

SENY Committee Meeting

Mon, Feb 7, 2022 7:30pm- 9:30pm

7pm - Service Q&A Forum - SENY Service Sponsorship Chair
Breakout Room

7:30pm - Serenity Prayer
SENY Statement of Purpose

County & Hispanic District Reports

Eric DCMC - Orange County

- NERAASA February 25th - 27th I will be there with Sherry & Denise from Orange County, sharing the ride will be our friend Thomas DCMC for Rockland to Pittsburgh!
- I attended our SENY Service Assembly on January 23rd and the Service Manual Workshop meeting, every Sunday at 4:00 pm on zoom # 998 938 7641 passcode 714921 All are Welcome to this and any other committee meeting.
- Mark your calendar; 2022 Spiritual Breakfast May 22nd 9:00am to Noon, tickets will be \$20. Groups may reserve a table by purchasing 8 tickets. Frank D (our past DCMC of Orange) graciously accepted to be our chairperson. Middletown, NY
- We had our second committee meeting on zoom (ID. 841 8456 2362 passcode Spirit) Feb. 5th. Our next meeting is set for Saturday Feb. 19, 2022, at 9:30 am. Our committee voted to order tickets, flyers, table cards, etc. We are accepting nominations for two speakers "Service Speaker and a Spiritual Speaker – from Orange County". Email Frank; frankgbp@gmail.com
- Please join us Feb. 8th for our PI Committee (Public Information) meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm. We need more support here!! Meeting # 956 3734 0074 Passcode – PIORANGE. Groups can adopt a local library, police station or the like to supply soft covered literature and even speaker presentations. We are also in contact with and making progress with the counties Hospitals. All AA's are welcome to attend.
- We still have 2 open positions in Orange County; Newsletter, and Web Master.
- Rockland GSO will be hosting a live "Spiritual Breakfast on Sunday April 10th 9:00am to noon", tickets are \$30, let me know soon if you are interested, I have a few tickets.

Marty DCMC - Nassau County

- Nassau County General Service & Nassau County Intergroup collaborated on designing a poster, to go in the interior of Nassau Inter_County Express Buses. Thanks to Mario the MCD 2-14 & Hispanic Intergroup Of Nassau County . & Finally our SENY Translator Rosa.

There will be 50 posters for 3 months costing \$26 each . About \$18.00 each & another \$8 for printing & posting. Costing \$3,950 . \$1,975 each for General Service & Nassau Intergroup. We were granted permission by the Hispanic Intergroup to include their hotline number.

- Our county is hosting the March 19 “Joy of Service”
- Concepts 3&4 will be March 21. Nancy McCarthy non alcoholic trustee will be leading all the concepts for 2022.

John DCMC - Putnam County

- Putnam County welcomes a new group, the Silver Lining Group - which is a virtual AA group. They have a GSR that intends to join our county meeting.
- Putnam also welcomed 4 new GSR's, and an alternate GSR to our last county meeting in January.
- We have had activity in our Accessibility, Archive, Grapevine/ La Vina, Bridging the Gap, CPC/PI, Intergroup Rep, and Treatment/Corrections committees.
- There is a booking meeting in Putnam taking place on Saturday March 5th at 10am. This recurring quarterly meeting exchange is held on the first Saturday of every third month at the First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac, 411 Route 6N, Mahopac NY. All are welcome. RSVP Anthony at 914-260-6336 if you plan to attend.
- Putnam County General Service is working now to update our bylaws, job descriptions, and printed meeting list.
- Putnam County's website, putnamcountynyaa.org, is updated with meeting information, county contact info, other AA links, and upcoming events information.

Melissa DCMC - Suffolk

- Unity Breakfast March 6 from 9am - 1pm, AA speaker and Alanlon participation at the East Wind in Wading River, NY.
- We are doing a soft opening for hybrid starting next Friday, next month we will be fully opening in person at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Patchogue, NY.
- 2 committee positions open

Kevin DCMC - Westchester

- Continuing to do hybrid and take it month by month
- Meet 3rd Wed of every month at 730pm White plains
- August 27th - Summer BBQ
- Working on some summer workshops

Laura DCMC - Bronx/Upper Manhattan

- Next meeting is Feb 9th - Virtual - we have voted to keep with virtual format
- Working on joint workshop with Westchester county
- We have some empty positions on the committee

