

Brooklyn County General Service
Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2019
St. Francis College, 182 Remsen St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

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

Next County Meeting: Wednesday April 17, 2019 (6:30 New GSR and DCM orientation, 7:30 regular meeting) (See brooklynaa.org for more info on future meetings and future County events.)

Next SENY Assembly: Delegate's Day of Sharing, Saturday March 16, 2019 at Lehman High School, 3000 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461

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 Joanna

Daily Reflections: read by Lucky M.

Step 1: Read by Christopher

Tradition 1: Read by Jonathan S.

Concept 1: Read by Miriam

Officer Reports:

Colleen (DCMC):

- Attended February 9th SENY Assembly
- March 16 is the Delegate's Day of Sharing. This is very important, if you are not able to attend send an alternate or other group member (There is no voting involved).
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.
Follow up to get your group's input to submit by May 4 (Can submit online via fillable PDF, can scan and email, or can hand in physical copy at Pre-Conference Assembly)
- Attended service participation workshops, including NERAASA in early February.

Ken (Alt DCMC):

- Will follow up with Heidi C. about Tax Exempt status
- Will be contacting DCMs to speak about groups making contributions to Brooklyn County

Richard (Registrar):

- Remember to initial in the book when you arrive at County meetings, will be located by the food
- We have quorum

Stacy (Secretary):

- Minutes from January meeting distributed
- Correction on page 4, "Dr. Bona" to "Dr. Bob"

Deborah (Treasurer):

- Distributed reports
- Current balance: \$3,705.83
- We are down from the amount we had last year
- See full report for details

Anniversaries announced: February and March

Birthdays announced: February and March

Agenda Items (Old Business):**Pre-Conference SENY Assembly (May 4)**

- Will be hosted by Brooklyn
- Need volunteers for Breakfast and Lunch – Michelle and Charlene volunteered

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
- Next planning meeting scheduled for April 4, 1pm at 103 Quincy Street
- 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)
- Flyers and tickets will likely go out before the SENY assembly
- First sale of tickets will be at BCSAD (They will have a table)
- Planning meetings will begin in July

Standing Committee Reports:**Service Sponsorship Chair (Brigitte):**

- Introduction of new GSRs:
 - Joanna (GSR, Park Slope Women's Step)
 - Christian (GSR, Sober on the Hill)
 - Christopher (Alt GSR, Sober on the Hill)
 - Jean (GSR, Brooklyn Central)

Archives (Evan):

- Attended SENY Archives meeting
- Continuing a project of collecting AA oral histories. Looking for people with 40+ years of sobriety willing to tell their story on tape
- Next meeting will be April 24

Corrections (Lucas): No report**Accessibility/Special Needs (Ted):** No report**Junction Editor (Charlene):**

- Next Junction will be out in May
- Send any events you would like included to Charlene, the deadline for the print issue is 5 days before the county meetings

CPC (Joe L.)

- Attended the SENT CPC/PI meeting
- Going to attend a workshop at the SENY Convention about how to do presentations on AA in a professional Setting. Looking for people who might be interested in doing this.
- Will have a table at the SENY convention

Grapevine (Miriam):

- Encouraging individuals and groups to order subscriptions to send to prisons, etc.
- Excellent way to have access to a meeting at any time

Webchair (Clyde):

- If you want an official Brooklyn AA email address, speak to Clyde or email webchair@brooklynaa.org
- If you have an event you would like posted on the website, send the flyer to Clyde
- If you have a district meeting, send the details to Clyde
- Currently working on how to improve use of PayPal to make donations on the website
- Also figuring out how to have people sign up for volunteering online

Intergroup Liaison:

- Brooklyn is hosting the Bill W. Dinner Dance (it will still be held in Manhattan)
- Next planning meeting is Sunday March 17 at 2pm at the New York Intergroup Office
- Encouraging all to attend, let your groups know about it
- It is NY Intergroup's biggest function and there will be big changes this year
- Will vote at the March 17 meeting on whether to continue to have a benediction by a Catholic Priest

DCM Reports:

DCM 405 (Charlene):

- The AA Historical Book Club is now reading "Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers." Every 4th Sunday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 through June. Contact Charlene if you are interested in leading one of the discussions.

DCM 408 (Miriam):

- District meeting planned for Wednesday March 20
- Planning a Sponsorship Workshop (location and date TBD)
- Also planning a picnic

DCM District 400/402 (Lucas):

- District met today (3/13)
- Will be holding an annual Relationships workshop in the spring (details TBD)

DCM 412 (Clyde):

- Tightrope in the Slope's group anniversary is Sunday March 17
- There will be a spring workshop on the Responsibility Statement which will address the issue of making people feel comfortable in the rooms

DCM 403 (David):

- No events in the works as of yet, there may be a picnic

DCM 411 (Laura):

- Planning a picnic coming up in August in Mount Prospect Park
- Will be a beginners forum in early May (details TBD, may be at St. Francis de Sales on a Sunday afternoon)
- No Serenity till Brooklyn has its 7th year anniversary coming up
- If you are in that district, please provide her your email

DCM 407/409 (Free Willy):

- Planning a workshop (Details TBD)

DCM 410 (Mishie):

- Difficulty finding an affordable space for the Old Timer's meeting in the Spring, may have a movie night instead
- Women in The Spirit has changed its time and format, now 7-8pm, candlelight meeting, rotating format, ring doorbell

DCM 405 (Evan):

- 9th Step workshop on April 27, will include amends role playing
- Meetings moved to 70 Havemeyer have returned to Mount Carmel
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GSR Reports:**GSR TRANScend (Lucky):**

- New Trans focused meeting in Brooklyn temporarily located at Gibbs Mansion, Sundays at 6:30 pm at Gibbs Mansion, 218 Gates Avenue
- Still looking for a permanent home

GSR Clinton Hill (Pamela):

- Have ended their Thursday Step/Tradition meeting
- Still have two Tuesday meeting, a Beginners/Living Sober meeting at 6:30 and a topic meeting at 8
- The topic meeting might change to a step meeting, in discussion

GSR Brooklyn Group (Damien):

- Planning a group inventory, looking for someone to conduct

GSR Simply Saturdays (Joe):

- Occurs at 715 Leonard Street, 11am Saturday mornings
- Might get a new Microphone

Alt GSR Army Plaza (Dorian):

- On March 18 celebrating anniversaries of James (10 years), Paula (30 years), and Nelly (39 years)

GSR Till Tuesday (Shawn):

- Meeting changed to 8pm on Tuesdays and 275 North 8th Street
- Will be voting to move time back to 7:30

GSR Sober Living (Tom):

- Now only on Saturdays, may add another meeting on Tuesdays or Wednesdays
- Were able to make service donations

GSR Clinton Carroll (Eric):

- Did a group inventory last spring
- One group member is in hospice care and they have been bringing them meetings, can talk to others who are interested in this kind of service

GSR Pass it on (Michelle):

- Have made contributions to 7 entities
- Michelle celebrated 28 years last week

GSR New Beginnings (Willie):

- Group anniversary will be April 5

In the Garden (Stacy, filling in):

- Meditation workshop will be held 10am on March 30 at 103 Quincy

OPSC (Colleen, filling in):

- New meeting, Higher Power Hour, LGBTQ meditation meeting, 9am to 10am. Includes a 15 min meditation and Quaker style sharing
- Holds a concepts meeting every third Monday of the month from 7:15-8:30
- Old timers meeting will be May 19
- Group anniversary will be May 4 at 7pm, food donations welcomed

Additional announcements:

- On April 17th there will be a County budget to present to the group, to be sent out digitally beforehand