

**Brooklyn County General Service
Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2020
Via Zoom**

County Officers: Colleen (DCMC), Miriam (Alt DCMC), Deborah (Treasurer), Stacy (Secretary), Cici (Registrar)

Opening/Welcome:

Preamble: Read by Lucky

Daily Reflections: Read by Debra

Step 6: Read by Eddie

Tradition 6: Read by Matthew

Concept 6: Read by Lucas

Officer Reports

Colleen (DCMC):

- Attended the last Area Committee Meeting as well as a meeting of all the Intergroups. Here are some updates, just to keep you all informed:
- The SENY handbook has been updated and can be viewed online at aaseny.org. Please direct new GSRs to this resource.
- The Virtual General Service Conference did happen, but it was a truncated event. In regard to some literature items, they have been pushed back to the 71st GSC (2021). This includes the Spanish language 4th Edition of the Big Book and the language of the Preamble. But they are under advisement. The Literature Committee has been asked to bring more information and suggestions. Not as well researched because the period of research was cut down because of the virus.
- If you are interested in learning more about the Delegate's experience as it related to the GSC, visit aaseny.org.
- Meeting of all the Intergroups: Somebody brought it up that they would like to give the area intergroups voting privileges at our Area Assemblies. Intergroup members will be discussing internally this coming Saturday June 20.
- Mentioned at both the area assembly and committee meeting: We should call them "virtual meetings," not "Zoom meetings." It's not in the spirit of Tradition 6 to use the term "Zoom Meetings." Reminder that Zoom is not the only virtual platform that can be used. If you are using NYIG's enterprise suite for Zoom, please be sure to send them contributions. This is an expensive venture, NYIG needs support.
- Saturday June 20th, 10am-12pm there will be a virtual workshop on a return to in-person meetings hosted by SENY. Jane will be speaking, has experience as well working in her industry. Info can be found at: <http://events.aaseny.org/event/area-49-virtual-workshop-return-of-in-person-meetings>
- Will be another one hosted by Manhattan district 617 on June 30
<http://events.aaseny.org/event/workshop-revisited-reopening-meeting-spaces>
- We will meet again in September. There will be elections at both the County and SENY levels. Keep that in mind, Colleen will reach out to remind everyone as well as provide "job" descriptions.
- Something to keep in mind, we are currently using Colleen's Zoom, Brooklyn county may want to purchase our own subscription to a meeting virtual platform.
- For those who weren't at assembly last weekend. Zoom does include translations. (Colleen hasn't used it personally) but hears it is a good thing. May be an easier platform to use when using virtual meetings rather than a person translating.
- SENY elections will be on Zoom. There are polling functions that will be used.

Deborah (Treasurer): Absent

- We finally got our money back from the state for the taxes we had paid to the venue for the Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast two years ago.

Stacy (Secretary):

- Minutes sent to all in Zoom chat as word doc, pdf, and googledoc.
- Read some highlights from that meeting.
- Send corrections to secretary@brooklynaa.org

Cici (Registrar):

- If you are new in your position, changed position, or need to update your information, email Cici directly at registrar@brooklynaa.org
- Link to register to receive emails from Brooklyn County in chat:
http://brooklynaa.org/mailman/listinfo/brooklynaa_brooklynaa.org
- Link to sign up to get info directly from SENY in chat:
<https://www.aaseny.org/>

Committee Chair Reports

Clyde (Webchair):

- We've had some problems sending out emails from brooklynaa.org websites. These issues seem to have been resolved, but we will keep an eye on it.
- If you encounter any issues, please let Clyde know by emailing webchair@brooklynaa.org.
- Made some updates to the brooklynaa.org site, Share A Day Info is up and some other info.
- There is a link directly from there to make a 7th tradition donation.
- If you have an event you'd like added to the website, send it to Clyde.
- Working on creating a virtual meeting guide for Brooklyn based meetings. Now in beta testing. Hoping to get this up early next month. Reach out if you would like to get involved. There is a form you can fill out here. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10-kv1IosrhM1lFkstHoxiU6UizV66pBW3T59qTOuko/viewform?edit_requested=true

Lucas (Corrections):

- NY intergroup is still waiting for approval through the department of corrections and federal prison program to get the phone service program (mentioned in our last meeting) going.
- Eddie M. participated in the June 6th Corrections and Treatment Facilities annual Conference. Was an all-day conference, went well.
- There also was a national corrections call that Ed D. participated in in May
- Will be Co-moderating a room for Corrections and Treatment Facilities at BCSAD. Ed. M. Will be discussing how to navigate working through CTF virtually.

