

**Brooklyn County General Service**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2018**  
**St. Francis College, 182 Remsen St, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

Officer Attendees: Mel (DCMC) Heidi (Alt-DCMC), Joe (Treasurer), Nisaa (Registrar),  
Stacy filling in for Mitch (Secretary)

**Next County Meeting:** Wednesday December 18, 2018 (6:30 New GSR and DCM orientation, 7:30 regular meeting) (See [brooklynnaa.org](http://brooklynnaa.org) for more info on future meetings and future County events.)

**Opening/Welcome:**

Open with the serenity prayer

Preamble: read by LaFrae

Daily Reflections: read by Danny

Step 11: Read by Liz

Tradition 11: Read by Clyde

Concept 11: Read by Owen

**Officer Reports:**

**Mel (DCMC):**

- County secretary Mitch is out due to illness, Stacy will be filling in
- Anniversaries for October November and December announced
- Previous SENY Assembly was on November 4 in Sullivan County; Area 49 inventory conducted by Rich, a trustee at large
- Elections were held in September, Officers for 2019 will be: Colleen (DCMC), Ken (Alt DCMC), Debra (Treasurer), Stacy (Secretary), and Richard (Registrar)

**Heidi (Alt DCMC):**

- Updates on the quest for Brooklyn County's Tax Exempt Status:
- New York State Department of Taxation got back to us on 11/21, informing us that our bylaws need to be updated to received Tax Exempt status
- Four articles (#15-18) were provided to be added to our bylaws word-for-word
- The articles can be summarized as such:
  - o Article 15 - Dissolution Provision: Ensures that in the event of dissolution, our money ill be given to an appropriate institution (a non-profit similar to ours)
  - o Article 16 - Non-inurement Provision: Ensures that no member is financially benefitting from the earnings of the organization
  - o Article 17 - Restrictive Legislation Provision: Ensures that we will not lobby for legislation, intervene in a public office election, etc.
  - o Article 18 - Restrictive Purpose & Activities Provision: Clearly states that our function is charitable and that we are in fact a non-profit.

**Nisaa (Registrar):**

- We have quorum
- Training Richard, the incoming registrar, to use the system
- As SENY Convention 2019 chair: A deposit has been made for a bus to go up on Saturday. Registration for the event will begin the week of 12/3
- Can order "The Brooklyn County" t-shirts for anyone who is interested.

**Joe (Treasurer):**

- See reports for September and November.

**Stacy (Fill-in Secretary):**

- Minutes from the September meeting available, contact Stacy for corrections

**Agenda Items (Old Business):****Brooklyn County Spiritual Breakfast (December 9): Chairs Rafael and Charlene**

- \$14,530 has been collected (412 tickets have been sold). This includes 27 tables as well as loose tickets
- If you have loose tickets, they should be returned to Rafael ASAP, Last day for tickets will be December 5 (all money needs to be in and a number given to the venue)
- If someone has lost their ticket, please speak to Rafael
- Contact Info – Rafael: 347-661-8511, Charlene: 917-865-9551, Mishie: 347-743-0560

**SENY Convention Bus (March 23, 2019): Chaired by Nisaa**

- Bus has been reserved, seats 55 people, tickets will be \$25.00 each (Last year only 44 people signed up but the rest was covered by donations)
- Bus tickets will be available for sale at the Spiritual Breakfast on December 9
- Flyers will be made and an email will go out

**Tax Exempt Status:**

- Need to pass new bylaws in order to receive status
- Motion made and bylaws passed by the body

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

- Introduction of new GSRs:
  - o Liz (GSR, Sunday Solutions)
  - o Danny (incoming GSR, Bay Ridge Group)
  - o Owen (GSR, Once Again Group)

- Joy of Service Workshop was held October 22 at St. Francis De Sales School for the Deaf. Over 20 people were in attendance, it was a successful, fun, and spiritual experience.

**Archives (Devin):** Absent, but sent report

- Unable to attend the meeting due to work
- Still looking for old timers with 40+ years of sobriety to record for oral histories, has not recorded anyone new since the last meeting
- Looking for the best database or format to use for storage of digital archives

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) (Bill):** Absent

**Grapevine (Mitch):** Absent

**Intergroup Liaison (Dave):** Absent

**Brooklyn Junction (Ken):**

- New copies are available in print and accessible online, features a column by 2018 SENY delegate John W.
- Send submissions to [brooklynjunction@brooklynaa.org](mailto:brooklynjunction@brooklynaa.org)

**Literature (Sharone):** Absent

**Public Information (Cici):**

- A new rehab has opened in Borough Park and has reached out to the committee to come speak with members of the Orthodox community about AA

**Share A Day:**

- Will be held June 29, 2019 at St. Francis De Sales School for the Deaf on Eastern Parkway
- 2019 co-chairs will be Stacy and Willie
- Will soon be looking for volunteers and participants

