

June 2, 2018, SENY Post Conference Assembly Minutes

9:00 Workshops (New GSR & Grapevine & SENY Players present “What a Concept!” skit)
10:00 Jane E. (Chair) Housekeeping (Quorum, Time, Roberts’ Rules [Modified], Explanation of Voting)

Introduction of New Trusted Servants

April Minutes: No corrections, accepted as written.

Committee Reports

Corrections (Mike D., by Jane): Bulk of report in this month’s Link, please see; facility in Sullivan reached out

Intergroup (Steve, by Jane): Bill W. Dinner is seeking nominations for speaker

Agenda Jeanne: Calendar up to date, paper copy for June and July, please see me /email with changes or any events you would like added; paper copy of calendar is outside

CPC (Anthony, also for **PI** [Bianca]): May 5-9 we presented at the Jacob Javits Center American Psychiatrics convention, lot of county cooperation and two delegates (Terry, Sue) presented; yesterday PI presented at a Brooklyn health fair); will be at Javits Center in September for LGBT expo, always looking for volunteer, next meeting in June at Intergroup

Grapevine La Vina (Laura): Unity Breakfast Nassau tomorrow, Brooklyn Share-A-Day next week, will be attending NYSIW; in fall we will have a new book for Atheists in AA; also, Grapevine Challenge for subscriptions for Area/State where Areas compete to have most subscriptions, please buy (great for sponsees and institutions)

Treatment Facilities (Kathy): Met 4/22 at SENY, office thanks for Grapevine La Vina donations, they’ve been distributed, very handy, please keep donating; will attend NYSIW; attended Bridging Gap Workshop, explained SENY to Intergroup, answered questions. NY Intergroup does not bring meetings in day programs, only lockdowns, so will be talking about what to do at next meeting on 6/24

Accessibilities (Nellie): Met last night, 6 months, thanks to people who went to workshop, will be in Queens for accessibility meeting and a Spanish accessibility meeting; our meetings resume in September

Ad Hoc Finance (Michael): email to DCMCs re: Committee’s Recommendations re: debit card, ask that Committee members read, please email with questions as we will be discussing Monday

Translation (Eddie, also for Rosa: will be at Nassau Breakfast tomorrow, plus Spanish Unity Day, the Big Meeting and Brooklyn Share-A-Day

Recording Secretary (Mike): Thanks for sending to NERAASA, as a result will report regularly like other Areas; some changes to minutes, votes will not be specifically recorded because we need to reflect the conscience that speaks, thanks to all for 12th Step work reflected in minutes

Convention (Nisaa): Kickoff meeting on 8/12, the members are self-appointed so please show up, flyer with position descriptions available this was a big deal in my sobriety as I’d like to have as many people involved as possible

Service Sponsorship (Sally): Giving out handbooks, will be speaking at 6/23 in Westchester on service

Delegate's Report (John)

Before getting to report, our Northeast Trustee's term is expiring, so in November we will select the SENY nominee

The Delegate gave a detailed presentation and report on GSC process and decisions; PowerPoint presentation will be available on SENY website in about a week

Linda M, Past Delegate, thanks Delegate on behalf of Area

Alternate Delegate's Report (Manny)

Hi My Name is Manny, I am an Alcoholic and I thank you all for the privilege to Serve you and The Area as your Alternate Delegate.

Hola, mi nombre es Manuel, soy alcohólico y le agradezco a todos por el privilegio de servirle a ustedes y la Area como su delegado alterno.

Summary and Highlights of My Activities Since Our Last Assembly:

4/8: NYCYPAA; Facilitated Special Elections for a Committee Chair and Co-Chair

4/15: NYCYPAA and Hispanic Districts Assembly of SENY: Reported on the upcoming GSC and my activities since the prior Asamblea

4/21: Presented at Accessibility/ Special Needs in AA Workshop

4/22: Attended General Service Conference Opening Dinner

4/23-27: General Service Conference Hospitality Committee Volunteer

4/28: Presentation on the Structure of the GSC at District 620 Service Workshop

5/5: Presented at Safety in AA Workshop

5/6: Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast followed by Orange County Joy of Service Workshop

5/5: SENY Committee Meeting

5/10: SENY Service Participation Meeting, made a brief report on the GSC, discussed other related topics, plus various SENY County concerns

5/19: Queens County Safety Workshop, made a presentation on Safety in AA – Sexual and Financial Predators

5/20: Hispanic Districts Assembly of SENY, made a summary report of our Delegate's 2018 General Services Conference Report; later that day attended NYCYPAA

I am available for: Group Inventories, Group Sharing Sessions and showing of AA videos

Chair's Report (Jane)

This body made it clear that we should continue with the ask it basket. We'll have it again today. Keep that feedback coming!

The new SENY Handbook in English is here today and online at aaseny.org, Spanish translation is in progress and when printed, will be delivered to the Asamblea. Thanks to SENY committee for enormous support. See Sally for your copy. DCMC's can get multiple copies for the counties.

Thanks, to our office manager, Richie for his work.

The NYSIW July 27-29 is in Utica; last day to register for the weekend is July 13th.

Thanks to John for encouraging us to give Grapevine subscriptions as anniversary gifts. If you

want to give an anonymous gift of the Grapevine, you can purchase a subscription gift certificate, get it to me, and I'll forward it to local service committees for distribution.