Deborah DCMC - Brooklyn county

- Coach bus to the convention- ticket \$25
 - Brooklyn academy -drop off and pick up
- March 16th- next meeting
- All info is on brooklyn website and seny website

Jorge DCMC - Hispanic District

- We are meeting in person
- Feb 20- next Asamblea - in Orange County hosted by “Grupo Tres Legados”
- Workshop on March 6th from Noon - 3pm on 4th edition of AA book- how to write your story. Will be in the Bronx - hosted by the group: “Hasta Aqui Llegamos”

Bert DCMC - Queens County

- Share a Day committee met and they are looking to do it in September
- Possibility that the spiritual breakfast won't be until Oct
- Feb 28th - next meeting - meeting will be on Zoom
- All our info is on our website

Dan DCMC - Staten Island

- This Sunday at our district meeting- I will be stepping in and Brian will be stepping down
- We just finished redistricting Staten Island and it went well
- DCMs will have a meeting to go over the questionnaire
- Voting in a new alt DCMC

Larry DCMC - Manhattan

- We are continuing to hold the Manhattan County Monthly ConceptMeeting on The First Wednesday of the month.
- We are also continuing to hold the GSR Coffee Hour for new GSRs - this give people opportunity to ask about AA

Maureen - DCMC Rockland County

- 3rd Wed of every month - Feb 16th next meeting at 730pm
- We are revising our by laws
- Spiritual Breakfast in April - will be on website

Approval of December Committee Meeting Minutes

Accepted Minutes as written

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Rich S - treasurer@aaseny.org

- Area's financial results for the month of January:
- Revenue: Total revenue of \$11,862 exceeds the projected budget amount by 8.9%.
 - 114 contributions during the month totaling \$11,579
 - \$281 received in the Assembly's 7th Tradition basket.
- Expenses: \$12,339
 - Included a number of annual non-recurring costs in addition to some nominal, normal operating expenses.
 - The major items were \$1,500 for our monthly office rent;
 - \$1,065 for printing the Link and En Lace newsletters;
 - \$727 for Tech and Website expense, which includes the annual fees for our large capacity ZOOM accounts;
 - \$252 in Officer Reimbursements.
 - Largest expense was an \$8,000 payment to GSO to cover the full, projected cost of our Delegate's attendance at this year's General Service Conference which will once again be an in person event. We have another \$500 on this budget line in case the actual fee ends up being higher.
 - We purchased 50 new Service Manuals for \$160 and renewed our Costco membership which will be needed for hospitality supplies during the upcoming SENY Convention.
- The net result was a small deficit for the month of \$477 which reduced the net cash balance in our operating account to \$88,723.66.
- Our Prudent Reserve account held steady at \$127,116 which is 7 months of expenses as projected in our 2022 Budget. However, I should point out that \$50,000 of the expenses in the budget is the Covid Reserve we established and doesn't represent actual identified expenses. If we discount that, the Prudent Reserve covers 9.1 months of actual identified expenses.
- In addition, the Special Event account has its usual \$6,000 balance and the Convention account which has begun to accumulate registration fees for the 2022 Convention has a balance of \$13,392.
- In conclusion, after two challenging years which limited and restricted most of our usual activities, we are entering a year which promises to be at least a little more open, and

we are off to a strong start. So, I encourage our committees to be creative and seek out opportunities to carry our message and provide needed support to our groups.

January Report passes. 39 approved, no opposed, no abstentions

2022 Convention - Mel R - convention@aaseny.org

- There are 153 Registrations and 77 Banquets so far. Around 190 to 200 rooms have been booked. We are in negotiations with the Marriot to be responsible for 300 rooms due to the pandemic.
- There will be a Hybrid component done by Tech 12 at the Convention that will cover 6 Meetings. The Kick Off and Welcome Meeting on Friday night. The Long Timers Meeting, Theme Meeting and Banquet Meeting on Saturday. The Spiritual Meeting on Sunday.
- Hybrid Registration will be 25 dollars. The top priority at the convention will be Safety.
- Masks are required to be worn at workshops and common areas at all times.
- There will be posters and signage reminding people to mask up and practice social distancing.
- Masks and hand sanitizers will be available.
- There will be Spiritual Sentinels placed at the workshops, registration table and throughout the hotel for room capacity and flow. At this time room capacity for workshops will be 25-30 people. At the walkthrough later this month we will get the room capacity for the larger rooms.
- Banquet seating at this time is capped at 200 people.
- The program is scheduled to print by the end of the week. The program when printed will not have name of speakers - it will only have counties that will be participating
- There has been a large participation from Hispanic District and YPAA

Q: When will we get 3 commitments per county?

