

Area Committee Meeting

Monday May 6th, 2024

Area Officers			
Name	Position		
Paola A.	Chair		
Jo Ann M.	Delegate		
Nisaa A.	Alt Delegate		
Ray	TCO		
Kimbley G.	Treasurer		

Serenity Prayer

SENY Statement of Purpose

*Paula: Any proposed changes to the March minutes
remove floating gerund in Manhattan Area Report

*Motion to Accept (we do not need a motion
Minutes approved with the changes provided*

Area Officer Reports:

Treasurer’s Report (Kimbley):

- No report.

Questions/Comments?

If we can't update it now we can just write no report.

Paula: So, lets do that.

Technology Report (Ray):

- Previously reported issues with “Stripe”(payment processing company)--there were people listed on the account who are no longer with us; close to getting that resolved
- Shared database “airtable”, SENY has responsibilities, but the counties have responsibilities as well. If your registrar or DCMC is not up to speed, reach out to me
- The website and calendar will be fixed, taking longer than I'd like, mostly because of manpower, i've been doing it alone. It's time consuming, tedious and keep getting ghosted, if you have wordpress or know someone who does, reach out.

Questions/Comments?

None

Chair Report (Paola):

- Hospitality at the General Service conference
- Helped with hospitality at the Gener
- Wrote an article for the link
- If you want an event to go out in the monthly newsletter send it to me directly
- If you want an item to be on the agenda for the assembly, please make sure to send it a week and a half before the assembly.
- If you have an agenda item you want to discuss at the committee meeting, please send it one week in advance

Questions/Comments?

None

Alternate Delegate Report (Nissa):

- Speaking at LI spirituality through service in Brooklyn (283 prospect ave)
- Next assemblea in Freeport new york (May 19th)
- June 8th, hispanic district share - a day
- Constantly conducting inventories and helping Manhattan DCMC with an inventory

Questions/Comments?

None

Delegate's Report (Joann):

- Won the bid for NERASSA in 2027; we had the best presentation
- The motion to make the plain language pass by 3/4ths
- There was a floor action to make an asian american pamphlet
- Transgender alcoholic pamphlet, passed
- Maximum for an individual increased from 5,000 to 7,500
- Convention closed with prayers not including the lord's prayer
- No longer printing [missed] pamphlet
- Edited Black and Alcoholic pamphlet.
- Plain language revisions,
- Were going to turn
- Proposed deadline agenda item (September
- Floor Actions not acted on (declined to consider)
 - Pamphlet for the unhoused
 - Memorandums be made available to all members of the conference
- 5 through 15, were not considered so sent back to conference committees, maybe be considered for next year
- Financial: independent auditor looked at financials. Everything made available, received full access to all financial information requested. They were not considering free airtime. 100 contributions were placed in the wrong year (2023 v 2024).
- Cost of program services, per member: \$ 6.43
- 19.6M budget for 2024
- Literature 9M,
- Operating expenses were 19 M
- Grapevine expected to decrease
- Prudent Reserve 12,630,862 (2023); 2M cash
- Number of months (6.98 months reserved based on 2024)
- Board completed inventory: apology was included in report. Delegate will get a copy of the full inventory and share it with the assembly-one that is not confidential
- Internationals July 3rd to 6th, 2025; registration open in September; \$165 in advance - \$185 there

Questions/Comments?

Q: When will the report be ready?

A: August in digital; I ordered 800 in english 200 in spanish

Q: When will plain language be published?

A: Not sure, there was substantial unanimity; they will publish with the revisions.

Q: Will we get a draft or do we have to wait until it's published?

A: We will have to wait.

Q: Did they discuss the 5th edition?

A: They finished reading the stories, but they have not selected, so it probably won't be ready for the international; they still need some waivers for the spanish edition.

Q: What did you discuss for 6 hours?

A: The literature had 10 hours to read the plain language; there was 6 hours of debate

Q: Can we get the financials?

A: I can send it to you

Q: Did they offer a reason for getting rid of the lord's prayer?

A: I wasn't in that committee but the argument was that especially internationally, members may not know the prayer and feel excluded.

Q: Did they say anything about restoring us to financial health

A: They should start restoring the prudent reserve at the end of this year or the beginning of next year.

Q: How confident are you that they can?

A: It's not about being confident, it's just a prediction based on the financials

Q: Who's the new board chair?

A: Scott H, class B trustee from Canada (previous trustee)

Q: What were the changes requested for the plain language big book?

A: relocation of the AA steps table to constitute an appendix at the back of the book; replace language with addiction and addicted to language related

Q: Six Prayers?

A: serenity prayer,

County Reports:

Putnam (Gregg, DCMC)

- Saturday June 8th, Founders day celebration, same place as the area meeting.
- Area meeting is virtual, 2nd sunday

Nassau County (Cathy, DCMC)

- Sunday june 2nd, unity breakfast, \$45 per person
- Last minute venue change.

