

**Brooklyn County General Service
Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2019
St. Francis College, 182 Remsen St, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

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

Next County Meeting: Wednesday November 20 (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: Sunday November 10, 2019 in Rockland County (Exact Location TBD) Brooklyn will have a bus. (See aaseny.org for more info on future meetings and future SENY events.)

Next SENY Committee Meeting: Monday October 7, 2019 at Church of the Holy Family, Melcher Hall, 2158 Watson Ave, Bronx, NY 10472

Opening/Welcome:

Open with the serenity prayer

Preamble: Read by Elise

Daily Reflections: Read by Peter

Step 9: Read by Devin

Tradition 9: Read by Spencer

Concept 9: Read by Joe

Introduction of New GSRS by Service Sponsorship Chair (Brigitte):

- New GSRS:
 - Peter (Alt GSR) Sober on the Hill
 - Elise (Alt GSR) WITS

DCMC Report:

Colleen (DCMC):

- Links are available on table
- Final Conference Report for 2019 available. Can also send digitally, but in email form names will be redacted.
- At last SENY assembly, the body voted yes to add an agenda item to the 2020 conference, regarding the wording of the AA Preamble
- Share a Day occurred, it was a success. Thanks to all those involved.
- Deborah is working on getting us a better deal on insurance!
- Had a bus to the area assembly last Saturday
- If you are not getting emails from Colleen, email DCMC@brooklynaa.org to let her know
- AA did a Communications Audit, it is lengthy but Colleen can send out if requested. It showed that AA's communications are somewhat antiquated and could be more efficient.

Visitors:

Tom B. (Alternate Delegate):

- What does an Alt Delegate do? See page 15 in your SENY handbook (items 3-11) for an overview, but there are also other responsibilities.
- Primary responsibilities: To serve as an assistant to the Delegate, assume the role of the Delegate if the Delegate is unable to serve.
- Has been an overwhelmingly humbling and spiritual experience; its been a privilege to be of service and witness the miracle of AA.
- Encourages everyone to be of service.

Mel R. (Bill W. Dinner Dance Chair):

- Also SENY Intergroup Liaison
- Bill W. Dinner Dance will be on November 9, 7pm, at the New York Hilton Midtown.
- Postcards for the event are available on table, please bring copies to your groups.
- Attended last assembly and brought us our Links and Conference Reports.
- Proud of Brooklyn County's presentation at the last SENY assembly regarding the motion to change the wording of the Preamble.
- The next planning meeting for the Bill W. Dinner Dance will be October 20 at 2pm at the New York Intergroup office.

Mike (Brooklyn Intergroup):

- What does BIG do? One important thing is to answer calls from Alcoholics looking for meetings and direction .
- Need phone volunteers. Flyers available on table, please bring to your groups.
- New Fall 2019 Directory available. Everything on there is also available on the website.
- If you notice any errors, please let them know at info@bigaa.org
(Will be updated on website w/in 24 hours, will appear in next printing)
- Not just a meeting list, has other information (Steps, How it works, etc.)
- Giving them out for free. Only cost \$1.10 each.
- Doing a workshop on writing about your Experience, Strength, & Hope for various AA publications on November 9, 12:30 to 4:30pm. Will be held at St. Patrick's Church on 95th Street and 4th Avenue in Brooklyn.

Other Officer Reports:

Deborah (Treasurer):

- Report from 6/20/2019 through 09/18/2019 distributed and read
- Beginning balance: \$4,850.06; Ending balance: \$6,039.45
- All PayPal payments are coming in labeled as BCSAD, whether they are or not.
- Still have sales tax paid last year to Grand Prospect Hall that needs to be recouped (\$6,039.45)
- Working with her broker to get a better price on our insurance.
- Distributed treasury report for BCSAD. Total Income: \$2,502.13. Total Expenses: \$1,818.29

Stacy (Secretary):

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

Old Business:**New Alt DCMC Needed:**

- Responsibilities: Step up to stand in for Colleen when she is unavailable. Attend SENY Committee meetings, Brooklyn County Meetings, Area Assemblies; attend Service Participation Meetings in Colleen's absence. Votes at area assemblies if Colleen cannot make it.

Open Standing Committee Chair Positions:

- Junction (Brooklyn County Newsletter) Editor: No volunteers
- Literature: No volunteers
- Treatment: Debbie
- Public Information: Laura

Anniversaries and Birthdays for July, August, September, and October announced**New Business:****Spiritual Breakfast (Chair, Mishie O.): 347-743-0560**

- Will be on Sunday December 1 at the Grand Prospect Hall, flyers available
- If you are a DCM and have been given tickets, please update Mishie about sales
- 7 tables have been sold so far, thing moving nicely (10 people per table) (Selling both tables and individual tickets)
- First planning meeting will be on Sunday Sept. 22 at 103 Quincy at noon

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

- Went very well, thanks to all who did service
- Jonathan will be 2020 Brooklyn County Share A Day Chair

Bus for the 2020 SENY Convention:

- We will have a bus
- Need someone to coordinate the 2020 bus. David T. volunteered.
- Price of bus tickets covers cost of bus and ticket printing only, does not make a profit.