They have already been sent!

7th tradition / 5 min break

SENY Standing Committee Reports

CPC - Kristen

- Last meeting was Jan 24, 2022.
- 17 members of AA fully participated in training and planning for our upcoming presentations on 2/14 & 2/16 for the Smitters' Doctorate program in conjunction with district 620 in Harlem.

- We had 6 new members which all participated in a lively and informative sharing of CPC strategies and ideas of how to reach out to our professional friends.
- I was graciously extended the opportunity to speak at this month's Orange County's district meeting about CPC service.

PI- Paola

- We got one request from a tv station to do an interview about AA. Explained traditions and are coordinating when the interview will take place.
- We are planning a series of forums in English and Spanish about how to write your story for the new editions of the big book.

Archives - Jeffrey

- We just met on Friday- we meet every 1st Friday of the month
- One of our advisory members Richard S is in the hospital, so please keep him in our prayers

Sponsorship Chair - Keith

- Here to answer all your questions and help guide you down the AA triangle
- You can find all information on the SENY website at the Service Sponsorship Landing page at SERVICE SPONSORSHIP: <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship> or you can reach out to me at the committee's email at : sponsorship@aaseny.org
- I have two announcements:
 - Beginning each Sunday on January 9TH. The Service Sponsorship Committee began hosting a 12 week continuous study of the NEW A.A. SERVICE MANUAL from 4PM - 5PM. Eastern Standard Time. Each week will concentrate on a Chapter with a guest speaker + Open Forum. Log in info is on SENY calendar
 - It is my pleasure and honor to inform you that this Sunday's Guest Speaker will be Ruth L. Delegate, Southwestern Quebec, Area 87, Panel 70, Area Chair Area 87/Panel 72 who will be sharing their experience, strength and hope as it pertains to Chapter 6 : "The Annual General Service Conference".
 - Saturday, March 5, 2022 Service Sponsorship Committee Open Forum 9 am - 10am before Delegate Day of Sharing @ 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. This will be like a Quiz the Delegate event!

Recording Secretary - Jessica

Please send your reports in to secretary@aaseny.org

Correction - Lucas

- Corrections will be having a joint panel with Treatment on how we carry the message at 2:45pm on Saturday 4/2. We also plan to have a table at the Convention on Friday and Saturday.
- Suffolk County and Nassau County have been bringing meetings virtually (Suffolk) and in person (Nassau) into their county jails whereas the Rikers facility has been experiencing a variety of staffing challenges which make volunteer work extremely difficult at this although the Department of Corrections does encourage volunteers to apply for ID cards. Our state facilities are completely shut down until further notice, but a call has been scheduled with the regional coordinator assigned to our Area who hopefully will give us better news about where AA may fit them into their volunteer schedule.
- A great article by one of our good friends Nancy McCarthy (non-alcoholic class A Trustee) entitled Corrections and Alcoholics Anonymous: A Crucial Connection is in the current edition of Corrections Today. This is the link to the whole magazine and the article itself: <https://user-3imepyw.cld.bz/corrections-today-january-february-2022-vol-84-no-1> <https://user-3imepyw.cld.bz/corrections-today-january-february-2022-vol-84-no-1/36/>
- Our sixth SENY Corrections meeting was held on Saturday, January 15th at 3pm. Our Committee intends to focus on making sure Grapevines are distributed throughout our Area to facilities wherever possible and that we continue as stated to communicate with Intergroups, regional coordinators and local program coordinators to learn the status of our programs in order for AA county reps and volunteers to be ready to carry the message when called upon as stated above.
- Had some preliminary dialogue with PI to possibly host a workshop encouraging people in custody to share their stories for the Big Book.
- We continue to receive requests for outside volunteers to be connected to members on the inside and have sent those to our Corrections desk. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, at 3pm. Info is on seny calendar <http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-correction-committee-meeting-virtual/2022-03-19>
- Please visit our landing page for SENY Standing Committee Chair <https://www.aaseny.org/corrections>
- I welcome all interested in Corrections service to attend the National Corrections Call this Saturday at 11am ET to get more information about new information regarding national issues regarding Corrections service. There has been some great talk about new possible general service advisory related to Corrections such as re-thinking the term 'people in custody'. ID:239 990 5603, PW: 765110

Literature - Kingsley

- We weren't able to meet last month
- AA.org - go to the what's new section, there's new information on shipping charges.

