

SENY Assembly

November 7th, 2021

Serenity Prayer

SENY Statement of Purpose

Approval of Sept Assembly Minutes:

- Edit on Pg. 18

Motion for reconsideration passed.

Accepted minutes as amended. 68 to accept , 0 opposed , 2 abstentions

Reports:

Treasurer Report - Rich

Overall fiscal condition is strong.

September:

- We received 107 Contributions totaling \$11,031
- Collected \$364 in the Assembly 7th Tradition basket
- \$840 in revenue from the sale of Literature and Grapevine materials
- Total revenue for the month of \$12,238.
- Expenses totaled \$5,986
 - \$972 in Officer expenses
 - \$1,500 for our monthly Office Rent
 - \$650 in Tech and Website costs
 - \$774 for the printing and distributing of The Link
 - \$1,340 for interpretation and translation services being the major items.
- Net surplus of \$6,253 which increased our available cash balances to \$76,430.17.
- Prudent Reserve held steady at just over \$127,000 or 10.55 months, and we had \$6,000 in “seed money” in both our Convention and Special Event accounts.

Motion to accept September financials

66 approved, No opposed, 1 abstention

September report passes

October:

- Received 96 contributions totaling \$10,779
- Collected \$108 in the 7th Tradition basket at the October Committee meeting for total revenue for the month of \$10,909.

- Total revenue for the 10 months of the year to date to \$115,790 which is 94% of the total budget for the year and approximately \$13,000 or 12.5% above the projected budget amount for the 10 month period.
- Expenses for October totaled \$3,450 and were again well-controlled and significantly below budget.
 - \$456 in Officer and Committee Chair expense
 - Our monthly Office Rent of \$1,500
 - Technology and Website costs totaling \$406
 - \$765 for the printing and delivering the October issue of the LINK
 - Annual fee for our P O Box of \$146.
- Net income for the month came to \$7,460 bringing total net income for the year to date to \$65,904 and increasing our net cash balances to \$83,888.
- Our Prudent Reserve balance of \$127,109 (10.55 months) and the \$6,000 balance in both the Convention account and Special Events account remained steady.

To summarize, revenues continue to exceed budget while expenses remain significantly under budget due to the ongoing effects of the COVID -19 pandemic on our in-person meetings, travel and service activities. Some of these funds will be spent on the upcoming Joy of Service Workshop, a new service project by our Accessibility and Treatment Facilities Committees, and the potential purchase of additional tech equipment. Lastly, these excess funds will provide a potential safety net as we move forward with planning for the SENY Convention in this uncertain environment.

Motion to accept October financials

71 accept - 2 abstentions - 0 opposed

October report passes

County and Hispanic District Reports

Westchester County DCMC - Kevin

- Westchester Area in Person Booking Meeting 11/13 9am St. Matthews Episcopal church
383 Cantitoe St Bedford Ny

Sullivan County DCMC - Jeff

- Last meeting was on Oct. 17, 2021. GSRs are driving within the County to get more groups represented and to address upcoming elections to fill open spots and replace outgoing commitments.
- Strong last 2 months of donations received greatly improving our prudent reserve.
- NEXT SCGS MEETING: November 21st. 3 - 4:30pm.
- We have had many live meetings return in last few weeks

- Speakers and visitors always welcome

Suffolk County DCMC - Melissa

- 2 events coming up- both will be held virtually and info is on SENY Calendar
 - "What is this crazy little thing called service" 12/3 from 7-9
 - LISTS (Long Island Spirituality Through Service) on 12/18 from 10-2

Manhattan County DCMC - Larry

- MSAD was well received on October 10, 2021.
- Attended SENY Participation Meeting October 21, 2021
- Attended Archive Committee Workshop on October 23, 2021
- Attended SENY Service Sponsorship Committee October 31, 2021
- County has a new Webchair who is working on modernizing our website.
- Will meet with Manhattan County Officers to make a Budget for 2022 in the beginning of December.

