

**Brooklyn County General Service
Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2019
St. Francis College, 182 Remsen St, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

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

Next County Meeting: Wednesday June 19, 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: Post Conference Assembly, Saturday June 15, 2019 at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf, 260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.
Brooklyn will not have a bus, but needs volunteers (See aaseny.org for more info on future meetings and future SENY events.)

Opening/Welcome:

Open with the serenity prayer
Preamble: Read by Eiko
Daily Reflections: Read by Laura
Step 5: Read by Mishie
Tradition 5: Read by Debbie
Concept 5: Read by David

Officer Reports:

Colleen (DCMC): (absent)

Deborah (Treasurer):

- Report from 3/13/2019 through 4/17/2019 read
Beginning balance: \$3,705.83; Ending balance \$2,889.93
- If you would like to make a donation to Brooklyn County
 - o Send a check payable to AA Brooklyn General Services to PO Box 170582, Brooklyn, NY 11217
 - o Contribute online at Brooklynaa.org using PayPal
 - o Give cash or check directly to Deborah
- Also consider making a donation for Brooklyn Share A Day

Richard (Registrar):

- We have quorum
- Make sure to sign in using the registration book. If your name doesn't appear, tell Rich and he'll fix it

Stacy (Secretary):

- Minutes from previous meeting distributed by email and printed copy
- Send corrections to Stacy at Secretary@brooklynaa.org

Ken (Alt DCMC):

- Will have to step down from the position
- Free Willie is interested in taking the position
- We will vote in a replacement at the next meeting. Must be a current DCM, Alt DCM, or Standing Committee chair to run

Old/New Business:**Post Conference Assembly June 15:** (Charlene, chair)

- Will be held at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf (260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY)
- Need volunteers (for breakfast, lunch, set-up, and clean-up) and a co-chair
- Charlene is figuring out from whom she will be getting catering
- Any co-chair volunteers, see Charlene at the end of the meeting
- Charlene's contact info: 917 865 9551; cbbrooklyn@gmail.com

Tax Exempt Status:

- Money paid out to Grand Prospect Hall, Ken working on receiving that money back
- We are tax exempt

Brooklyn County Share A Day: (Chairs Stacy and Willie)

- Will be held Saturday June 29th at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf
- Donations needed, can contribute in the same ways as listed above (If by check or online, include BCSAD in the memo field)
- Volunteers always needed – contact Stacy or Willie
- Updates from Program Chair Jonathan and Service Fair Chair Ted

NERF (Northeast Regional Forum):

- May 31st-June 2^{ns} at the Westchester Marriott Hotel, 670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown, NY 10591
- Free to register, go to aaseny.org
- Contact dcmc@brooklynnaa.org for more details or altdelegate@aaseny.org for a commitment

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

- One new GSR, Aiko from Slope Open

CPC (Joe):

- Attended Health Fair at St. Francis College (With SENY CPC chair and PI chair)
- Attended SENY CPC/PI meeting at NY Intergroup on April 28
- Attended CPC workshop at Pre-Conference Assembly on May 4
- Will be ordering workbooks for people who want to get involved in CPC work and would like to get some knowledge on what to do and how to do it

Grapevine (Miriam):

- Wants to do a combined workshop for Grapevine and La Vina, in cooperation with the Hispanic Community
- Hopefully will have a date for the workshop by BCSAD
- Grapevine is celebrating 75 years this year

Corrections (Lucas):

- Attended Corrections Workshop held by NY Intergroup on May 4
- Put in contact with people establishing a pre-release program; gave them his information, can help find someone a meeting
- Meeting upcoming this weekend
- Going to submit an all-access volunteer ID so he can bring meetings to jails and institutions

NY Intergroup Liaison (Devin):

- Thanks to those who connected with him about their group's NY Intergroup rep.
- The Brooklyn Area forum this coming Saturday May 18, at 121 Pierrepont Street, tell your reps
- In the process of planning the Bill W. Dinner Dance

Brooklyn Intergroup (Guy):