Standing Committee Reports:**CPC (Joe):**

- Will have a SENY CPC meeting on Sunday September 22 at 12 noon

NY Intergroup Liaison (Devin):

- In need of additional participation, encourage your group to have an Intergroup Rep.
- The Volunteer Services Committee was just renamed the 12th Step Service Committee.

- Intergroup needs more volunteers for phone answering. Right now they are not covered 24 hours, hoping to soon be able to be.
- All desks now have computers at NYIG. Hoping to have a chat function set up through the website that phone volunteers can use to communicate with people.
- The Bill W. Dinner Dance will be on November 9 at 7pm; October 20 will be the next planning meeting. September 30 is the deadline for paying off tables from the table lottery. Ticket sales are up from last year. Can buy tickets online.
- Now have an online bookstore. There was an issue with recurring donations, if you signed up to do this in the past, please double check that they are still happening
- The Corrections and Treatment Facilities Dinner Dance at Anton's occurred on July 25th, it was very successful and turned a good profit.
- The next Brooklyn Area Forum will be held on Saturday September 21 at Noon, at 121 Pierrepont Street.

Special Needs/Accessibilities (Ted):

- Received information from GSO: The AA for the Older Alcoholic pamphlet is being revised. They are looking for submissions of new stories. See flyer on table.

Webchair (Clyde):

- If your group or district has a special event coming up, please email Clyde and he will add to the County website, email webchair@brooklynaa.org
- A digital flyer for the Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast is available online
- A makeover of the website of forthcoming
- 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

Public Information (Laura): no report

Treatment Facilities (Debbie): no report

DCM Reports:

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

DCM 401 (Ted, acting):

- Also the chair of the cluster for 401, 403, and 411. If you have any questions you can see him

DCM 403 (David):

- Held a picnic at Mount Prospect Park over the summer with the cluster, was successful and well attended
- Will soon begin planning the New Year's Day Alcathon

DCM 411 (Laura):

- GMS will now contribute more regularly to the entities

DCM 405 (Charlene):

- Completed the book club series over the summer

- The next book in the series will be "Pass it On," will have more information at the next County meeting

DCM 410 (Mishie):

- Held a successful Labor Day Alcathon
- Brigitte is celebrating her anniversary on Friday at Women in the Spirit
- The Clinton Hill group anniversary will be held on October 22
- Discussing maybe having another movie night, more information to come

DCM 412 (Clyde):

- Had an end of summer picnic, it was well attended. Had a mediation meeting followed by food, fun, and fellowship
- If you are a GSR from Park Slope and haven't yet met Clyde, please introduce yourself
- Will have Christmas day Alcathon. Currently in the planning stages, but should be at Park Slope United Methodist (The space will hopefully be handicap accessible by then).

GSR Reports:

GSR Greenwood (Anthony):

- Greenwood's 50th group anniversary celebration will be on October 26 (the last Saturday of October) where the Prospect Group meets. Begins with a meeting at 4:30, followed by food, dancing, and costumes. Flyers will be out soon.

GSR Ocean Hill (Omar):

- Held on Saturday mornings at 11am, the group is going strong

GSR Bay Ridge Group (Danny):

- Oct 20, Group will celebrate its 75th anniversary on October 20 beginning at 2pm, there will be food, fun, and fellowship

GSR Our Father's House (Barron):

- The Wednesday meeting time was changed from 8:30pm to 7:30pm
- The 45th group anniversary will be held on October 27
- The Thanksgiving Day Alcathon is being planned, will need volunteers
- In need of support, thinking of closing the Wednesday meeting because it is struggling

GSR Clinton Hill (Pamela):

- Clinton Hill's 43rd group anniversary will be held on October 22 beginning at 6:30 and will encompass both Tuesday meetings

GSR Simply Saturday (Joe):

- Now have been in the same space for a couple of years, doing well
- Got a new cabinet

GSR New Beginning (Willie):

- Meets 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, from 12pm to 1:15pm
- Willie's last County meeting in Brooklyn, moving back to North Carolina

GSR TRANScend (Lucky):

- Update from the last SENY assembly held on Saturday September 14th
- Lucky brought her motion, as discussed at the previous Brooklyn County Meeting, to the body at SENY
- There was a strong turnout of transgender and non-binary folks to show support
- A lot of hurtful things were said at the expense of transgender people
- Clarification: The matter at hand is only whether or not to recommend that this be made an agenda item to be discussed at the 2020 Conference, not one's personal thoughts on the wording – just whether it should be allowed the forum to discuss it
- The motion was tabled to be discussed at the next assembly in November
- Please attend the next assembly on November 10 to show your support, we need your vote
- Brooklyn is still making the request, but it is more likely to show up on the agenda if it also has the area's support

Motion made by Brigitte:

Motion: To change the wording of the AA preamble as it is read at Brooklyn County meetings to say "people" instead of "men and women."

- Motion passes