**Special Needs (Ted):**

- Has attended SENY meetings at Intergroup monthly
- Had a table at Long Island Spirituality through Service (LISTS)
- Was able to bring a meeting to someone who is housebound

**Treatment Facilities (Henry):**

- The Brooklyn Institutions Committee meetings are held every first Saturday of the month at OPSC at 3:30pm
- The New York Intergroup Hospitals and Institutions meetings for Brooklyn are held every last Saturday of the month at 103 Quincy Street

- Both groups are in need of participation

**Website (Michael S.): Absent**

**Brooklyn Intergroup (Lou):**

- Brooklyn Intergroup meetings are held at a new location, Holy Name on Prospect Park West. Meetings are still held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 9am
- The Website has been revamped to be more efficient (brooklynintergroup.org)
- Email brooklynintergroupaa@gmail.com if you have any meeting updates (Updates will appear quickly on website and in the next printing of the booklet)
- Phone volunteers are needed at all times. Phone lines are open 24/7 through call forwarding, you can take the commitment on your cell phone. It's a 6 month commitment of 5 hours per week.
- In the process of planning 2019 fellowship events for the county
- The Brooklyn Speaker Exchange is back, held 8am at Refuge (East 21<sup>st</sup> and Foster)
- Printed meeting lists are available. Email Brooklyn Intergroup or call the hotline
- Brooklyn Intergroup is switching its meeting lists from "districts" to "zones" to make it uniform with Brooklyn County General Service
- Looking for volunteers and participant from Brooklyn County

**New Business:**

- Cathy brought up a question: If a group moves from one district (physical location) to another, do they now belong to the new district where they are located, or do they remain with the old district?
  - o Heidi's response: There is no hard and fast rule, it should reside with the group conscience
  - o Will be discussed further at the next county meeting
- Cici brought up a topic: Her home group has questions about distributing to the entities and how Brooklyn Intergroup should factor into that. What do Brooklyn Intergroup's finances look like?
  - o Lou says: Brooklyn Intergroup's finances can be found in meeting minutes on their website
  - o Will be discussed further at the next county meeting

**DCM and GSR Reports:**

**DCM District 404 (Ken filling in for Evelyn):**

- District 404 in North Brooklyn has been incorporated as a non-profit and has opened a bank account
- Currently considering ideas for workshops including a Step 9 how-to or an open forum on gender neutral language and gender issues in AA

**GSR Our Father's House (Baron):**

- Thanksgiving Day Alcathon was a success
- Now accepting donations for their Christmas Day Alcathon (Dec. 25) which will tentatively run from 8am to 4 or 5pm

**DCM District 412 (Clyde, incoming):**

- Saturday December 8, First Step Workshop is holding their group anniversary party. The theme is "Sunlight of the Spirit" and it is a costume party
- There will be a Christmas Day Alcathon on Tuesday December 25 from 8am-10pm located at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Park Slope. Donations welcome and volunteers needed

**DCM District 405 (Charlene):**

- The AA Historical Book Club is beginning its 2<sup>nd</sup> installment and will be reading "Dr. Bob & The Good Old Timers." It will be held the fourth Sunday of every month from 3:30-4:30pm at OPSC

**DCM District 403 (David):**

- The cluster of Districts 401, 403, and 411 will be hosting a New Year's Day Alcathon at the location of Our Father's House. It will be from approx. 8am to 5pm. The first planning meeting will be held on December 8, 12pm at 103 Quincy Street.

**DCM District 411 (Laura):**

- Same as above

**DCM District 407/409 (Debra):**

- The incoming DCM will be Michael
- The Free Spirit group will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
- Ovington group will be having their 69 year anniversary on December 1
- Shore Road group will be having their 58 year anniversary on December 15 at 7pm
- District 407 will be hosting a holiday party on December 29 at 6pm at St. Patrick's Church. There will be food fun and fellowship. Food donations are welcomed. Planning meeting to be held Friday November 30 at 6pm at 9511 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**GSR Primary Purpose (John):**

- The group needs support, meets Fridays at 6:45pm at 103 Quincy Street

**GSR OPSC (LaFrae):**

- Had a successful Old Timer's meeting
- The group space will be open on Sunday afternoons for fellowship
- Will be voting at the business meeting on Sunday December 2 about a potential LGBTQ meeting

**GSR Women in the Spirit (Brigitte):**

- Just moved locations to 520 Clinton Avenue. Had to leave old space because the rent was raised.
- In need of support

**DCM410 (Mishie):**

- Clinton Hill is looking for a new space because of raised rent. (Are located where Women In the Spirit was before they moved)
- Clinton Hill is in need of support. They have three meetings a week: Tuesdays at 6:30 and 8:00pm and Thursdays at 6:45pm.
- District 410 held their Labor Day Alcathon in a new space this year, attendance was less than previous years.

**GSR Ocean Hill (Willie):**

- Will be transitioning out and Phil will be the new GSR
- Willie will be the incoming GSR for New Beginnings
- Hoping to have a cluster picnic in summer 2019