- New website is up and running, good to go, just working out bugs
- New Brooklyn Intergroup meeting books are available, giving them away for now
- Next Brooklyn Speaker Exchange is Saturday June 1, meets at St. Patrick's Church, looking to build up participation
- The Dr. Bob-E-Que picnic is coming up on June 9 at Fort Tilden. Will include food, refreshments, sporting events, etc.
- Website of Brooklynintergroup.org or Bigaa.org
- Trying to do at least 4 workshops/events a year
- There will be a writing workshop (inward writing & outward writing) on September 14 or 21 (final date TBA). Will be held at St. Patrick's Church.
- Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month at Holy Name Church on Prospect Park West
- Need more participation from Brooklyn AA community, though they are alive and well getting stronger
- Have a 24 hour a day hotline using call forwarding, they are currently full, but could always use more people (Anonymity is maintained)
- Please contact Guy with corrections to meeting book

Brooklyn Junction (Charlene):

- New Junction is out, wonderful article on traveling in sobriety
- Will be stepping down, still looking for someone to take over
- Her last one will be next month; will vote on next month

Literature: (Absent, may need a new one)

Public Information: (No chairperson)

- Will vote in a new chair next month

Spiritual Breakfast: (Mishie & John)

- December 1 at The Grand Prospect Hall
- Will begin selling tickets at Share A Day
- Will meet with John before June meeting to figure out how we want to distribute
- Both tables and individual seating available

Treatment Facilities: (absent)

Webchair: (Clyde)

- If you want your event at the district or group level posted to the website email webchair@brooklyn
- If you are a DCM or Standing Committee Chair and want a county email address, email Clyde
- If your group or district wants a mailing list, email Clyde

Special Needs/Accessibilities: (Ted)

- Attends SENY Accessibility meetings in the Bronx
- Deals also with bringing meetings to homebound AAs
- At SENY meeting, reviewed the proposed pamphlet discussed at the last meeting and chose not to pursue for reasons of the 5th Tradition
- Will have access to a newsletter distributed by the Nassau County Special Needs chairperson
- Also reviewed several pamphlets for the delegate, who was interested in getting their opinions on them
- SENY looking for a Spanish translator; if interested contact the SENY Chair Jerry 718-974-3053
- Planning a workshop soon

DCM Reports:

(Note, No DCM on record for 406 or 413)

DCM 400/402: (Absent)

DCM 401 (Ted): no report

DCM 403 (David):

- Also serves as the co-chair of Brooklyn Institutions, if your group wants to bring a meeting to Brooklyn Hospital, contact him
- 411 is co-hosting a movie night with District 410 this Saturday May 18, 7-9:30, watching "My Name is Bill W." Will be at 103 Quincy Street, will have popcorn and candy
- Old Timers meeting will be held at OPSC this Sunday, May 19
- Still working on planning a picnic
- Weeksville's group anniversary will be held June 1
- Weeksville will have a Memorial Day alcathon

DCM 411 (Laura):

- GMS will have its 6th year anniversary picnic on June 8 at Mount Prospect Park from 12-4 p.m.

- NSTB is making big contribution to the County

DCM 404: (Absent) Report given by Ken

- Held a successful 9th step workshop
- Next one will be about gender issues and language in AA
- The men's meeting Step into Action made a large donation to the county

DCM 405 (Charlene):

- Last two installments of the AA Historical Book Club are coming up, meet at OPSC space on the 4th Sunday of month. Next is May 26 (Memorial Day weekend)

DCM 407/409 (Michael):

- Registration for
- Free Spirit will have its group anniversary May 31st, 8-11pm
- Getting Started will have its group anniversary May 21st, 7:30-8:30pm
- Kings Knight Workers will have its group anniversary May 31st, 1-2pm

DCM 408 (Miriam): no report

Alt DCM 410 (Brigitte):

- Co-hosting Movie Night

DCM 412 (Clyde):

- Workshop this Saturday, May 18, I Am Responsible, at St. John, St. Matthew Emmanuel Church, 283 Prospect Avenue, 9am-12pm

GSR Reports:

GSR Kings Knight Workers (Sam):

- Group Anniversary meeting celebrating 62 years will be held on May 31, 12-1pm
- Planning a workshop on sponsorship, open to suggestions

GSR Our Father's House (Barron):

- Doing very well
- Fulfilling responsibilities for share a day
- Trying to get more people involved

GSR TRANScend (Lucky):

- Doing well
- Going to workshops to make sure there is transgender representation
- Has an article in the Link
- Sending representatives up to General Service Conference

Anniversaries announced