Intergroup Liaison - Chris

- Suffolk is having their first printed meeting list in March - to get them you have to attend county meeting in March or at Suffolk intergroup office - you can see Kathy- who is Suffolk office manager
- Outreach in Brooklyn is going well - they had their first helpline workshop
- All email addresses are on website
- Queens is creating a new meeting list that can be printed from online

Accessibilities - Annabel

- We meet every month virtually on 2nd Thursday of the month
- April 14th - hosting a virtual workshop
 - Focus is going to be on looking at the challenges that we see
 - What solutions do we have to offer?
 - If you want to be a part of this discussion, we will be going over survey results
 - Please show up and support!
- If you have questions send me an email

Treatment Facilities - Hank

- Face to Face Meetings at many of the treatment facilities in our Area are on and off again when a COVID outbreak occurs they close it down. There are many facilities in our counties that are in need of Virtual AA speakers on the Zoom platform. For example) Orange County
- Contact your county Treatment facility chair if you care to help out.
- Note: In most counties in Area 49 intergroup delegates facilitate bringing meetings into TFs.
- The Treatment Facilities Committee of Area 49 meets virtually, the 4th Sunday of every month for 2022 using the on the Zoom platform. The ID and Passcode are on the SENY website calendar.
- Our next meeting is February 28th at 6PM. I will put the ID and Passcode in the chat. You can also find the ID and passcode on the SENY calendar. Come join us and our guest speaker.
- Last December, Our A49 TF Committee and Accessibilities Committee purchased 39 Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions to treatment facilities in Southeastern New York. The TF committee is considering continuing this service for the current year.

- Bridging the Gap requests have been somewhat low for the past month. We think this is because the information cards and forms brought into the facilities have slowed during COVID. Bridging The Gap is a temporary contact program for the alcoholic going from a treatment program to his or her first meetings from that facility.
- If you want to help in BTG you can contact Hank tf@aaseny.org. Join us in this great 12 step work.

Delegate - Tom B - delegate@aaseny.org

Since the Assembly of 1/23 – General Service Board weekend:

- Attended Friday evening to Monday at noon - was held in Brooklyn
- Committee Mtgs attended: Literature, Public Information, Conference (Agenda / Policy & Admissions / Report & Charter), International, C.P.C. and Treatment & Accessibilities
- I got to talk to someone who is conducting the Armed Forces Interview Project. He is looking for veterans who want to share their stories. Please contact me if you are interested.
- “What I saw and heard and felt”- Since I cannot share certain details, here are the things I can share:
 - 1728 Meeting – translation gap to Spanish & French (2/15 vs 3/1)
 - This refers to 12X12X12 = 1728. Incorporating 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts
 - We have no Spanish speaking delegates, but we do have some French speaking delegates.
 - We have a hybrid set-up: not good, lots of time lost - observation.
 - Much larger budget for 2022 (live events); Prudent Reserve % will drop proportionately
 - Light moment: “raise your *right* hand” - Chair of General Service board has a background in Legal system, instead of asking to raise hand, she was asking people to raise right hand as if it was a oath...fun moment. Delegate were there as observers, the delegates typically did not speak.
 - Working with fellow Conference Committee Chairs
 - Some of the language of comms with the GSB and GSO: from patronizing, demeaning and down-right vicious to “well thought out” and gracious
 - Absolute love of A.A. at the bottom of the triangle (Trustees, non-Trustee Directors, Staff)

72nd GSC – Final Agenda Items and Delegate’s Questionnaire:

- Final Agenda Items – now posted to FTD (From the Delegate page); 81 total
- Pro-forma of DQ (Delegates Questionnaire)– also posted to FTD – expect a total of ~13 to 18 items to be explored, including “what else?” box for groups
- Tom screen shares the DQ on screen (can find on FTD page- <https://www.aaseny.org/from-the-delegate>)
 - Some topics: Literature, Technology and how it affects anonymity, CPC, Public info, BB in Plain Language, AA Preamble
 - I want your opinions and thoughts in the word box! Not just yes or no. I want to know about groups experience
 - I will devote 3 weeks to studying how you guys feel about these items.
- Approximate release dates:
 - Delegate’s Questionnaire (Eng & Span) ~Thursday 2/24
 - Background info – English ~Thursday 2/24
 - Background info – Spanish ~Thursday 3/03
- Reformatted DQ – have received a lot of positive response so far

Delegate’s Day of Sharing:

Saturday 3/5 – virtual

John L, DCMC Putnam, is our DDoS Chair

Joint Keith & Tom workshop at 9:00am, to answer any questions GSRs and others may have, and explain the process of the next few months

More presentations, each one very quick and to be presented by a DCM, not DCMC.

Lots of time for questions / clarifications – via Ask-It Basket

DDoS will not be about offering opinions, rather a chance for the GSRs to give as much info to their groups to have an informed group conscience – lots of time to offer the groups’ opinions and thoughts at the Pre-Conf Assembly on Saturday, April 9th.

Tom share’s his Timeline for event:

Area 49 SENY – Delegate’s Day of Sharing – March 5th, 2022 – Working Template

Premises:

- Break from SENY trad: Svc Spons “How it Works” up front (Keith & Tom)
- Up to 13 quick-hitter presentations (1 per county, plus Hispanic District)
(Tom to put together specific guidelines for presenters)
- Presentations each to run around 8 to 10 minutes (10 mins max)
- Each time segment up to 20 minutes (i.e. ~three per hour)
- All questions / feedback: via Ask-It Basket; to be moderated by DDoS Chair
- Questions & clarifications only / no opinions to be entertained
- After completion of DDoS, Tom to stick around for “open mic” Q&A

Rough Timeline:

09:00 to 09:10	Svc Spons – GSR How It Works: Tom outlines DDoS/Pre-C/Post-C
09:10 to 09:55	Svc Spons – GSR How It Works: T/K entertain Q&A
10:00 to 12:00	Presentations & additional Ask-It Basket Qs – first 6 Items
12:00 to 12:30	Lunch Break
12:30 to 02:50 *	Presentations & additional Ask-It Basket Qs – [up to] last 7 Items
02:50 to 03:00 *	Closing thoughts – Tom
03:00 to 03:30 *	Tom available for additional questions

* **Last three items may run earlier, depending on total number of presentations**

Participation: DCMCs (and DCMs): I definitely need your help.

- Would like 13 presentations at DDoS – 12 counties & Hisp Dist; would like you to pick your presenter. Give them my contact info.
- Need you to share the importance of the next four months, including DDoS, Pre-Conf Assembly and Post Conf Assembly; and why the voice of the groups matters.
- I’ll inform you of developments (such as actual dates for releasing material – you will be the ones to help me spread the information.
- Readings: 1) A.A. Service Manual page 32: “Communicate the actions of the Conference” paragraph; 2) SENY Statement of Purpose (Article II); 3) last line of email to DCMCs.

I'm available to visit your county, district, or group, and am willing to serve Area 49 any way I can. (Except 4/10 to 5/1)

5 min break

Questions/Preguntas?

Q: Are you looking for counts from the groups?

A: No - but would want to know if you can provide substantial unanimity - 2/3rds

Q: Can groups still do this if they don't have a GSR?

A: Yes

Q: How will we get the questionnaire?

A: It will be posted but also sent to anyone with SENY emails (like dcms etc)... it will be very easy to find it at From The Delegate

Q: Are there any requirements to be able to do a presentation?

A: The only requirements are AA member, familiar and comfortable with the zoom platform. We are not looking for opinions, just to convey the point

Q: Does the presenter have to create the presentation?

A: Yes, I will give guidelines and background info.

Q: Are you assigning each County with the item?

A: It's going to be first come first serve.