Brooklyn DCMC - Deborah

- Continue to meet virtual, next meeting is Nov 17
- All info is on Brooklynaa.org
- Dec 5 - Spiritual breakfast 9am - 12pm
- LISTS event - participating in 3 workshops
- Still trying to fulfill some committee chair positions

Nassau County - Karen K

- Concept Service Workshop continues on Concepts 11 and 12 on Nov. 15 virtually.
- Dec 11 - Nassau County's Big Meeting - in person attendance, only 100 participants allowed
- LISTS - Nassau will be participating
- 2022 we will host Service Concept Workshop

Putnam County DCMC - John L

- Unity Breakfast on Sunday November 21st at the Centennial Golf Course. The event is sold out, but can be attended virtually. The code and password will be available at putnamcountynyaa.org
- Signed up to be a part of the Bridging the Gap program. We would like to thank New York Intergroup for their help in getting us involved.
- Planning for a New Years Alkathon to likely be held again at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

- A new group has opened in Putnam, and plans to join our General Service Office. Welcome too Came to Believe of Patterson NY.
- The county's committees have been active, although we still have openings in literature archives.
- There are a variety of meetings in Putnam, and the groups seem to be doing well. Updated group, and meeting, information is available at putnamcountyntaa.org

Staten Island Alt DCMC - Dan

- Had a successful BBQ event 9/18
- Joy of Service, Next Saturday 12pm - 2pm - virtual
- Nov 28 - Spiritual breakfast - In person in Staten Island
- Share a Day - Dec 4th - virtual
- Holiday Marathon & New Years Marathon - in person at 2018 Richmond Ave.

Hispanic District DCMC - Jorge

- The groups are all open with their physical meetings
- Our assembly will take place on November 21 at the headquarters of the Hispanic central office of Manhattan
- The service workshop in celebration of the 30 years of service is on Dec 5, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the local of the group Honestidad de Queen

SENY Standing Committee Reports

Web Chair - Claire

- Recording Secretary has a new sub page - you can now submit your reports there! It will direct you to a google form, and you can upload your word doc.
- Helping to Host Standing committee Virtual workshop called "Small Service Steps, Big Region Effecti" Sat Dec 11, 1pm-2:30pm, 45 min of QA then 45 min of breakout rooms.

Accessibility Chair - Karen K

- Primary Purpose: to carry the message
- We are still in the process of reviewing the results of the Accessibility Survey. If your group has not yet completed the survey, please do so on the Accessibility Committee page for aaseny.org.
- Our current mission is a team effort with the Treatment Facilities Committee to distribute Grapevine and La Vina to organizations in need.
- Schedule
 - 2nd Thursday of every month 7:30 – 9:00 p.m – virtual until further notice

- Suggestion of the Day: For virtual meetings, please provide phone-in numbers (in addition to I.D. codes and passcodes), to allow access for AA's who lack video capability
- IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION at Bronx/Upper Manhattan Share-A-Day – Committee Member Jo A. staffed a table with literature and collected Accessibility Survey results. Thanks, Jo!
- Virtual accessibility – be mindful of your background and your behavior during virtual meetings, as distractions may make AA unattractive (and less accessible!) to people who need AA
- JOIN US TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Service Sponsorship Chair - Keith

- Next meeting: Nov 28th from 4pm - 5pm
- After the Meeting from 5 – 5:30PM the County Service Sponsorship Chairs and Liaisons will meet with the SENY Service Sponsorship Chair to exchange ideas on how we can be of service to the Area 49 Fellowship when it pertains to service sponsorship and helping fellows find service sponsors.
- "THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL OPEN FORUM VIRTUAL STUDY GROUP" hosted by the SENY SERVICE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE beginning Sunday, January 9th @ 4:00 - 5:00PM.
- The Service Sponsorship Committee will be hosting a 12 week continuous study of the NEW A.A. SERVICE MANUAL Combined With The Twelve Concepts Of World Service. Each week will concentrate on a Chapter with a guest speaker + Open Forum. More information will be available in the near future on the SENY website at the Service Sponsorship landing page at <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship> and on the SENY calendar under events: <http://events.aaseny.org/events>.
- If you have any questions please call Keith at 917 - 826 - 1755
- The Service Sponsorship Committee will continue to meet on the last Sunday of every month for a Rotating Speaker / Tradition / Concept Meeting plus a round robin "Ask It Basket" for DCMC / DCM / GSR service questions and solutions.

