

Brooklyn County General Service
Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2019
St. Francis College, 182 Remsen St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

County Officers in Attendance: Colleen (DCMC), Deborah (Treasurer), Richard (Registrar), Stacy (Secretary). (Ken, Alt DCMC absent)

Next County Meeting: Wednesday March 13, 2019 (6:30 New GSR and DCM orientation, 7:30 regular meeting) (See brooklynnaa.org for more info on future meetings and future County events.)

Next SENY Assembly: Saturday February 9, 2019

Brooklyn will have a bus leaving from 20 Lafayette Ave, in front of The Brooklyn Academy of Music, BAM. (See aaseny.org for more info on future meetings and future SENY events.)

Opening/Welcome:

Open with the serenity prayer

Preamble: read by Deborah C.

Daily Reflections: read by Charlene B.

Step 1: Read by Damien

Tradition 1: Read by Alan

Concept 1: Read by Gina

Officer Reports:

Colleen (DCMC): No formal report

- Discussed her experience in AA service. Summary: Why are we here? To make 12th Step work possible. What is her job? To keep you informed so you can keep your groups informed. What do we do? Conduct the business of AA.
- Announced upcoming events in 2019
- Outlined the service structure
- What is expected of a GSR?
- If you would like a "The Brooklyn County" pin, contact Colleen
- If you would like a "The Brooklyn County" t shirt, contact Nisaa

Ken (Alt DCMC): Absent – no report

Richard (Registrar):

- Please remember to initial in the book when you arrive at County meetings
- We have quorum

Stacy (Fill-in Secretary): No report

- We have no minutes from the December 2018 County meeting

Deborah (Treasurer):

- Distributed report for December 2018, please correct all appearances of 2017 to 2018
- Beginning balance 12/1/2018: \$6,434.03
- Ending balance 12/31/2018: \$5,414.78
- See full report for details
- We have successfully achieved Tax Exempt Status!

Agenda Items (Old Business):

SENY Convention (March 22-24, 2019): Chaired by Nisaa A.

- Will be held at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown. Includes a variety of workshops and meeting all weekend as well as karaoke on Friday night, A DJ dance on Saturday, and a banquet on Saturday.
- Registration is \$20 (Whether you stay the whole weekend on just one day) – these costs support the running of the convention
- You can register online or by mail. Registration closes March 1.
- A limited number of scholarships for reservations are available in exchange for service
- Hotel room reservations close February 28.
- A bus has been reserved to go up during the day on March 23. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be gotten from Colleen.
- If you are interested in doing service at the convention, see the volunteer coordinator, Lucky

Convention Bus:

- A bus has been reserved to go up during the day on March 23. It is a nice bus with air conditioning and a bathroom.
- Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be received from Colleen. Tickets must be purchased in advance. (If DCMs know people interested in tickets, Colleen can give out a block to them)
- The bus leaves from BAM and will arrive in time for the first meeting of the day. It will leave Tarrytown at 5:45pm.
- Call or Text Colleen (text preferred) for tickets: 646-346-3466, or email dcmc@brooklynaa.org

Brooklyn County Share a Day 2019: Chaired by Stacy and Willie

- Will be held on June 29 at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf
- No meeting on the schedule yet, County members will receive an email when the date is finalized
- If you'd like to do service contact Stacy: 917-685-5038 or Willie: 347-581-7894

Spiritual Breakfast: Chaired by Mishie O. and John

- Will be held December 1, 2019 (The Sunday after Thanksgiving)
- Chairs are putting down a deposit now
- First sale of tickets will be at BCSAD
- Planning meetings will begin in July

Delegate's Day of Sharing

- Brooklyn is hosting this year on March 16
- What is it? GSRs will receive background information on the topics on the Delegate's Questionnaire to report to their groups and allow for an informed Group Conscience

Standing Committee Reports:

Several open standing committee positions at this time:

Archives, CPC, Corrections, Public Information

- Evan V. Elected to Archives

Brooklyn Intergroup (Mike):

- Brooklyn Intergroup meetings are held at Holy Name on Prospect Park West on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9am
- Newsletter is available on the table
- A new Brooklyn directory will be available soon (containing everything you need to know about Brooklyn AA) will be \$1.00 to purchase.
- Website upgrade to come in February
- Email brooklynintergroupaa@gmail.com if you have any meeting updates
- The Brooklyn Exchange meeting has been moved to St. Patrick's Church in Bay Ridge. The next one is March 2 from 8am to 9:30am.
- There is a new Brooklyn Intergroup Liaison, Josh

