

Present: Paola A., Area 49 Chair; Charlene B., DCMC (co-host); James G., GSR, Park West; Joyce B., GSR, Gerritsen Beach; Eddie D., Alt DCMC (host); Eileen, GSR, Once Again; Elvis, GSR, Sobriety Plus; Brigitte F., Brooklyn Registrar; Amy G., GSR, Tightrope in the Slope; Bill H., GSR, Prospect Group; Joe L., GSR, Sheepshead Bay; Jonathan, GSR, Lafayette-Clinton; Josh, alt GSR, Tightrope in the Slope; Kelly, GSR, Our Solution; Ronni L., DCM; Lee M., DCM 410; Luke, GSR, Greenwood; Cathy M., Web Chair; George M., GSR, Weeksville; Graeme M., Treasurer; Jaye N., Secretary; Andy P., Alt GSR, Brooklyn Artists; Adam S., GSR, AMHP; Glenn S., District Treasurer; David U., GSR, NSTB; Tom W; John. Total participation: 28

Charlene, DCMC, called the meeting to order and opened with the AA Unity Statement.

The first each of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts were read as well as, the Daily Reflection for January 18<sup>th</sup> by new GSRs.

New GSRs and a DCM were introduced and welcomed:

Ronni L. for DCM of district 405.  
Amy, for Tightrope in the Slope  
Josh, alt for Tightrope in the Slope  
Luke, for Greenwood  
Elvis, for Sobriety Plus  
John,

Charlene B. (DCMC) introduced the Panel 73 Brooklyn County officers

Eddie D was introduced as Alternate DCMC  
Jaye N. was introduced as Secretary.  
Graeme M. was introduced as Treasurer.  
Brigitte F. was introduced as Registrar.

## REPORTS

### Secretary's Report

Jaye read the minutes from the November 16<sup>th</sup>. 2022 County meeting and were they accepted.

### Treasurer's Report

Graeme went over the quarter expenses of 2022, the 2022 year closeout and proposed a budget for next year. The quarterly and yearly reports were excepted He reminded us that we will be returning to in-person meetings and gatherings this year, which is reflected in the projected budget. Graeme particularly urged GSRs to go back to their groups and remind them of county activities which will resume this year, and that we'll need an increase in our income stream to fund these. He proposed the following giving schedule for groups to fund services below the group level:

10% to the District  
15% to the County  
15% to the Area  
20% to Brooklyn Intergroup  
20% to New York Intergroup  
20% to the GSO (General Services Organization)

#### Questions/Comments on Budget

Bill H of the Prospect Group asked about storage: what is in storage, why, and why so expensive?

Graeme explained that archive materials are the major reason we maintain a storage unit. Deborah added that hospitality materials for Brooklyn Share-a-Day are kept there as well.

Joe L. commented on a projected income shortfall in 2022 of \$4,000 (\$7,000 was projected)—relative to 2021 when we collected \$9,000.

David asked if we could view the budget while discussing and was told we all should look in our email as the proposed budget was sent to everyone.

Budget was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

#### REPORTS

Eddie, Alt DCMC reported: He will be the liaison to LISTS in May and is looking for volunteers for hospitality as well as meeting chairs and speakers, etc.

He plans to reach out to the unrepresented groups in county districts and will try to attend NERAASA.

Charlene, DCMC reported:

I'm getting up to speed in my new position. I attended the DCMC service participation meeting in December to meet other incoming DCMCs.

- 1) It was decided at the SENY committee meeting that excess funds will be used for scholarships to send GSRs & DCMs that want to go to NERAASA for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. There will be a lottery, watch your SENY emails. More information to come. Check [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org) for more information.
- 2) SENY Convention will be held on March 24-26, at the Westchester Marriot in Tarrytown, NY. Book rooms on the SENY website from \$137 per night. If you call ask for the SENY convention rate. Rooms must be booked by February 28<sup>th</sup> for SENY to get room night credit. There will be a hybrid option, there are scholarships available to cover the registration if you can volunteer a few hours. Contact the chair at [convention@aaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaseny.org) for more information.

- 3) GSM schedule-all meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The orientation is at 6:30 pm & the meeting is at 7:30pm. Check the [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org) calendar under Brooklyn or [brooklynaa.org](http://brooklynaa.org) for future information. At this time meetings will be on Zoom only, we hope to have in person hybrid meeting in the spring, more to be discussed in new business.

+January

+February

+March

-April

+May

-June

-July

-August

+September

-October

+November

-December

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Paola, Area 49 chair was the guest speaker: Why are we here and why is this service so important? Please attend area assemblies to bring forward your group's ideas. Used the controversial preamble change as an example of why opinion and information gathering is so important.