Corrections Chair - Lucas

- Our fifth SENY Corrections meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20th at 3pm. All are welcome. Please visit our landing page for SENY Standing Committee Chairs: <https://www.aaseny.org/corrections>
- I welcome all interested in Corrections service to attend the National Corrections Call today at 6pm ET to get more information about registering virtually for next weekend's National Corrections Conference ID:239 990 5603, PW: 765110. Conference is in New

Orleans will take place on November (12th-14th) -
<https://nationalcorrectionsconference.org/>

- Last meeting was Saturday September 18th, as we continued our work in Rockland, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Suffolk, Nassau and Westchester while continuing to manage our pre-release program and corrections correspondence programs throughout the State. We continue to receive requests for outside volunteers to be connected to members on the inside and have sent those to our Corrections desk.
- Manhattan County Share-A Day - SENY and Manhattan County Corrections chairs participated
- Attended a LICYPAA committee meeting to discuss the differences between general service, intergroup, corrections and treatment and how their committee could effectively interact with our existing central offices in order to take commitments and help the young alcoholics find recovery on Long Island.
- Attended our All-Areas meeting with the Area Chairs from Area 47, 48 and 50 on Tuesday September 14th and will be attend our last of 2021 on Tuesday November 9, 2012 Afterwards we'll attend the Unfinished Business a closed meeting hosted by members who do service in corrections and were once persons in custody and chaired by current AA members who were once persons in custody.
- Meeting in person in Suffolk on December 4th – info is on our Corrections landing page You can also find me doing a fun sobriety countdown at THE Brooklyn County's Spiritual Breakfast on December 5th!
- For questions - call 718 809-7425

Archives Chair - Jeffrey

- Oct 23rd - had our workshop commemorating late 60th anniversary- theme was "Link between disaster" presentations on ground zero and hurricane sandy
- We meet every first Friday of the month and we are working on putting a lot of the documents that are in the storage in a waterproof container.

Treatments Facilities Chair - John L

- Currently, The A49 TF Committee is working with A49 Accessibilities Committee on bringing GV subscriptions to treatment facilities in Southeastern New York.
- Bridging the Gap requests are picking up. Recently we have had one in Manhattan, SI, Suffolk, and Putnam Counties.
- Anyone can request Bridging The Gap by emailing tf@aaseny.org or by filling out BTG request form on the treatment landing page of aaseny.org.
- Next A49 (SENY) Treatment Facility meeting is on Sunday
- Nov. 28th from 6PM to 7PM. ID and passcode are up on SENY calendar

Grapevine Chair - Kimbley

- As COVID-19 restrictions are easing I am now available to get out now to do the wonderful service work of coordinating exhibits, selling Grapevine and LaVina literature, attending Share-A-Days, spiritual breakfasts and area conventions
- Last meeting was on November 3, 2021. All are welcome to attend and become a part of the committee.
- The Grapevine also has a new half hour podcast airing Mondays at 9am. Each week Don & Sam interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope in a casual meeting after meeting manner.
- Reminder - "Prayer and Meditation" – Powerful stories about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. Available in English, Spanish and French.
- Reminder that LaVina celebrates 25 years of publication.
- I encourage all to explore the Grapevine link at aagrapevine.org and for all Grapevine reps to register through that link for their service commitment.
- Grapevine Writer's Workshop development is coming along.
- We will be presenting a workshop in March, 2022. "History of the Grapevine and LaVina" Bill W., Past Delegate Area 68 will lead these efforts.
- Next committee meeting scheduled 12.1.21

Public Information Chair - Paola

We fulfilled one request for literature on AA. We are experiencing a lack of participation in our committee. We will hopefully be planning an event, but it depends on whether we have enough participants in the planning.