Alternate Delegate - JoAnn M. - altdelegate@aaseny.org min 10

- Since we met at the Assembly on January 23rd just a couple of weeks ago, I can report that I got to speak at the Service Sponsorship meeting on our Service Manual chapter 3 right after the assembly.
- Attended the Northeast Regions Alt Delegate meeting on January 25th.
- Attended the PI committee meeting with Paola on January 27th and we discussed grapevine writing workshops for the 4th Spanish and 5th English editions of Big Book.
- Spoke at our Grapevine Chair Kimbley's 11th Anniversary on January 30th.

- The JOS planning committee met and we have our slate of speakers. We are planning a hybrid event. The flyers are on the website and there will be Spanish interpretation. Claire also put the JOS landing page back up for me.
- I am scheduled to facilitate a group inventory on February 18th.
- Will be speaking at Queens County Assembly on February 28th.
- There is a Service Participation meeting this month on February 17th at 7:30pm. We only meet in months where there is no assembly.
- Preparing to go to NERAASA at the end of the month.
- Spoke with Jeff our archives chair to schedule a meeting to pick up some SENY Handbooks in Spanish and English. I will meet him on my way up to the Asamblea in Middletown on February 20th.
- Just today, I finally received 10 out of the 20 Spanish RSG Kits I ordered from the GSO which I will distribute at the next Asamblea.
- I am always available for group inventories and to speak on traditions and concepts.

Technology & Communications Officer (TCO) - Mike O. - tco@aaseny.org min 13

- First, an amends to those trusted servants to whom I sent the request for tech volunteers. I should have sent it a week ago, instead of yesterday, and when I did so I had not yet realized that Google had made a small change in how users share editable files in Google Drive, meaning that I kept sending the sign-up sheet in view only. I'll learn from my error and misunderstanding.
- The 2022 National AA Tech Workshop will be held on September 9 through 11 this year, both in-person in Seattle and on line, so if you are interested you can attend without leaving the confines of Area 49. Their website is www.naatw.org
- I'm looking for past editions of the SENY Handbook in Spanish; we have Editions 11 and 12 [the current edition], but if you have Editions 10 and earlier, can you send them to me?
- The Tech Committee met last Thursday, and we had a very good conversation about what people thought the purpose of the Committee should be and what it can do to help the Area. We also talked about the need to better inform the Area about the committee and tech service, and what could be called the joy of tech service; as my first sponsor was so fond of saying, "more will be revealed."
- Registration and Fellowship Connection: It's not clear how many Groups have closed and not reopened, either in-person or on-line, since the beginning of the pandemic. We need to start getting a handle on what Groups are no longer active, for both Area 49 and GSO's good, so I'm asking for the DCM's help to reach out to Groups in their District and find out if they are still meeting and have either a GSR or a Group Contact. To that

end, I'd like to visit the County meetings, which are closer to the Groups in our service triangle and usually have more DCMs in attendance than at the Committee meeting and talk about the need to reach out to Groups within their Districts.

- GSO continues to test small improvements to Fellowship Connection, although I suspect that none of their improvements will be available before Panel 73. In the meantime, Areas still cannot do bulk uploads from Airtable, and GSO still does not notify Area's when trusted servants register directly with GSO, so it's vital that new GSRs register with the Area. Moreover, in order to register online in Fellowship Connection, GSO requires that trusted servants provide an email address, which is proving a barrier to those with accessibility issues. In order to get around this, if a new trusted servant does not have an email Area 49 will create a paper copy of GSO Form-28, the Group Information Change Form, and send that to GSO with a request that GSO waive the email requirement.
- Claire, our webchair has added a Questions form to the Hybrid Meetings Workshop page, and a FAQ to the virtual meetings page; please look at it and add edits or suggest questions we might have missed.
- Lastly, we've made a few minor tweaks to the registration process, to better allow trusted servants leaving service or changing positions to inform us of that fact.

Area Chairperson - Nisaa A - chair@aaseny.org

- Committee meetings are virtual for the rest of the year
- Assembly - we are still meeting with exploratory meeting - thinking of a place of where we can update you on this, not just on seny minutes - still continuing to investigate
- Delegates Day of Sharing is not an assembly - not reports, will just be informational
- Will be attending NERASAA - will be leading a workshop that's a writing workshop to rewrite the black pamphlet
- Available to facilitate inventories

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Close - A Declaration of Unity