

## **SENY Committee Meeting**

Monday, May 2, 2022, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

7pm-7:30pm Service Sponsorship Chair - Breakout room

7:30pm Committee Meeting Begins

Serenity Prayer

SENY Statement of Purpose

*Accepted March Committee Meeting Minutes as written*

### **Reports:**

#### **Treasurer's Report - Rich S - [treasurer@aaseny.org](mailto:treasurer@aaseny.org)**

I had the opportunity, along with Sherry P. the Alternate Manhattan DCMC, to serve as a Co-Chair of the Hospitality Committee at last week's General Service Conference. In the true spirit of AA unity and service, our committee came from all over the Area – Long Island, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Westchester, everywhere – a truly diverse and inclusive group. They took our guests all over – from the Statue of Liberty to museums, a Yankee game, walking tours of famous New York areas and neighborhoods, Broadway shows and more. Thank you all for your service and for representing SENY so well. It was greatly appreciated by everyone.

Financial results for the month of April:

- Our revenues continue to be strong and exceed budget.
- We received just over 100 contributions totaling \$10,973 – nearly 10% above budget
- Other revenues included \$377 in the 7th Tradition basket at the Pre-Conference Assembly and \$1,000 in Grapevine Literature sales at the SENY Convention, bringing total revenue for the month to \$12,367 (13.6% over budget).
- Expenses are slowly beginning to return to more normal levels as Covid restriction lift and we resume our traditional service activities. Usual operating expenses for the month were still well below budget at \$4,701 and included \$1,680 in officer reimbursements mainly related to the costs associated with attending the in-person North East Region of AA Service Assembly (NERAASA), the SENY Convention and other area service events; our normal \$1,500 for office rent; \$514 in tech and website expense and \$275 for the April issue of En Lace.
- We also advanced \$12,905 from the Covid Reserve/Contribution account line to cover a portion of the invoice from the Westchester Marriott for the SENY Convention bringing total expenses for April to \$17,706 and creating a net deficit for the month of \$5,239.

- The cash balance in our Operating Account stood at a healthy \$100,585.23 with \$127,122 (6.98 months) in the Prudent Reserve Account, \$6,000 in the Special Event Account and \$6,880 remaining in the Convention Account.
- On a year to date basis through April, our Contribution Revenues are \$54,409, 36% over budget and nearly 20% above last year. After including 7th Tradition baskets and Literature sales, total revenue for the period is \$57,495, 35% above budget and 23% ahead of last year.
- As we have been reporting all year, total expenses of \$46,347, which includes the advance to cover Convention expenses, remain well-controlled with every expense category below budget. Cumulative Net Surplus for the 4 months is \$11,148.
- So, to summarize, we continue to be in very solid financial condition and are well-positioned to fund what I hope are our stepped up service activities for the remainder of the year. I encourage our Officers and Standing Committee Chairs to search out ways to utilize their budgets to provide support and service to our groups and to the entire SENY community.

*Report passed 33 in favor, no opposed no abstentions*

### **County & Hispanic District Reports**

#### **Marty - Nassau DCMC**

- 2 potential DCMs for cluster 208-209 & 211 . And cluster 203-213 will both be attending the DCM orientation. I will attend with them. Then will begin cluster meeting and stand to be elected by the GSRs.
- Virtual Concepts Series May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM , we are studying Concepts 5 & 6
- June 12<sup>th</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> Unity Breakfast . Tickets \$35.00 plenty of tickets available. Information on the SENY Website. Contact me at [dcmc@aanassaugs-ny.org](mailto:dcmc@aanassaugs-ny.org)
- NGSG set up a service table April 30<sup>th</sup> at Nassau Intergroups Share A Day.
- Our next Reps meeting is June 20<sup>th</sup>. I will begin discussion regarding Guidelines & Responsibilities for Officers. Elections will be in October.
- We recently became aware that we lost the domain name for our Archives. We had a link that brought you to Archives. We had it saved . Web Chair & Archives chair will decide if they want it on our website internally or to a external link

#### **John - Putnam County DCMC**

- Putnam County is hosting a Founders Day Celebration event on Saturday June 11th at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Carmel NY. All are invited to this open, hybrid, event that will include an AA and an AI Anon speaker, a history presentation, and an open AA meeting. Information is available on the area calendar, and at [putnamcountynyaa.org](http://putnamcountynyaa.org).