CPC Chair - Kristen

- Workshop on training CPC members and GSR's on how to participate in a non AA speaker meetings.
- On November 12th we had our 1st live CPC presentation since Covid shut us down. 4 members presented at Stonebrook for a class of physician assistance. The next speaker meeting will be at NYIT in December. CPC committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

NYSI Chair- Jeannette

- Asking members for help, especially with Technology.
- The committee will continue to discuss the venue and present back to the body in the early year 2022.

7th Tradition / 5 min break

Alt Delegate - JoAnn M

- Since the September 11 Assembly, I attended a few Northeast Region Alternate Delegates meetings.
- I attended the BxUM Share A Day, the Annual Staten Island Block Party/BBQ and Queens Intergroups 30th Anniversary Celebration all on Sept 18 and all in person.
- As a reminder, when planning an event please check the SENY calendar to make sure there is nothing already scheduled that will conflict with your event. This will help facilitate participation.
- I attended the Hispanic Districts Asamblea on Sept 19 in Queens and distributed GSR kits ordered from the GSO. At Toms request, I also inquired about their meetings and discussed the meeting guide app with them. The RSGs took the information back to their groups for discussion. At the Asamblea in October the overwhelming response was to add their groups meeting information. We are working on accomplishing that. I also distributed the Spanish copies of the 71st General Service Final Conference Reports.
- On September 19, I attended the Intergroup Liaison meeting where I picked their brains about transitioning the Hispanic meetings to the meeting guide app.
- I attended the NERD meeting of Delegates and Alternates. I had been meeting with a group's safety committee where we were discussing setting up safety guidelines for their group. The new pamphlet on Safety in A.A. is a wonderful resource for groups to use.
- I facilitated two group inventories and have scheduled two more groups for November.
- Our Service Sponsorship chair Keith invited me to share on Tradition 9 at the Service Sponsorship Committee meeting on September 26.
- On October 1st, I attended the National Alternate Delegates meeting where we discussed our purpose and decided on topics for the next few meetings.
- On November 1, the NAAD met, and we had a Concepts workshop presented by a past delegate.
- We had a Service Participation Meeting on October 21st. The last one for this year will be on December 16th at 7:30pm.
- I attended planning meetings for the November JOS workshop which will be hosted by Staten Island on Saturday November 13 and will have Spanish interpretation. I welcome all to attend.
- On October 26, I was invited to attend a workshop hosted by Hispanic District 714 in the Bronx.
- On October 30 we had our first Virtual Movie Night where I got to show two AA films. We had about 32 attendees and the next movie night is scheduled for November 27th.

- The last item, I would like to discuss is our trusted servant positions. I received a call from a DCM yesterday notifying me that there is a plan to remove them from their position. Knowing that the DCM is fulfilling their commitment and is very active I ask that before considering doing something so drastic, that all GSRs be fully informed as to the responsibilities of your DCM. Please read the qualifications, Duties, Term, Eligibility and Election Procedures on pages S32-S33. More importantly, please read the main reason why a DCM may be asked to resign their position. Our 4th tradition states that “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.” If someone suggests there is a problem; all GSRs in that district should investigate and not take the word of one person as being accurate or fully informed. There should be thorough discussion and consideration. Our literature discusses “contempt prior to investigation” and “principles before personalities.” As trusted servants of our fellowship, we should try to make ourselves as fully informed as possible before making decisions so we can make the best decisions. I am still available for group inventories. Thank you all for allowing me to serve Area 49.

Chair - Nisaa

- Making sure our area can continue to run our meetings
- Thinking about how we can best serve the area, meeting with officers, attendees.
- If you are interested in what I'm up to, what other peoples positions are, please check out our SENY handbook.
- Nisaa attended an area inventory and it was very inspirational. She's going to talk to our officers to see how we can improve..
- Grateful for all the constructive feedback.