She encouraged us that "if you don't like this and want to bail, please reach out" to others down the triangle.

Recommended that GSRs without DCMs in their districts should stand for DCM themselves—described how she herself "fell into" into a previous service position as Manhattan DCMC. She is learning the job on the job: "I'm trying to learn to sit with that kind of discomfort."

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Committee chair positions are available:

We are seeking a Spiritual Breakfast chairperson, ideally someone with event planning experience. Should know catering, venue interface, event program planning, etc. Urged GSRs to go back to their groups and announce that position is available to anyone that wants to do service

An Archives Chair is needed. This position involves some knowledge of our Archive material and Chair will bring to events as appropriate. Bill H. from the Prospect Group volunteered and the position was filled.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) needs a chair. This person would work on a project with the SENY CPC chair, and would also coordinate and take presentations to schools and possibly other institutions in Brooklyn County. David U., GSR for NSTB, volunteered and the position was filled. Eileen volunteered to be alternate.

Corrections and Treatment Committee Chair are also needed. This position was formerly held by Eddie, who described the Corrections Committee of New York Intergroup. The County member would respond to requests for release liaisons in Brooklyn, arrange to meet and escort people to meetings.

A New York Intergroup liaison is needed.

A Public Information chair is needed to coordinate information tables at health fairs, etc.

A Brooklyn County Share-a-Day chair is needed. It will probably be virtual again (but it not, we probably need a new live venue). The same skill sets of event coordination will be needed either way. Elise T. from Women in the Spirit volunteered and the position was filled.

A Treatment Committee Chair is needed to go into rehabs and detox facilities, bringing information and meetings.

I attended SENY Committee meeting in January, where it was determined that excess funds would go to scholarships to NERAASA first-timers. To be announced at the SENY Assembly.

The SENY convention registration is open. We were urged to book now for reduced room rate on the SENY website. Registration is \$25. Volunteers are needed for hospitality, registration and greeting. Scholarships are available if you can volunteer for a few hours.

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## NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion of the need for a Saturday bus to SENY as last year, at \$1490 total with tickets sold at \$25/seat.

Joe L. recalled that tickets were sold last year by several different people.

Jorje said this would be a more sustainable practice if it were a county responsibility, but there is no \$ in the budget this year to pay for the bus.

The motion to have a coach bus to SENY, with tickets sold by GSRs and paid for by the passengers, was voted "yes" unanimously.

Graeme, Treasurer, moved that we get a county Venmo account and a Boost Mobile phone, to transfer \$ from treasurers when they step up and down. He said he would set things up with Brooklyn County, and that no one's individual name needed to be used. The motion passed.

It was proposed to give Charlene \$400 to go to NERAASA in February. The gathering will be held in Albany this year.

The motion was passed but moot, as Deborah pointed out that the \$400 stipend for the DCMC was already in the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm with The Responsibility Statement

Recorded By Jaye N

Treasurer's Report 01/18/2023

<b><u>TREASURER REPORT FROM</u></b> 01/1/23 - 03/30/23				
<b><u>AA BROOKLYN COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE</u></b>				
<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>		\$13,531.10		
<b><u>DEPOSITS</u></b>				
Group Donations (Paypal \$170-\$5.89 = \$164.11)	1/1/23	\$164.11		
Group Donations (Paypal \$222.92-\$6.93 = \$164.11)	1//5/23	\$215.99		
Group Donations (Paypal \$20-\$1.07 = \$18.93)	1/5/23	\$18.93		
Group Donations (Paypal \$75-\$2.66 = \$72.34)	1/16/23			\$72.34
Group Donations Checks	1/17/23			\$1,025.60
Total		\$399.03		\$1,097.94
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>				
Storage Unit	1/3/23	\$185.96	Debit	
Storage Unit	2/3/23		Debit	-\$185.96
Storage Unit	3/3/23		Debit	-\$185.96
Website	1/1/23	\$150.00		
UPS PO BOX	3/15/23			-\$216.00
Insur.	2/1/23			-\$460.00
Zoom	1/12/23	\$153.51		
Coach/Bus/Convention	3/1/23			-\$1,390.00
LIST (Conference Long Island Spirituality Through Service)	3/1/23			-\$800.00
Total		\$489.47		\$3,237.92
<b><u>CLOSING BALANCE</u></b>		\$13,440.66		\$2,230.42
Prudent Reserve		\$2,500.00		\$11,210.24
		\$10,940.66		\$8,710.24
<b>Pay pal total income \$487.92- Paypal fees \$16.55 = \$471.37</b>				