- We have updated our General Service Meeting bylaws, and group meeting lists. New meeting lists have been printed, and are available.
- AA meetings have resumed in Arms Acres Rehabilitation which is here in Putnam. The Putnam County Treatment Facilities Committee has helped scheduling the return.
- Our county meeting has been growing in attendance with new GSR's and some visitors. Our committee work is a bit slow, but steady. The Putnam County General Service Meeting is held on the second Tuesday every month, and the meeting information is available on the SENY Calendar.
- Putnam's website, [putnamcountynyaa.org](http://putnamcountynyaa.org), is updated regularly with group, county, and meeting info. There are also contacts available there.

#### **Eric - Orange County DCMC**

- On April 19th we had our first "Hybrid" GSO of Orange County monthly meeting
- With Dennis our P.I. (Public Information) Chairperson, we are planning a "Live Big Book Writing Workshop" with JoAnn & Paola in August or September, in Cornwall, NY. Where the Big Book was originally printed.
- We recently purchased literature for our P.I. Committee to distribute to local libraries, police stations and hospitals
- Save the date, in Orange County we are hosting a "Live Spiritual Breakfast on May 22nd at Kuhls Highland House" in Middletown, NY from 9:00 am to Noon. Tickets still available.
- Andrew B. of Forester Ave. Group is our new Literature Chairperson, we recently stocked up on our inventory.
- We had a virtual meeting this past Sunday with Rockland County about "Sober-Jam 2022" Sunday, September 25th from noon to 4 pm in Haverstraw, NY. Food, Fun & fellowship, workshops and music. More shall be revealed at our next meeting on May 15th at 1:30 pm. Putnam has accepted our invite as well to be involved. Waiting to hear from Sullivan County
- We are in need of Chairpersons for; Accessibilities, Newsletter, Web master.

#### **Laura - Bx Upper Manhattan DCMC**

- At our last committee meeting Tom and Lucas visited. Tom spoke about questionnaire and Lucas spoke about corrections.
- We discussed a spiritual breakfast we want to do in the Fall
- We have decided to change our meeting location and looking into 3 viable locations

#### **Jeff - Sullivan County DCMC**

- Met on 17th of April - we had Tom B visit

- We have purchased our own zoom room and will make sure to update seny calendar
- Spiritual breakfast - planning for October, will be \$20.00 per ticket
- Founders day celebration at a local meeting on June 11th in Monticello NY
- Next county meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday of May from 3pm to 4-4:30pm.

#### **Kevin - Westchester DCMC**

- Meet 3rd Wed of month in White plains. 7pm new gsr orientation and meeting at 730pm
- We will be meeting through July hybrid
- No meetings Aug and Sept
- Sat Aug 28th - Family BBQ event
- Westchester booking meeting Saturday May 21st 9am presebertyn church of mt. kisco - co-hosted with NY intergroup

#### **Larry - DCMC Manhattan**

- Held a Manhattan County Officer Meeting to discuss upcoming agenda items.
- Attended Area 19 Workshop on Inclusion & Diversity. Discussed what we should not do and what we should do in meetings.
- Participated in District 620 Service Workshop- AA Gateway to Growth
- Attended GSO Conference Dinner met members from all over the US and Canada
- District 613 is having an Archives Workshop on Friday, May 13 from 6:30pm-8pm. There will be reps from the 3 oldest meetings in Manhattan/Upper Manhattan speaking on the history of their meetings and a featured speaker with 65 years of sobriety share on her experiences with early AA in Manhattan. The info will be posted in the chat. You will also find the flyer in SENY Agenda and SENY Archive Committee website.

#### **Bert - DCMC Queens**

- We are still planning an in person Share a Day
- Spiritual Breakfast in October
- Looking at a possibility of having fun in Flushing Meadow park in July
- We are going to try to return to hybrid meeting on June 27th
- We still have positions open

#### **Melissa- Suffolk County DCMC**

- Working on securing a date for unity breakfast for next year - prices are going up

#### **Deborah - Brooklyn County DCMC**

- Justin and Mike (Technology) came and spoke at our meeting

- Brooklyn Share a day is scheduled for May 18th
- interested in being a service sponsor for brooklyn county or need one, email me at dcmc@brooklynaa.com

