

**Brooklyn County General Service  
Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2019  
St. Francis College, 182 Remsen St, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

County Officers in Attendance: Colleen (DCMC), Deborah (Treasurer), Richard (Registrar), Stacy (Secretary) (No Alt DCMC)

**Next County Meeting:** Wednesday September 18 (6:30 New GSR and DCM orientation, 7:30 regular meeting) (See [brooklynaa.org](http://brooklynaa.org) for more info on future meetings and future County events.)

**Next SENY Assembly:** Saturday September 14, 2019 in Orange County (Venue TBD)  
Brooklyn will have a bus, leaving from BAM  
(See [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org) for more info on future meetings and future SENY events.)

**Opening/Welcome:**

Open with the serenity prayer

Preamble: Read by Ronnie

Daily Reflections: Read by Iris

Step 6: Read by Miriam

Tradition 6: Read by Owen

Concept 6: Read by Joan

**Officer Reports:**

**Colleen (DCMC):**

- NERF: Members of AA performed play on service in AA thorough lens of Wizard of OZ
- Next International Convention Detroit 2020 (Will be able to start booking around Aug, September Stay tuned to AA.org)
- Brooklyn Share A Day Next week – Volunteers needed. Ask group members to attend and groups to donate.
- Overview: Need new Alt DCMC and open standing committee chair positions

**Richard (Registrar):**

- We have quorum
- Make sure to sign in using the registration book. Near front door.

**Deborah (Treasurer):**

- Report from 5/17/19 through 6/19/19 read  
Beginning balance: \$4,424.22; Ending balance \$4,830.06
- Taxes paid to Prospect Hall (\$1,439.88) still need to be recouped
- 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](http://Brooklynaa.org) using PayPal
  - o Give cash or check directly to Deborah
- Also consider making a donation for Brooklyn Share A Day. Can give before during or after event

**Stacy (Secretary):**

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

**Anniversaries and Birthdays for May and June announced.**

**New Business:**

**Bill W. Dinner Dance (Ronnie L.):**

- Saturday November 9, 2019
- Chair is Mel R.
- Speaker Nominations deadline July 15 (only 16 submitted so far). Forms available on table, please pass them along. Can submit online. Must have working knowledge of the 12 steps. Will be followed by a selection process in August and September.
- Flyers and cards are available
- Theme: Anonymous Masquerade
- Table Lottery July 9 at Hilton (7pm). Don't need entire amount by July 9, but need to have half.
- Tickets went up to \$130.00 each
- Daytime Old Timer's meeting during day is free. Followed by movie screening.
- Next planning meeting is on Sunday July 21 at 2pm.

**Visitor: Ed, SENY treatment and facilities chair:**

- Will have a table at BCSAD all day
- Looking for standing committee chair for Treatment

**Earl – LISTS (Long Island Spirituality through Service)**

- Attended meeting last Night, will have one more on the 8<sup>th</sup>
- Will occur on July 14 in Nassau County at ...
- Includes 5 boroughs in Long Island (Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Kings, Hispanic)
- Need volunteers for service

**Lucky M. and Owen**

**Motion:** "I make a motion to submit a request for an agenda item to the general Service Board for inclusion in the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous to request that our trusted servants at Grapevine Inc. change the language of the AA Preamble to as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people..." [replacing "...fellowship of men and women."]

- The current AA Preamble includes gendered language that is in conflict with inclusivity.
- Background: For those who do not identify as male or female this can feel unwelcoming and be a barrier to accessing recovery. AA should be a safe and spiritual space open to all.
- Responsibility statement: When anyone anywhere reaches out...
- Jane proposed 2 Qs: does it help the drunk and does it build unity? (Current text may endanger drunks and sew disunity)

- If the motion is passed today at Brooklyn County, it can then go to the SENY assembly in September to be voted on to be an agenda item for next year's conference (by November). If it does, will then go to the Conference.
- Copyright is owned by the Grapevine, loaned to AA World Services by the Grapevine. Then AAWS will approach Grapevine to ask them to change it
- Discussion: Will this affect other languages? Not in our purview to deal with that; Can it be "individuals?" etc.

Motion passes for Brooklyn County to support the motion of adding this to the agenda.

### **Old Business:**

#### **New Alt DCMC needed**

- Must attend SENY area assemblies, SENY area committee meetings, Brooklyn County meetings, service participation meetings etc.

#### **Open standing committee positions:**

- Junction editor: Julia Z. (new)
- Literature: (Cathy M. has stepped down)
- Treatment: Debbie
- Public information: Laura

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Service Sponsorship Chair (Brigitte): no report**

- No New GSRs

#### **Corrections (Lucas):**

- Will have a workshop at Manhattan County Share a Day at 1pm on Saturday. Hosted by Mike T., will speak about pre-release. MCSAD will be at 865 Madison Ave.
- Will have a table at Brooklyn County Share a Day, will be signing people up for the pre-release program.