<b><u>BROOKLYN COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
7th Tradition/County meetings	\$0.00
7th Tradition/BSAD	\$65.05
7th Tradition/Assembly/Bus	\$40.00
Group Donations/Bklyn County	\$3,877.49
Individual Donations/Bklyn County	\$10.00
Group Donations/Bklyn Share A Day	\$0.00
Seny's Donation/Post Confer. Assembly	\$0.00
Spiriual Breakfast/Ticket Sales Reinbursement	\$0.00
MISC	\$0.00
Convention/Ticket Sales Reinbursement	\$0.00
Convention/Bus Ticket Sales	\$1,195.00
Bus Refund	\$0.00
NYS tax Refund Due to Exemption	
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$5,187.54</b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</u></b>	
Room Rental at St. Francis	\$0.00
Insurance	\$460.00
PO Box	\$216.00
Storage	\$2,042.52
Convention Bus	\$1,309.00
Bus Rentals	\$1,581.00

Junction Publishing	\$0.00
Web Host	\$150.00
Hospitality	\$0.00
Rental of School of the Deaf	\$0.00
Misc	\$5.98
Zoom	\$255.91
Checks Returned For NSF & Bank Fees	\$0.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$6,020.41</b>
<b><u>OFFICER EXPENSES</u></b>	
DCMC	\$0.00
Alt-DCMC	\$0.00
Secretary	\$0.00
Treasurer	\$0.00
Registrar	\$0.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
Brooklyn Share a Day (Zoom)	\$0.00
Spiritual Breakfast	\$0.00
Lists	\$0.00
Service Events for Officers	\$0.00
Printing cost	\$37.80
Host Seny's Post Confer. Assembly	\$0.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$37.80</b>



<b><u>STANDING COMMITTEES</u></b>	
CPC	\$0.00
PI	\$0.00
Literature	\$0.00
Grapevine	\$0.00
Archives	\$0.00
Hospitality/institutions	\$0.00
Special Needs	\$0.00
Service Sponsorship	\$0.00
Corrections	\$0.00
Intergroup	\$0.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b><u>SUMMARY</u></b>	
INCOME	<b>\$5,187.54</b>
EXPENSES	<b>\$6,058.21</b>
	<b>\$870.67</b>

## Brooklyn County Proposed Budget 2023

<b><u>BROOKLYN COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE</u></b>	
<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
7th Tradition/County meetings	\$0.00
7th Tradition/BSAD	\$65.05
7th Tradition/Assembly/Bus	\$40.00
Group Donations/Bklyn County	\$3,877.49
Individual Donations/Bklyn County	\$10.00
Group Donations/Bklyn Share A Day	\$0.00
Seny's Donation/Assembly	\$0.00
Spiritual Breakfast/Ticket Sales Reimbursement	\$9,000.00
MISC	\$0.00
Convention/Bus Ticket Sales	\$1,195.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,187.54</u></b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</u></b>	
Room Rental at St. Francis	\$875.00
Insurance	\$460.00
PO Box	\$216.00
Storage	\$2,231.52
Assembly Bus's	\$4,200.00
Junction Printing	\$0.00
Web Host	\$150.00
Hospitality	\$0.00
Misc	\$0.00
Boost Mobil	\$300.00
Zoom	\$255.91
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,688.43</u></b>
<b><u>OFFICER EXPENSES</u></b>	
DCMC	\$100.00
Alt-DCMC	\$100.00
Secretary	\$0.00
Treasurer	\$0.00
Registrar	\$0.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$200.00</u></b>
<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
Brooklyn Share a Day (Zoom)	\$0.00
Spiritual Breakfast	\$10,000.00
Lists	\$800.00
Printing cost (annual)	\$150.00
NERAASA	\$400.00
Convention Bus	\$1,490.00
Host Seny's Assembly	\$0.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,840.00</u></b>
<b><u>STANDING COMMITTEES</u></b>	
CPC	\$0.00
PI	\$0.00
Literature	\$0.00
Grapevine	\$0.00
Archives	\$0.00
Hospitality/institutions	\$0.00
Special Needs	\$0.00
Service Sponsorship	\$0.00
Corrections	\$0.00
Intergroup	\$0.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
<b><u>SUMMARY</u></b>	
INCOME	\$14,187.54
EXPENSES	\$21,728.43
	\$7,540.89
<b>Current balance after Prudent reserve</b>	\$10,940.66
<b>Balance</b>	\$3,399.77