Manhattan (Justin K, DCMC or James T, Alt-DCMC)

- Once a month
- Manhattan-share-a-day planning going well, will be in August or October, put in bids for 2 places
- We are having a county meeting in July, breaking tradition to allow people to bring issues

Bronx/Upper Manhattan (Chris, DCMC)

- Had first workshop, went well
- Have 3 DCMs
- June 12th, area meeting
- Saturday September 1st
- September 20th. Spiritual breakfast

Rockland (Kevin)

- Had my name is Bill with spanish subtitles, had help from spanish language liaison there
- Spiritual Breakfast was a success.
- September 22nd, Share-a-day

Suffolk (Kimberley, DCMC)

- Did an inventory

- Attended LIST and YCPAA
- Robert's rules workshop

Orange County (Dan, DCMC or Camille, Alt-DCMC)

- Attended one day of YCPAA
- June 30th, spiritual breakfast
- Waiting on a date for Share-a-Day; actually run by intergroup, so they'll let us know.

Brooklyn (Charlene, DCMC or Eddie, alt-DCMC)

- BrooklynAA.org
- Venue changed, so Share-a-day is cancelled, will let you know about new date

Queens (Raj)

- Have new handbook and updated website
- October 6th,
- August 24th, Share a day
- June 24th, next assembly

Staten Island (Dan or Ronnie, DCMC)

- June 22nd: Share-a-day
- BBQ/Picnic in Sept: TBD
- Dec 1st:
- Will have first ever thanksgiving day alcathon

Hispanic District (Nelson, DCMC)

- June 8th (Share-a-day) 216 8th avenue
- May 19th, next assemblea in Freeport NY
- Attended a couple workshops in brooklyn

Westchester (Peter-Paul, DCMC)

Nassau County (Cathy, DCMC)

Sullivan (Jeff, DCMC)

Standing Committee Reports:

Jeanette (Public Information)

- Gave presentations at HS
- Wont be here for LISTS but will have someone come in with our materials.

Andrew (Translation)

- Brooklyn helping with translation

Eric (Literature)

- Plan on being at LISTS, Putam

Kristina (Intergroup Liaison)

- Discussing if it's possible to bring all county website to the main intergroup page.
- Next meeting May 19th, 2PM virtually

Marty (Archives)

- Next
- Visited
- Digital copy of the

Matt (Service Sponsorship)

- Spoke at nassau general service, spoke at district 601; helped with the NERASSA presentation bid

- Robert's rules of order workshop
- Looking for a service sponsor for a woman in Bronxville

Toby (Corrections & Treatment)

- Writing letter to AAs in prison, would be at least two states away, especially need spanish speakers
- Need people for bridging the gap type thing.

Devin (CPC)

- Staffing the Javits Center, have a table at the psychiatric association meeting
- Presentation set up for Lennox hill presentations
- Will have a CPC and PI at LISTS
- Also have to figure out what to do for the last 6 months.
- Last wednesday of every month is our committee meeting

Moses (Accessibility)

- Workshop with Hispanic district

Old Business:

Justin & Mike (AdHoc)

- See report
- The responsibilities have changed since the 90s.
- Tried to answer the question, why can't we find anyone to fill the position? Found two other areas that have paid people for similar work, data entry.

Questions/Comments?

Q: Can you touch on the separation of the Registrar and the TCO?

A: Standing Committee Chairs are appointed, not elected. To have an elected position 'registrar' which is how it used to be . By doing this, we reduce the influence of the appointed positions.

Q: When did we go from elected to appointed registrar?

A: 2020

Comment: How do we know we'll get through it next time?

A: I will put this upfront next time.

New Business:

Catha (AdHoc)

Motion: SCGS DCMC would like to make a motion to form a committee to explore reorganization of the Area 49 structure. Does the County structure still serve SENY?

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Discussion

Q: can you repeat the question?

A:

Q: Would the number of DCMs voting for a forum change? Would positions be eliminated?

A: We would have to address the structure of the meeting.

Q: What was the area 11 discussion?

A: They spoke about it for years. They went from a district structure to county structure.

Q: Would each county make this decision individually?

A: Yes each county would ultimately make the decision but we decided to look at the area because it seems like more of a problem

Comment: Not sure how it will work in Queens or Manhattan, but I explore looking at it.

Q: How would we choose the committee members?

A: Ask the area officer; technically Paola has the authority to just do the committee, but I thought it would be good for a discussion.

Comment: We can as a county do what we'd like, but if we are going to affect the larger AA we should be bringing it to SENY because it may affect AA as a whole.

Response: the

Comment: Service burnout is real, so I think we should consider it. I'm for

Comment: I think we should. It's a good idea because out of the 93 areas it's really not that many

Q: So it's like an inventory of the districts?

A: Yes. Bringing this

Motion: SCGS would like to make a motion to form an ad hoc committee to explore reorganization of the Area 49 structure. And to see if the county structure is still serving SENY.

Comments: I'd rather see it in print before but if everyone wanted to go ahead, i will abstain.

Yes: 24

No: 3

Abstain: 6

Minority opinion?

I'd rather bring this to the county first, I can't speak for my county.
It feels rushed, I would like more time to consider it.

The motion passes by substantial unanimity.

Convention Chair

Do have final numbers for the convention; we had revenue over expenses by 4,000

Agenda as Written:

Six prayers: Providing six options for closing the Big Meetings at an International Convention: The Serenity Prayer, Responsibility Statement, Declaration of Unity, the Third Step Prayer, the Seventh Step Prayer, or a Moment of Silence.