

Brooklyn County General Service Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023

1) Service Sponsorship report-Adam S

The new DCMs, alt DCMs, GSRs & alt GSRs

Name

Group or District

A) Joe G. GSR Simply Saturday

9th step- Joe. G GSR Simply Saturday (on-line

9th tradition- Veria (in Person)

9th concept- Oliver (in Person)

Daily Reflection, 9/20/2023- Ronnie (in person)

2) Officer Reports

A) Registrar report – Bridgett

B) Secretary report-Mac -accepted **yes**

C) Treasury report -Graeme Mc-accepted **yes** (also asked for \$30.00 donations from groups for picnic

a. Question(Joann GSR Young People N Recovery ask when and where is picnic)

b. Question (Billy) asked about the \$500.00 spent and asked if groups were aware of the picnic.

c. MOTION PASSED

i. Yah – 9 in person (15 online)

ii. Nah – 0 in person (1 opposed

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iii. Abstain 0

D) Alt DCMC report-Eddie D

- i. Welcome newcomers and people online.
- ii. SENY Convention Update September 10th attended SUNY conference.
- iii. Collected 2 boxes of questionnaires.
- iv. Attended BK/Queen Share-A-Day.
- v. And Co-Sponsoring Picnic and BBQ near the 9th Street area

E) DCMC report-Charlene B

- a. Since the last BCGSM, participated in the 1st archives sort.
- b. Successful virtual Share A Day in June thanx to Elise & Elizabeth.
- c. Spiritual Picnic & secured the permit.
- d. There will be 3 speaker meeting at 2pm, to nominate someone email dcmc@brooklynaa.org,
- e. Looking for someone under a year, approximately 10 years & someone over 25 years.
- f. Trying to help find GSRs & former GSRs to stand for DCM in unrepresented districts, it is slow going.
- g. Manhattan Share A Day.
- h. School events tabled.
- i. The AAHBC started in July on Zoom, with "Writing the Big Book" by William H Schaberg. Starting to update the BCGSM by-laws by adding to the standing committee list.
- j. Mail Chimp thanks to Justin K & John S. Justin will talk more about it. This has integrated our email list with SENY for easy registration.
- k. Please announce to your groups about the picnic & AAHBC.

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3) Guest-Justin K, Manhattan DCMC & former SENY Registration Chair (20 minutes)

- a. Spoke about Mail-Chimp 7 of the 8 counties because there is an integration at the County level to help with mailings.
- b. Things are imperfect some people will have amil go to spam. Explained how to fix this on Gmail.
- c. Questions
 - i. Adam GSR – asked if he has been sending emails though mail chimp.
 - ii. Mac emails when out 9-11-23
 - iii. Questions can be emailed to justininservice@gmail.com

4) Old Business-Jaye stepped down as secretary & Mac will replace her.

- A) Introduce Mac (service resume) & call for a vote
 - a. Yes (12 online and 9 in person)
 - b. No (zero)

5) New Business

- a. **Picnic – Will provide Hot Dogs and Hamburgers,**
- b. Volunteers needed for the Spiritual
 - i. Saturday ice pick up (please contact group)
 - ii. Set up JD and Graeme
 - iii. Cleanup – Lonnie(f) in person
 - iv. Need \$30 from groups for picnic and will take donations after picnic.
 - v. Please email.

A) Committee Chairs Needed

- a. SENY Convention Chair – **Luke GSR GREENWOOD**

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- i. Go to Sunday afternoon planning meetings up to the convention.
- ii. Report back to all county meetings.
- iii. Help recruit volunteers as needed.
- iv. Help to get speakers as needed.
- v. Promote the convention to help fulfill room nights & banquet dinners, as well day registrations.
- vi. Coordinate with the point person to the Brooklyn County Saturday Bus to the convention.

b. Virtual Spiritual Breakfast Chair (ask at meeting email DCMC)

- i. Puts together a team, co-chair, program chair & tech team
- ii. Chairs all planning meetings
- iii. Designs flyers (event & planning meetings)
- iv. Promotes the event
- v. Plans the speaker program with program chair
- vi. Coordinates with the zoom team
- vii. Gives timely reports on activities at all BCGSM meetings
- viii. Maintains county email

B) Update the by-laws, last time they were updated was 2018. The standing committees are lacking several of the main committees that follow the SENY roster & we now have additional tech needs since we are running hybrid. We need several people in addition to Eddie & myself.

