involved. If you want to help, just say so.
- The next planning meeting will be on:
April 3rd @ 4pm
Old Park Slope Caton.
74 East 17th Street (at Church Avenue)

Motion to accept report. Motion passed. Report accepted.

Treasurer

Carry Over Balance As Of 1-18-15:	\$6,672.73
Total disbursements:	\$1,387.93
Income:	\$2,399.23
Balance as of 3-16-16:	\$7,684.03
Pending Disbursements:	\$2,400.00
Adjusted Balance:	\$5,284.03

- SENY provides \$2,500 to host the Area 49 assembly
- There is a chance we will go over budget
- The county will have to pay the difference. It will have to be put to a vote.

MOTION TO ALLOW PLANNING COMMITTEE TO SPEND UP TO \$400 OVER THE \$2,500 BUDGET

DISCUSSION: There are a lot of moving parts. The space is going to cost about \$854, so far. That includes the required security presence. We are already up to about \$2,000 total. Maybe \$400 is not enough of a cushion. Perhaps, we shouldn't vote on a set cushion amount, but leave it to the trusted servants. Now asking for \$10/plate for lunch. 200-225 people may attend.

MOTION AMENDED TO ALLOW THE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO SPEND UP TO \$1,000 OVER THE \$2,500 BUDGET. MOTION APPROVED.

- Maybe SENY should increase the \$2,500 budget. That has been the budget for a very long time. As well, all counties are given the same amount, but the cost of doing business is more expensive in NYC counties than it is in other counties.
- Treasurer will submit all of our receipts to SENY. Maybe they'll cover all.
- We collect money so that county GSR's can attend SENY gatherings, so that we can fulfill our primary purpose of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still sick and suffering alcoholics.
 - People who take the bus donate \$10
 - The groups should provide the \$10
 - DCMC give \$30 to the driver
 - Any remaining money gets deposited into our checking account.
- Group donations:
 - Mail them to PO Box 170582, Brooklyn, NY 11217
 - Make checks payable to: AA Brooklyn General Service

Motion to accept report. Motion passed. Report accepted.

Adam asked for a moment of silence for fellow AA's we lost this year:

- Boyce B. (1929-2016) from Slope Open Discussion was SENY's Panel 39 Delegate.
- Thomas K. (1926-2016) from the Bay Ridge group had gotten sober when Dr. Bob was still alive.
- Don D. from the Bay Ridge group achieved 61 years of sobriety.
- Leon C. from Herkimer Sponsors.
- Chris House was DCM of District 412

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility/Special Needs, Mary Martha

- Corrected Jan. 20th statement that Rick W. is the SENY Area 49 Accessibility/Special Needs Chair. He is the Area 49 Chair
- There have been two Acc/Spec phone calls, in February and March.
- Acc/Spec Share-A-Day will be on June 26 @ PS5 – Nursing Homes will be a topic – Flyers to come

Archives, Joe

- Has been going through the archives in the storage unit.
- It's a lot to digitize all by the end of his term, but at least he'll get it started.
- Has been finding interesting group histories.
- Bring your group's history to him (3-500 words) and Joe will archive them.
- 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)

- Nothing to report
- Hasn't heard from Morgan. Will talk to Rich after the meeting about that.

Grapevine, Mitch

- The Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) turned out to be like a large business meeting.
- 1-year Grapevine – 12 issues - \$28.97
- Starting in May or June, we will be able to download the Grapevine in PDF for \$23.95.
- Subscribe on AAGrapevine.org
- District 408 is considering doing a Grapevine workshop.
- Grapevine wants articles and WE write them.
- Will ask districts to adopt an inmate and then to send that inmate a subscription.
- Looking to put together a Grapevine/La Vina convention whose location and host will rotate.
- March 2016 Grapevine – Special Old-Timers Section

Intergroup Liaison, Ronnie L.

- The Big Meeting will be on June 19
 - Planning Meeting @ New York Inter-Group (NYIG) on 4/3 5/22 6/5
 - Need people to do service in hospitality and graphics in particular
 - Speaker nomination forms are available – deadline April 1st
- The Bill W. Dinner Dance will be on November 12th @ 7pm @ the New York Hilton
 - Planning Meeting @ NYIG @ 2pm on 3/27 4/17 5/15 6/12 7/10 8/14 9/18 10/9 10/23
 - AA does not make a lot of money on this event
 - Table Lottery will be on July 14th @ 7pm
 - Speaker nomination forms are available – deadline May 30th
- NYIG needs volunteers to answer phones
- New groups were voted on at the last Delegates Meeting. This is how meetings get into the Meeting Book.
- Group and personal donations are a big portion of donations received by NYIG
- If NYIG ceases to exist, a lot of drunks in this city are going to die. Our doors are open. The phones are being answered. We still have a disease that kills us.
- Bridging the Gap – When people come out of prison, an AA brings them to a meeting. Having their 9th Annual Conference on June 4th @ PS41 (116 West 11th St.) from 10am-1:30pm. Will have a speaker panel comprised of people who heard of AA when they were behind the walls.