Delegate - Tom Bracken

Visit our SENY website, as well as aa.org, on a regular basis to keep your group up-to-date and fully informed. Very important, either through <https://www.aaseny.org/from-the-delegate-or-aa.org>, go to “What’s new”. Examples: 1- Hispanic Women in A.A. share their experiences of hope and recovery; 2- Intro letter from new GM Bob W; 3- GV Podcasts started in October: informative and fun! And 4- New A.A. Service Manual! (.pdf right now; hard copy later this month)

Why am I so excited about it? Not just updated, made more user-friendly... Section after each chapter to make notes... Shorter, more concise chapters... more appropriate Appendices (including “How the Conference Operates”)... new set-up invites service sponsor / service sponsee ease of communication.

Link to manual here: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf

AAWS Finance update (thanks to our NE Regional Trustee Francis, GSB qtrly mtg was last week): Jan 1 – Sept 30, 2021: current fiscal year is 75% complete. Rough, unaudited #s from GSB against 2021 Budget (71st GSC Final Report, page 126): Contributions are at 74%; gross Literature sales 76%; overall Expenses 73%. Amazing budget performance: yes. Self-supporting? We're counting on \$5.6M in Gross Profit from Publishing this year. My personal definition: if we were truly self-supporting regarding our AA Services, we could sell our literature at cost. The Fellowship will have to answer that question for themselves. The Prudent Reserve is being built back up, currently at about 8.5 months of the current budget – optimal target range is 9-12 months, see 2021 "Around the Picnic Table" slideshow, page 49 (just ask, I'll email you a copy).

International Conventions / Regional Forums: 351 theme suggestions rec'd for 2025 Int'l Conv in Vancouver, Trustees will ultimately decide on the theme. // IC/RF Conference Committee will likely continue discussion re how to close the Int'l Conv (Lord's Prayer, Declaration of Unity, 3rd/7th Step Prayer, etc.). Still no survey per the Committee Consideration, but it may be in the works.

Grapevine / La Vina: upcoming GV topics: Prayer and Meditation; Remote Communities and the holidays; Day Counters; Getting through Tough Times; and Emotional Sobriety. Upcoming LV topics: Family Matters; Acceptance; and Newcomers. Top three selling GV books y-t-d: Emotional Sobriety, The Language of the Heart, and Voices of Women in AA.

Proposed Agenda Items for 72nd GSC: GSO staff still sorting through (some are "multiple motions" vs. "clear and concisely worded motion"). CPC Conference Comm will have three, including the one SENY approved at our Sept. Assembly. Total Proposed Agenda Items under consideration: 170. Of the 170, ~80 (or ~47%) seek to rescind Advisory Actions of the 71st GSC (yes, some are apparently duplicates – this year's Conference only put forth 49 Adv Actions). EDW = Equitable Distribution of Workload. The Trustees and GSO are currently working to determine what additional items will go to each Committee (primarily, but not exclusively, from Literature).

Speaking of the 72nd GSC: it will take place from April 24th to 30th, 2022. It is currently scheduled to be held in person in Brooklyn, subject to the state of the pandemic at that time. Please consider serving on the Conference Hospitality Committee!

Our Area 49 Delegate's Questionnaire will look a bit different than in years past. I will tell you more about it... at our next Area Assembly on January 23rd. 😊

2022 NERASAA in Pittsburgh/ PA area, it is currently scheduled live, more will be relieved - once i have it i will let you know.

Finally, I'd like to read several quick bits to you [Tradition 1, short form; Tradition 1, long form; Declaration of Unity; and Language of the Heart, page 77]. The last few years, principle has come to the fore: "people all want and need to be heard". Conference: weeklong business meeting, debating in love of A.A. One of the "What's New" items in the beginning, letter from

Bob W [read from page 1]. We can disagree – we’re drunks, we often will – but let’s remember to respect and love one another. We’re all on the same road, with the same primary purpose.

Thank you for your attention. Feel free to ask any questions, now or at any time, and let me know how I can serve you. I remain available to visit your county, district or group, virtually or live. Thank you for the opportunity to serve all of SENY, and all of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Preguntas / Questions?