#### **Dan - DCMC Staten Island**

- We will not be meeting this Sunday on Mother's Day

#### **Nelson - Alt DCMC Hispanic District**

- Share a day June 5th - Veteran memorial highway
- Next assembly May 15th in queens at 10am
- We went to YPAA diversity event

#### **SENY Standing Committee Reports**

##### **Jeffrey - Archives**

- Meet first Friday of the month
- Christina invited me to workshop - Friday May 13th
- My group is one of the oldest groups in Harlem with 75 years
- We have a vacant service position- we need a volunteer that is willing to sit in advisory for Archives

##### **Kimbley- Grapevine/La Vina Chair**

- Please invite me to all your spiritual breakfasts
- Attended spiritual breakfast in Rockland
- A new book "fun in sobriety" 50+ stories
- Saturday May 21st - Writer's Workshop 10am-12pm
- Next committee meeting is this Wednesday

##### **Kingsley - Literature**

- I ran out of inventory!
- May seems like the month when publishers are going to catch up
- Depending on your order size you can get a deal
- We are going to have a literature workshop

##### **Vicky - Agenda Chair**

- Please check SENY Calendar to avoid overlapping events
- Let me know if your district, county or committee meetings are now in-person or hybrid
- Check out the agenda page to post your event or email me at agenda@aaseny.org

**Paola - PI**

- We did our first workshop on writing stories for the fifth edition of the big book, and it was a success. We had about 60 people there. We are currently planning an in person one in Orange County and will be planning in person ones in Manhattan and Long Island.
- I received some inquiries from counseling organizations regarding our PSAs. I provided them with information regarding AA and public information materials that we have.
- I'll be speaking at a workshop in Portchester on May 16th at 8pm regarding the use of websites as public information.

**Lucas - Corrections**

- Our next meeting before the summer break will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 3pm. Information for this meeting is below. In addition, please visit our landing page for SENY Standing Committee Chairs also listed below.

<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-correction-committee-meeting-virtual/2022-05-21>

<https://www.aaseny.org/corrections>

- The first Area PI writing workshop was held in April and Corrections plans to host writing workshop with PI this Summer / Fall which encourages people in custody to share their stories for the Big Book.
- A virtual visit was paid to our friends in Bronx Upper Manhattan to discuss our Corrections services and we look to do the same in Putnam in June.
- The New York State Informational Workshop will be virtual this year on Friday 7/29 and Saturday 7/30. You can get information at NYSIW.org - A49 Corrections plans to deliver a report to the State on its Corrections services.
- Rikers Island has opened for volunteers at the North Infirmary Command and meetings have started on Mondays and Wednesdays. The program Coordinator at both Rikers and DOCCSS has encouraged volunteers to get their DOC ID's and submit volunteer applications with the state.
- CTFC in Manhattan needs more fired up volunteers. Join them at their Thursday CTFC meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. They are looking to kickstart a WebEX program at Queensboro and the development of a more streamlined Bridging the Gap experience.
- Antuns dinner dance will be live and in person on Saturday 7/30.
- Suffolk County and Nassau County continue to be bringing meetings in person and virtually (Suffolk) and in person (Nassau) into their county jails.
- State facilities have opened. We have been given the names of volunteers' supervisors who would help with each those interested in serving at each county. These supervisors have been holding orientations for resuming services and are pushing for volunteers to

return this Spring. Meetings in Woodburne and Otisville state prison are in the works and meetings have started in Sing Sing.

- Members of our Committee attended the SENY Convention from 4/1-3 and hosted a joint panel with Treatment on how we carry the message. We also set up a Corrections table throughout the weekend, answered questions, distributed literature / flyers and took names from members interested in doing service.
- Our committee continues to communicate with the General Service Office, the Corrections Desk, the Intergroups, regional coordinators and local program coordinators to share information. We continue to receive requests for outside volunteers to be connected via correspondence to members on the inside and have sent those to our Corrections desk. We also have received several pre-release requests in April and have passed those on throughout the Area and the state to other Areas where those persons are to be released.
- Last week, CTFC chair Scotty B and I were privileged to attend the General Service Board dinner as guests of class A emeritus Trustee, and friend of Corrections, Nancy McCarthy.
- All interested in new information and national issues related to Corrections service can attend the International
- Corrections Call this Saturday at 11am ET with a new log in: Meeting ID: 841 1036 5604 Passcode: 223531