Brigitte & Lucas O. (Spiritual Breakfast):

- Brooklyn signed a contract in December with the Grand Prospect Hall and sent a \$1K deposit. Contacted GPH and told them the situation. Got an automated message. Someone did reply and said that they aren't sure what the regulations will be and haven't made any decisions yet.
- Don't know what the situation will be come Fall, recommending we hold tight and wait for more information before we make any decisions.
- Tentatively, we can meet over the summer (third week July) if more info comes up.

Jonathan (BCSAD Chair):

- Will have a Zoom version of Brooklyn County Share A Day this year. Date: June 27, 2020.
- Format will be more like a traditional Zoom Alcathon, rather than in years past. Will only have one meeting at a time.
- Will be 9am-9pm (12 hours). Each meeting will be 50 minutes and begin on the hour.
- DCMs have been contacted with the update.
- Next planning meeting this Saturday, info on Brooklynnaa.org.
- Schedule and flyer added to the chat.

GSR/DCM Reports**Charlene (DCM 405):**

- The A.A. Historical Book Club is back on.
- Flyer is on Brooklynnaa.org.
- Info from Zoom chat:
The zoom ID for the Alcoholic Anonymous Historical Book Club is 890 8327 0878. It's the 4th Sunday of the month, May 24th, 3:30pm. Please read chapters 5-8 of Pass It On in advance. We have already started the series & you can easily catch up. You can reach me at 917 865 9551 or AAHBC.405@gmail.com

Laura (DCM411)

- Not much to report, all well, one new GSR.
- Haven't met as a district, don't have a cluster chair since Ted's passing.
- Most groups in 411 are not paying rent.
- Few anniversaries are coming up, including GMS this weekend.

Eileen (GSR Primary Purpose) No report**Clyde (DCM412)**

- The Spring workshop is not going to happen.
- Debra from midday will be hosting a meeting for BCSAD.
- Their first virtual district meeting will hopefully be this weekend.
- End of summer picnic info TBD, not sure if this will happen yet.
- If you are a meeting in his district get in touch with him.

Brigitte (DCM410)

- Had a virtual district meeting, went well, all groups going well
- Making a contribution of \$317 to NY Intergroup because they have money and no need to use it

Lucky (GSR TRANScend)

- Has put together a meeting on how AA is breaking the 3rd and 6th tradition. Plan to address these within their meetings.
- Will take a 2nd basket to send to Ted's family on behalf of trans AA.
- Added 3 or 4 meetings for trans women (called PBT, Poisoned by Testosterone)
- Having their fourth annual spiritual retreat in July, a week in the woods.
- Folks in community have felt dejected by the idea of "take no action" on the preamble, discussing how they can continue to move forward.
- Continuing to take action to make AA a safe space for trans folks
- Requesting action on part of cis folks

Matthew (GSR BAIR)

- Group decided to start posting the meeting in NY intergroup using an email that would send back an automatic reply with the password.
- Made a one-time contribution of \$500 to NYIG.

Jerry (GSR 12 to life)

- Considering the idea of having a shared group commitment to answer phones at New York Intergroup, going to start trying this.

Oein (GSR Once Again)

- Group in talks with the church to see where they stand, not currently paying rent.
- Exploring the idea of possibly doing a hybrid meeting, because some members are eager to return to live meetings while others are reticent, will know more after their next business meeting.

Lexie (GSR In the Garden)

- Changed the meeting format a bit to work better online, now only have one group anniversary at the end of the month.
- Has been attending the virtual speaker exchange.
- Not paying rent, will bring the idea of contributions to the group at the next business meeting

June anniversaries and birthdays announced

Additional announcements:

- OPSC is restarting its Concepts meeting on Mondays at 5pm, same meeting id and password
- Weeksville's group anniversary this weekend

Tentatively will meet on July 15 to discuss the Spiritual Breakfast (if there is more information to share) at 7pm