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

- Will be held Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Brooklyn Junction (Charlene):**

- Includes an article on BCSAD by Stacy L.
- Comments from SENY delegate Jane on the Post Conference Assembly
- Charlene thanks you all for your service

#### **Spiritual Breakfast: (Mishie & John)**

- Giving out 30 tickets to each DCM (still need to connect with 404)
- Tickets are \$35. If you want to pay by check make it out to Grand Prospect Hall.

- If one of your groups wants to buy a table of ten tickets, they'll give you ten, but you must have all the money. There will be a lotto system for tables. Write down the group name or an individual's first and last name with a phone number. Be sure to keep track of the numbers on the tickets.
- No tickets on IOU
- Planning meetings will start in September, the first will be held at 103 Quincy street

**Grapevine (Miriam):**

- Planning workshop for Grapevine/La Vina and one on sponsorship
- Planning meetings TBA and final date TBA

**Webchair: (Clyde)**

- If you want your event at the district or group level posted to the website email webchair@brooklynaa.org
- If you are a DCM, Alt DCM, or Standing Committee Chair and want a county email address, email Clyde
- If your group or district wants a mailing list, email Clyde
- Website redesign coming this summer

**Special Needs/Accessibilities: (Ted) no report**

**NY Intergroup Liaison (Devin): not present, sent a report**

- Next Brooklyn Area Forum will be held on July 20 at Noon, 121 Pierrepont Street
- Corrections and Treatment Facilities dinner dance at Antons will be July 27 at 8pm. Tickets are \$85. Proceeds go to CTFC literature. Address is 93-43 Springfield Boulevard in Queens
- Bill W. Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday November 9 at the New York Hilton. Next planning meetings will be on Sunday July 21, Aug 18, and Sept 15 at 2pm at New York Intergroup office
- Every group should have a NY Intergroup representative
- Contact Brooklynarearep@nyintergroup.org if you have one

**DCM Reports:**

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

**DCM 411 (Laura):**

- Planning a cluster picnic on August 24, to be held at Mount Prospect Park
- Weeksville group had an alcahthon on Memorial Day
- Also had an Old Timer's meeting with OPSC

**DCM 405 (Charlene):**

- Final installment of the AA Historical Book Club will be on Sunday June 23 at OPSC, 3:30-4:30pm

**DCM 403 (David):**

- Had an AA Movie Night with District 410
- Participating in August 24 Cluster Picnic

**DCM 410 (Mishie):**

- AA Movie night was a success, may do another one in the fall
- Will have a Labor Day Alcathon

**DCM 412 (Clyde):**

- Held a Diversity Workshop
- On Sunday September 8 (15 rain date) there will be an end of summer picnic at 11am. Will include a meditation meeting followed by food, fun, and fellowship. Will be held near the Picnic House

**GSR Reports:**

**GSR Simply Saturday (Joe):** No report

**GSR ITG (Emily):** No report

**GSR Bay Ridge Group (Danny):**

- Held a group conscience that speakers can now close with either the Serenity Prayer or the Lord's Prayer

**Alt GSR TRANScend (Owen):**

- Hosting a Brooklyn Share a Day meeting at 2pm

**GSR Ocean Hill Brownsville (Omar):**

- Don't have enough seating room, sometimes standing room only

**GSR Good Morning Sobriety (Debbie):**

- Just celebrated the 6<sup>th</sup> year group anniversary with a picnic at Mount Prospect Park
- Donated \$50 to BCSAD and will be hosting a 1pm meeting

**GSR Brooklyn Group (Damien):**

- Had a group inventory led by Tom (Alt Del for SENY), recommends to all groups
- Will host a BCSAD meeting 10am on Steps 1,2, and 3

**GSR Living With Gratitude (Gabby):**

- Hosting a Beginners meeting at BCSAD at 11am

**GSR Seeing is Believing (Kristine):**

- Speaker Exchange commitments are going well, trying to get more new people
- Contributed to BCSAD

**GSR New Beginnings (Willie):**

- May be hosting a sponsorship workshop with Brooklyn Intergroup

If there's something you want to discuss at the Brooklyn County Meeting, email Colleen beforehand and she will put it on the agenda

- Next Wednesday (June 26) Manhattan county is having a meeting on the issue that the rent for meeting spaces is too high. Will be 6:30-8:30pm at Seafarer's & International

House, 123 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street at Irving place (near Union Square). Will have representatives of various AA groups sharing their experience on these issues

Close with the responsibility statement