Junction Editor, Cathy M.

- Will have a new edition of the Junction at our May meeting.
- Please let her know of your May-Sept events.
- Send your announcements to brooklynjunction@brooklynaa.org.
 - Read The Junction <http://www.brooklynaa.org/brooklyn/wp-content/junctions/bjR2016%2003.pdf>

Website, Cathy M.

- Send your announcements, events, calendar updates, etc.

Literature, Karl D.

- If you have an event, feel free to contact him. He will support you.
- His cart broke, so he will have to buy a new one.
- Cluster 403-405 is having a workshop and Karl will attend with literature

P.I. (Public Information), Beth - Absent

Treatment Facilities, Raphael - Absent

- Meeting at 103 Quincy, last Sat of the month.

CPC, Katelyn G. - Absent

DCM & GSR REPORTS

Brooklyn Districts: http://www.brooklynnaa.org/brooklyn/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/kingsCounty_big.png

Districts 400-402, Paul is in Rio, Dave (Seeing is Believing GSR) Reporting

- Seeing is Believing is having a group anniversary.
- Download the flyer: <http://www.brooklynnaa.org/brooklyn/wp-content/flyers/Seeing%20is%20Believing%20Anniversary.pdf>
- Trying to reach out to all groups in cluster.
- Will show up at April 9th Area Assembly at 7am to help set up.

Districts 401, 403, 411, David

- New to position
- Hopes to have something to report at next meeting.
- There are a lot of dark group in the cluster.
- Hosting a Business Meeting Workshop on April 16th from 1-3pm at 103 Quincy Street.
- Download the flyer: <http://www.brooklynnaa.org/brooklyn/wp-content/flyers/businessMeetingWorkshop%20copy.pdf>

District 404, Evelyn

- Presents: A MEDITATION SHARING SESSION A three-speaker meeting on the topic of 11th Step meditation in recovery, Saturday April 09th 5:30-7:00 p.m. Three-Speaker Meeting 7:00-10:30 p.m. Sober Dance
- Print a flyer <http://www.brooklynnaa.org/brooklyn/wp-content/flyers/AA-District-404--Meditation-Session--April-09-2016--REVISED.jpg>

District 405, Cathy

- Last month the district met. We will meet again on the Delegates Day of Sharing – maybe on bus or at location.

Districts 407-409, Deborah

- Had two meetings. Now have a secretary and treasurer.
- Discussed the tradition of the month for 15 minutes.
- Spoke about the questionnaire.
- Many groups don't have GSR's, so we're reaching out to them.
- Chairing **Brooklyn Share-A-Day**
 - Would like to make some changes – new/different topics – maybe panels
 - Planning meeting on Saturday April 2nd at noon @ St. Patrick's 9511 Fourth Avenue (just after Bay Ridge Feelings Meeting)
- Cluster will meet on the first Mondays of the month @ 6 pm @ St. Patrick's Church (9511 Fourth Ave.)

District 408, Bill

- Planning a G.V. workshop to take place in September.
- Flatlands Wednesday night *pm meeting is no longer being held

District 410, Audrey

- Some groups did the questionnaire
- 410 is planning breakfast for the assembly
- Having a Labor Day alcathon

District 411, Karl D.

- Daily Reflections is celebrating their anniversary on Monday, the 21st.
- 411 is responsible for lunch at the assembly. If you want to help, just show up.

District 412, Megan

- Chris House, our DCM passed away. Sue B. is the interim DCM. Megan is the secretary.
- Will have a workshop about Group Inventory later in the spring
- Have an annual picnic in September
- Park Slope Women's Step did a group inventory

Districts Not Reporting

406-413

Herkemer Sponsors GSR, John

- Doing good

Sunday Solutions GSR, Cathy Lou

- Thinking of having an anniversary at the end of the year
- Special meeting this Sunday on the Delegates Questionnaire

Greenwood GSR, Mitch

- Was banquet chair for SENY convention
- Finished questionnaire. Approximately 9 people showed up.
- Grapevine meeting on Saturdays at 5pm – The incoming speaker reads and shares, then individual shares.

Good Morning Sobriety GSR, Clyde

- Great!

No Serenity 'til Brooklyn GSR, Lloyd

- Anniversary Meeting on Monday, April 4th. Potluck at 6. Meeting at 7. St. Theresa of Avila 463 Sterling
- Had a business meeting. The Brooklyn Country Institutions person doesn't have enough money to buy literature to bring to institutions.
 - Joe shared that the Pink Can is for collecting money for institutions' literature.

The Great Fact Group, Adam

- Changed start time to 9:15am Sunday.

Sheephead Bay Group GSR, Louis

- Doing well. Wednesday 8pm Step meeting – Friday 9pm Open meeting. Bring a family member or anyone who may need to hear the message.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

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: May 18, 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 – Room 3213