Q: What do we do if we are high risk and the meetings we are going to no longer offer a virtual option?

A:

- We need to think as a fellowship...
- Try to approach conversations by saying something like: This is what I’m hearing you say, here’s how I feel. Is there a way we can reach a compromise. ← It’s not always going to work.
- “Take cotton out of ears, and put it into your mouth”
- As an AA member, I need to acknowledge other people's view, and think about if we can find a compromise.

Q. What page were you reading on from the operating budget of 2021?

A: Page 126- one page document

Q: The book that has spanish women's stories - what book is that?

A: It is a grapevine publication. I was referring to aa.org/whatsnew - it’s like 4th down article, it’s from October.

Q: When will the new service manual be in print and ready for purchase.

A: It should be available Nov 19 on seny website

Announcements:

FYI Queens Intergroup is having a Virtual Share-A-Thon from 11/24/2021-11/27/2021 first meeting starts at 3pm on 11/24 and last meeting starts at 11pm 11/27 checking their website events calendar for Joining information www.queensaa.org

<https://www.aaseny.org/joy-of-service>

<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-movie-night-2>

Exploratory Committee Chair - Heidi:

For In-Person Events:

- MASKS required
 - New York State has adopted the CDC Guidelines regarding COVID-19. The CDC recommends masks for all people, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors, and New York's law is consistent with this.
 - Before the Delta variant, it was recommended that only the unvaccinated wear masks indoors, and masks were optional for the vaccinated. It was our position at that time that we, SENY, do not want to have to be in a position to have to collect the vaccination status of people who are doing service and coming to events, if at all possible, so our recommendation even at that time was that masks would be required for all for in-person indoor events.
 - This is subject to change, of course, based on a new law or executive order.
 - We are recommending masks for all in-person events.
- SENY will provide surgical masks and hand sanitizer at in person events.
- VENUE
 - Because we want to avoid having to collect vaccination status for larger in-person indoor events, we are recommending looking at facilities outside of the 5 boroughs for such events. NYC has much more stringent requirements than the state and as we read them, would require SENY to collect vaccination information from attendees.
 - Venues should have adequate washing facilities.
- SOCIAL DISTANCING –
 - We recommend in addition to mask-wearing, there be capacity limits to the extent possible to provide for social distancing.
 - We also want to limit, to the extent possible, close contact between people so we are discussing what this would mean for service tables and registration. Outdoor registration, for example, would make the most sense because the outside is ventilated but that is not the solution when it comes to inclement or cold weather so we are still discussing indoor recommendations for that.
- **Limited eating and drinking and only in designated areas** –
 - It is important that people wear masks at all times.
 - We are recommending that for shorter events, such as committee meetings, no eating or drinking be permitted indoors.
 - For longer events, we are recommending that eating or drinking take place only in designated areas. SENY would not be preparing meals, so it would be a bring your own brown bag situation.
- CONTACT - Always ask before hugging, shaking hands with, kissing, or touching another person, and when in doubt, no touching.
- PRE-REGISTRATION -
 - We also suggest pre-registration for all attendees so that these requirements are known in advance by anyone who wishes to attend an in-person event. This would also help with contact tracing.
- COVID-19 Positive Test –

- o We are recommending that any person who attends an in-person event and tests positive for COVID-19 let the Chair or her designee know so that they can notify those who attended that someone tested positive.
- In a nutshell, our recommendations are to wear masks, social distance to the extent possible, and eating/drinking only in designated areas.
- We are still working out service tables/registration recommendations.

- All of these recommendations are subject to change based on 1) the law and 2) whatever the venue's requirements are. Our position however is that where the venue and these recommendations differ, the stricter of the two be used.