#### **Hank G. - Treatment Facilities**

- Treatment facilities are starting to open- some require masks some don't
- In Staten Island they are open, Nassau, Queens some are open.
- If you want to bring meetings into treatment facilities- please reach out. Usually it's intergroup. For the 5 boroughs and Westchester reach out to intergroup
- Bridging the Gap- we are getting calls every week
- NYSIW - July 30th virtual - there will be a treatment facility meeting

#### **Jeannette K - NYSIW**

- NYSIW will be July 29th and 30th
- Vicky is the program chair
- What we are looking to do is ask how are you transitioning out of the pandemic, offer a successful protocol, how to successfully carry the message
- If you have any questions or comments please email me
- We are working on registration. You can visit [nysi.org](http://nysi.org)

#### **Keith P - Service Sponsorship Chair**

- The Service Sponsorship Committee is here to answer your questions and to help guide you in service below or beyond the Group level. You can find all manner of useful service information on the Southeastern New York website at the Service Sponsorship Landing page at <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship> or you can reach out to me at the committee's email at : [sponsorship@aaseny.org](mailto:sponsorship@aaseny.org)
- Our current delegate, Tom B. has been co-hosting with me the Service Sponsorship Committee's Open-Forums before each assembly. They have been a great success and have allowed the trusted servants of Area 49 the opportunity to ask questions, gather information and connect with our delegate and the service structure of Area 49. Our next one is coming Saturday, June 4th from 9am to 10am for our Post Game Post Conference Open Forum before the Post Conference Assembly. Hope to see you there!
- The Service Sponsorship Committee will host a monthly study of the Warranties from Concept 12 of NEW A.A. SERVICE MANUAL beginning with Warranty 1 on Sunday, May 29th from 4PM - 5PM and continuing on the last Sunday of every month until October 30th. Each month we will concentrate on a single Warranty with a Guest Speaker + Open Forum. Please go to the SENY website events calendar for the schedule and log in information.

#### **Claire M, Web Chair**

- Everything is up to date
- Please give me 2-3 days for posting.

#### **Annabel Accessibility Chair min 38?**

- The ACCESSIBILITY WORKSHOP we held on April 14, 2022 was a terrific success. We enjoyed hearing the experience, strength and hope of well-informed speaker, and shared solutions to accessibility challenges.
- SENY Convention: We participated in ensuring that the Convention was designed to accommodate various needs of participants, including ASL and Spanish interpretation. We also staffed a table and distributed pamphlets, including large print and Spanish language editions.
- Join us for our next Committee meeting on May 12 at 7:30pm. Virtual.

#### **Jessica- Recording Secretary**

- Please send your reports via email to [secretary@aaseny.org](mailto:secretary@aaseny.org)

#### **Gina - Link Editor**

- Sent May Link today!
- Sent a theme flyer - theme is going to be attracting diversity in service



## 7th tradition / 5 minute break

Delegate - Tom B. - [delegate@aaseny.org](mailto:delegate@aaseny.org)

### 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference:

- Many thanks to those who volunteered for Hospitality, including our Co-chair Sherry P; and especially for Rich S, coordinating the activities every day
- I received DQs from 297 different groups, reviewed them thoroughly – also received several from individuals, 4 or 5 past the due date, and a few duplications, all of which I set aside
- Covid super-spreader: started with 133 voting members, by Friday we'd lost over 10% to quarantine in their rooms. Virtual hookup was arranged for observation, but they couldn't participate. Ratio of Area Delegates stayed pretty constant at ~69%, so the groups always had substantial unanimity, had it been needed.
- Favorite Quote: "Blessed are those who have nothing to say, and the courage not to say it".
- By my count, 30 Committee Recommendations and 2 Floor Actions were made Advisory Actions; confirmed with our NERT Francis today that the GSB approved them all.
- No Committee Recs or Floor Actions re the A.A. Preamble
- One floor action re S,T&Cs for Plain & Simple Language BB
- At the Post-Conf Assembly I'll talk about the following:  
Details on the Advisory Actions and Floor Actions; and  
What I "saw and heard and felt"
- Tonight, I'm just going to tell you about two discussions: a floor action that failed, and an amended Committee Recommendation that left me with tears of joy.
- 1) The Floor Action to Reaffirm the 1995 Conf Adv Action
  - People gave subtle sense that if they didn't vote with them we didn't love AA as much as they did
  - It's a spiritual program
  - Just because you don't agree with someone doesn't mean they are right or wrong- just means we have a diff opinion
- 2) The release deadline for background material in subsequent yrs
  - spanish , french and english