Service Sponsorship Chair (Brigitte)

- Introduction of new GSRs:
 - Andrew (GSR, Brooklyn Heights)
 - Spencer (GSR, Storybook Theatre)
 - Owen (GSR, Transcend)
 - Emily (Alt GSR, Lafayette-Clinton)
 - Gina (Alt GSR, In the Garden)
 - Michelle (GSR, Pass it on)
 - Patrick (GSR, Sydney Place)
 - Alan (GSR, Sober on the Hill)
 - Damien (GSR, Brooklyn Group)
 - Charlene (DCM, District 405)
 - Kathy Lou (GSR, Grace and Dignity)
 - Deborah (GSR, Midday 2 for 1)
 - Clyde (DCM, District 412)
 - Michael (DCM, Districts 407/409)
 - Evan (Alt DCM, District 404)
 - Devin C. (Alt DCM, District 411)

- Review of all current DCMs (District Committee Members)
 - 400/402 - Lucas
 - 401 – Ted (and Chair of cluster 401/403/411)
 - 403 – David (Alt. Willie)
 - 404 – Evan
 - 405 – Charlene
 - 406 – Unknown
 - 407/409 – Michael
 - 408 – Miriam
 - 410 – Mishie
 - 411 – Laura
 - 412 – Clyde
 - 413 – Unknown

Anniversaries announced: December, January, and February

Birthdays announced: January and February

DCM Reports:

DCM District 400/402 (Lucas): No report

Cluster Chair (Districts 401, 403, 411) (Ted):

- Held a New Year's Day Alcathon. Very successful, but did not meet expenses
- Will have a Cluster Meeting at the February 9 SENY Assembly

DCM 404 (Evan):

- Organizing a 9th Step workshop (Location and date TBD)

DCM 405 (Charlene):

- The AA Historical Book Club is now reading "Dr. Bona and the Good Old Timers." The first meeting on chapters 1-4 will be held Sunday Jan. 27 from 3:30-4:30pm and will continue every 4th Sunday of the month
- Will have a District Meeting at the February 9 SENY Assembly

DCM 407/409 (Michael):

- December 29th Holiday Party was a success
- Next District Meeting will be held Tuesday January 29 at 6:45pm at Good Shepherd

DCM 408 (Miriam): Absent

DCM 410 (Mishie):

- Planning an Old Timer's meeting in the Spring (Location and date TBD)
- Clinton Hill group is closing their Thursday Meeting (Still has two meetings on Tuesday Evenings)

DCM 412 (Clyde):

- Christmas Day Alcathon was a success
- Currently planning spring events

GSR Reports:

GSR Sheepshead Bay (Louie):

- 63rd Group Anniversary will be held Friday January 25. Meeting at 9pm, food at 10pm

GSR Old Park Slope Caton (La Frae):

- Planning the group anniversary meeting (Details TBD)
- Beginning February 3, there will be a LGBTQ Meditation Meeting, "Higher Power Hour," held every Sunday from 9am-10am

GSR Our Father's House (Baron):

- Thanksgiving and Christmas Day Alcathons were both a success, now accepting donations for 2019 Alcathons
- Will be opening a group bank account (details TBD)

GSR Transcend (Lucky):

- New Trans focused meeting in Brooklyn still looking for a permanent home
- Temporarily located at Gibbs Mansion

GSR No Serenity Til Brooklyn (Caroline):

- 7th group anniversary will be held April 8. 6pm potluck and regular meeting at 7pm.

GSR Sober on the Hill (Alan):

- 14th group anniversary will be held March 4. Meeting begins at 7:30pm. Food, fun, fellowship, all are welcome

GSR Sober Living (Tom):

- Located at Grace United Methodist Church on 7th Ave. in Park Slope, doing very well

GSR New Beginnings (Willie):

- Group Anniversary meeting will be held the first Friday of April

GSR Ocean Hill (Phil):

- Has a new meeting space at 259 Bristol Street, it is wheelchair accessible.

GSR Prospect Group (Cephus):

- Group is doing well, all are invited to check it out

Additional announcements:

- **Group Inventories:** County officers are available to conduct group inventories, contact Colleen if you are interested
- **DCMS:** Colleen will be contacting each of you about representation in your area.
- There is no **Link** for January 2019