Hybrid Assemblies/Committee Meetings:

- We believe that SENY's ability to engage in service remotely is here to stay. It is important that people who have accessibility issues or have reasons why they do not feel safe coming to in-person events or are not able to comply with these recommendations be able to participate in service. Hybrid Assemblies and Committee meetings are the way of the future!
- Static Location - There are many tech requirements needed to bring this to fruition. To this end, we are looking at having a static location for the in-person aspect in a central location.
- Tech and Other Volunteers Needed: Now, we have priced out a list of things SENY would need to purchase to make this happen. However, that is not the big issue. The big issue is that for the last 20 months, we have relied on our Tech people to keep our homegroups open, make SENY assemblies and committee meetings happen, and a wide array of many other things. The ones who have taken this job on are exhausted. To really have hybrid meetings be a thing for the future, we need volunteers with tech experience to step up to the plate.
- We also need other volunteers to help with the in-person aspect of events such as handing out masks or sanitizer, etc.
- Please step up to the plate to be of service!

Q: Will there be a workshop to train people who want to help but aren't' tech savvy

A: We have not discussed this, but certainly something we can discuss at our next meeting.

Q: Have you discussed wifi at these venues?

A: Depending on the venue, wifi access is hit or miss. We don't want to rely on venue wifi. On the list of things we would have to purchase are several hotspots

Q: Would hybrid meetings mean in person with virtual meeting?

A: yes - it would bring it together. The vision is having large screens for virtual participants, but we have to figure out what translation would look like. We would want an assembly where virtual and in person can participate equally.

Q: BKLYn county supplies buses to take GSRs to assemblies. Has there been any discussion on this?

A: We haven't discussed this, but we can definitely put this on our agenda.

Q: How would you protect anonymity? If you go to in person

A: We have discussed where cameras are, we have discussed large TV format... To my understanding we are not anonymous to each other, so we are careful how we name ourselves

Follow up answer: We don't let anyone into our meeting... you need a passcode and we also require you put what meeting you are from etc.

Further discussion: what's the difference between showing your camera and walking into a camera

Q: What if other people walk by in the background and look at someones screen? Ex. Other people in peoples home walk by the camera.

TCO Chair - Mike - min 24

- Tech resources: Has significantly gone down. Area tech committee is down to 8 people.
- How to better develop Tech services? We need to think about developing tech servants further up the triangle. I would like DCMs, GSRs, to think about people that might be interested. We want to develop a talent base
- Think about the need for this to be permanent in AA.
- Fellowship connection : GSO continues to make slow improvements to fellowship connections. Justin is working very hard with Air Table and Fellowship Connection.
- When registering and updating, please do this through SENY website, or reaching out to us directly. If you do not do this, we have no way of finding out.
- Looks like for Area 49, most GSRs want virtual GSR kits.
- We have 2 virtual groups that have selected Area 49 as their home base.
- If you find a mistake on our website, please let us know.

Link to apply to be a tech volunteer: <https://fred252.typeform.com/to/ZpGzDpzc>

Convention chair - Mel 35 min

- Registration are on the website
- All committee chairs have been filled
- We want to have an in person convention
- Next committee meeting is - Friday April 1 - April 3rd convention-
- <https://www.aaseny.org/2022-convention>

- If you book with Marriott points, we do not get credit for our minimum
- If you book and cancel please let Mel know so we can keep track

Q: Will there be a hybrid component? Maybe not the entire convention, but maybe just for certain parts?

A: Hybrid will most likely not be possible because of Marriott restrictions.

Q: we have a FB for our GSRs and DCMs , what key points should we mention?

A: Volunteer! Come to committee meetings, talk to the committee chairs and see what you can do. Going to the convention is a great way to meet people along the area. Be responsible, take care of yourselves and show up!

Q: Will people have to be vaccinated?

A: There are no restrictions from the Marriott. No at this point, you do not have to bring your vaccination card to the Marriott. But with that said, whatever we do will come from exploratory committee, not from Marriott

Q: Could we do a meeting afterwards, if we record a CD, something so that it can be more accessible?

A: Yes-we can definitely talk about that, we do want to make the convention as accessible as possible.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

If you have new business- please send at least 10 days in advance. That way we can send it to the body in advance so people can discuss with their groups before they come and vote.

Closed at 1:10pm.