- i. JD
- ii. Mac

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iii. ADAM

- C) The venue committee will look for a school for LISTS & BCSAD. More to report in November.

6) **Standing Committee Reports** - please email a report to secretary@brooklynaa.org

i. Accessibilities – Oliva M

While summer was slow for BK accessibility events, several great workshops were given in other counties ranging from in person bi-lingual meetings for non-native speakers to online safety workshops. The next BK event will be a safety workshop held at a particular group that has had some reports of inappropriate conduct. If all goes well, I would be interested in continuing to conduct safety workshops around BK — it's my observation that as younger and younger AA's enter the rooms, the need for a dialogue around safety (specifically sexually predatory behavior) demands greater information be available for how to deal with such situations. If you have any questions or concerns or maybe you would like a workshop for your group, please let me know and let's make it happen.

Need feedback from all GSR's about where barriers to carrying the message are occurring within your group. There is an accessibility checklist available online from the GSO service manual that you can fill out within your group and email to accessibilities@brooklynaa.com — and then hopefully there will be more events better suited to help our community specifically in the future.

- ii. Archives – current preparing talk on legacy on AA comes of age 10-28-2023 in the Bronx email will follow and sometime in the fall will have a date.
- iii. CPC – David U GSR NSTB
- iv. Corrections – JD (in person) spoke to someone at intergroup to do writing to inmates letter writing (two or three states away)

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- a. Question
- b. (person in person meeting) is this like bridging the gap – answer it's just letter writing.
- c. Also looking for place to hold letter writing.
- d. Email JaydeeDBKAA@gmail.com
- v. Email Chair – John S – 1st report been working with Justin on mail chimp and if you need an email set up contact him at emailchair@brooklynnaa.org
- vi. NYIG Liaison/ BIG Liaison – Joe – had 1st in-person speak exchange at Saint Cecilia 84 Herbert Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228:30 – 11:00am next date.
 - a. Need a Brooklyn Intergroup reps and finical support.
 - b. Helpline system (forwarded to phone calls)
 - c. Office volunteers
 - d. Committee Position Open (communications, events and
 - e. vicechair@bigaa.org
 - f. <https://brooklynintergroup.org/brooklyn/>
- vii. Public Information—Joe (in person)
 - a. Need help with the committee please reach out to
 - b. jambothebrick@gmail.com
- viii. Treatment Facilities – Labe –
 - a. Need volunteers to repopulate the committee.
 - b. To help increase the number of meetings at treatment facilities.
 - c. Also want to know if you group is already doing this so that things don't overlap and work together.
 - d. treatmentfacilities@brooklynnaa.org

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e. labeeden@gmail.com

ix. Webchair (none)

7) **DCM Reports**-please email a report to secretary@brooklynnaa.org

- i. 403/401/411-David have only 3 groups down from 9 trying to regroup because (new meeting in 411)
- ii. 405-Ronnie – Ronnie – have 8 groups in the district and trying to get in-contact most the groups but have many groups that have gone dark)
- iii. 407/409 – Mac needs to find GSR to get elected.
- iv. 410- John W Alt DCM – attendance is up and work on rebuilding the district also hosted in person allocchthon
- lv. 411-Chi Chi – still struggling to find GSR in the group

8) **GSR Reports** (please report changes to your group or upcoming events & parties) - please email a report to secretary@brooklynnaa.org

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Group	Information
A) STEPS & TRADITIONS MEETING	10:30am Saturday St. Cecilia (NEW!)
B) BAY RIDGE GROUP	Celebrating 78 th anniversary St. Patrick 96 th and 4 th Ave, Bay Ridge October
C) Joann GSR YOUNG PEOPLE RECOVERY	In person Saturday at 5:30 Hybrid Meeting Young People in Recovery953 Putman AveSaturdays @ 5:30Inperson & virtual590 201 447006 949
D) Luke GSR Greenwood	50 th Anniversary (see website)