- Problem was I got background in Feb, and got the spanish material in March after DDoS
- Unified for love and service became true
- Logistics problems are present

#### General Information:

- Over the next several weeks, I will be updating From The Delegate as quickly as I can
- Next Area Assembly: Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Post Conf, planned as hybrid – many thanks to the ongoing Ad Hoc Comm on Reopening
- [Talk about the superhuman and loving work of the GSB, the Staff, the Non-trustee Directors, and everyone else at GSO]

I'm available to visit your county, district, or group, and remain willing to serve Area 49 any way I can. Thanks for letting me serve all of you.

#### **Questions**

What is an advisory action?

Advisory action means policy change is going to happen always through substantial unanimity.

#### **5 min break**

#### **Alternate Delegate - JoAnn M. - [altdelegate@aaseny.org](mailto:altdelegate@aaseny.org)**

- Since we last met on April 9th, I spoke at the Rockland County Breakfast on April 10.
- We had our first virtual writing workshop on April 21st during Paola's regular PI committee meeting time. There were over 50 people in attendance.
- I believe we are meeting Wednesday to begin selecting dates and locations for upcoming virtual and in person grapevine writing workshops for the 4th Spanish and 5th English editions Big Book. Stay tuned!
- We didn't have a Service Participation meeting in April since we only meet during months where there is no assembly. The next meeting with the DCMCs and Alternates will be on May 19th at 7:30pm. I will send a reminder the week before.
- I attended the Asamblea and the NERD meeting on April 17th , and the NERADs Alt Delegate meetings on April 12 and 26.
- I have been attending the ESCYPAA8 bid committee planning meetings for the 2022 ESCYPAA Convention held on Long Island this year.

- I attended the YPAA tie die event on April 23rd and the Breaking Boundaries panel discussion on inclusivity in AA on April 30. I purchased my ticket for the boat ride on June 4th and already registered for the ESCYPAA convention in October. The YPAAs are planning numerous events leading up to their convention so please support if you can.
- I attended the opening banquet for the 72nd General Service Conference on April 24th and helped with the hospitality Committee on Monday and Tuesday last week. The hospitality committee escorted the delegates guests around our city.
- I am always available for group inventories and to speak on traditions and concepts.

**Technology & Communications Office (TCO) - Mike O. [tco@aaseny.org](mailto:tco@aaseny.org)**

- Justin, our registrar chair, and I have been to Queens and Brooklyn county meetings to hopefully draw up some interest in tech service
- We are planning a Joy of tech service workshop for late summer early september should have dates detailed by next assembly
- Standing committee chairs- if you have a workshop and want translation please do not use PMI zoom. In order to get translation, you must use the webinar function. Zoom does not provide translation, but you would need a live person to translate
  - Please reach out to me if you need translation and we will help you set it up
- Justin is still working on reconciling the areas database
- For a trusted servant that has a SENY email, please do not unsubscribe to the automated emails. If you did unsubscribe or unsubscribe by accident please let me know.
- Registration by proxy - although the area does allow it, it's much better to have the new GSR to contact us directly.

**Area Chairperson - Nisaa A - [chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org)**

- There will be a full report for the Convention at our June Assembly.
- There will be an electronic survey coming out next week so we can get your feedback of the convention
- The recordings of the big meetings, that link will be shared soon
- Attending exploratory committee meetings
- Still available for inventories

**Old Business - none**

**New Business**

1. Motion to conduct two hybrid simultaneous in person at Westchester Community College and remote SENY Assemblies for the dates June 4th and November 12th in accordance with the SENY Exploratory committee recommendation to implement hybrid meetings and recommended in person meeting guidelines both of which were previously presented to this body.

The background information for this motion which was provided to everyone was the updated report to the seny committee and the proposal to implement hybrid meetings.

Motion seconded. No discussion

37 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention

No Minority Opinion -

*Motion passes.*

2. Motion made my TCO on behalf of Technology Committee to replace the current description of the duties of the postal mailing coordinator in the SENY handbook page 29 with the following:

Motion seconded. Some discussion asking about clarity

35 in favor, no opposed, 1 abstention

*Motion passes.*