Thanks to past SENY delegates Bill and Linda for chairing the hospitality committee for the General Service Conference. Because of your service, and that amazing itinerary, the rest of us had a good time while the delegates worked away into the wee hours of the morning. Early volunteers had the privilege of going to the opening dinner as your guests this year, thank you.

I received a thank you email from the Conference secretary, Rick (read to Body)

If anybody wants to know where else I've been on my rounds, I'm happy to share!
chair@aaseny.org

Our next Assembly is September 15 for elections. SENY Committee has the last meeting for the summer this Monday and is encouraged to open all links on the committee reminder received yesterday. Please especially see the ad hoc finance committee's report and recommendation.

I'm hoping everyone has a fun and safe summer and that I'll see you at any and many events on the SENY calendar in June, July, August, and early September! I am available. I'm happy to facilitate group and county inventories or speak at tradition and concepts meetings.

Any questions?

Q&A clarified: 1) Grapevine hard copy subscriptions cost about \$27, but there is a buy 1, get 1 ½ price. E- subscriptions a bit more. 2) Handbook changes, highlights include to Registrar, significant changes to Archives Chair, positions, robust discussion about various roles

Registrar (Fred, read by Scott)

Hey everyone. I got some surprise news from the law school I'm applying to that I was misinformed earlier about deadlines, and every day I don't submit is actually counting against me! I would rather be with you all today, but I've cancelled everything humanly possible to make sure I don't jeopardize my chances. After I take the LSATs on June 11, things go back to normal for me and I'll be immediately working on all the open SENY projects.

Top of that list is onboarding the Hispanic Districts. I'm thrilled to report that they have decided to adopt the shared database, and we now have 100% participation! When we first started this in early 2016, I never imagined we would reach this milestone. I also want to let you all know that our collaborative model is continuing to attract interest around the US & Canada: since we met last, our northern neighbor Area 48 has voted to adopt the same system! With these reminders of just how far we've come, it's hard not to reflect on how we got here. I'm proud of myself – not gonna lie – but I'm just as proud of all of us. Obviously there's all of my teammates from the counties that are working right alongside me, but there are also literally hundreds of other people who have all been contributing to make this possible. So please take a moment, if time permits and it doesn't feel too weird, to give yourselves a round of applause!

Speaking of moving us forward, I just wanted to give a quick shout-out to Ray for covering sign-in for me, and to Mike D. from Orange who will be the next person to join the ON-the-database team – we work on improving the automaton and everything under the hood, as opposed to updating the records. Both of you please stand up and do a royal wedding wave please, so you can be recognized.

Enjoy the post-Conference Report! I know it's gonna be awesome coming from John. Talk to you all after June 11th! Adios.

Treasurer (Michelle)

Reports reviewed

Q&A clarified that Area Committee moved money from prudent reserve to special events to raise seed money for 2019 NYSIW to balance of \$8,000 (based on motion made at last SENY

Committee Meeting). We always keep the special events account open but only fund it (seed money and expenses) when we have an event; our prudent reserve is at 7.78 months, so within parameters of Area conscience, and the reserve will rise after the final Convention Report, when the Convention returns moneys to SENY

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Seconded, Passed

Seventh Tradition is \$344

County Reports

Nassau (Regina): Concepts series continues 7/16 with Concepts VII and VII at Nassau IG 7-8:30; Unity Breakfast tomorrow, LI Marriott Uniondale

Queens (Joanne): Thanks to those who came to safety workshop, and to Jane, Manny, and Alt-Delegate for Area 87; Spiritual Breakfast 10/7 in Douglaston (\$30); planning Legacy Workshop in Fall. Tentatively agreed to host Spanish safety workshop for Queens

LISTS Event (Eddie): Our 2018 LISTS is event is 9/22 at Francis De Sale in Brooklyn

Bronx Upper Manhattan (Barbara-Ann): Hosting SENY Elections at next Assembly (9/15) at Lehman College, location is accessible by train

Suffolk (Tom): County Meeting 6/15, John W. will be present, please come by; no July meeting this year

Putnam (Rob): Movie night is 9/22, Unity Breakfast on 10/1

Brooklyn (Mel): County Inventory June 20, LISTS event 9/22, planning upcoming Joy of Service Workshop and Share-a-Day

Sullivan (John): Hosting November Assembly, thanks to Westchester for helping us learn. Looking for volunteers, have flyer, have 2 more GSRs and am working on 18 remaining dark Groups

Staten Island (Jerry): Next County Meeting is 6/10, after which we will be off for 2 months; 9/29 doing Share-An-Evening; Spiritual Breakfast in November and planning Traditions Workshop; flyers will be coming shortly

District 620 (Odessa): Announcing 3rd Annual Gratitude Cookout July 14, please come

District 405 (Cathy): Invite people to historical book seminar. Area chair adds that Cathy is our new incoming Digital Archivist effective July 1.

Old Business

Final 2018 Convention Report Mike C.

Thanks to our past delegates John W. and Terry F., and Committee members, especially Steve (Treasurer) and Christina (Recording Secretary)

Great seeing people enjoy Convention. We had 1063 Registrations and 300 Banquets, which exceeded expectations. We anticipate turning over \$7709.83; might change slightly based on outstanding check and a \$90 PayPal dispute, which requires PayPal to resolve dispute and may require us to incur a second \$2.28 PayPal processing expense.

Q&A raised issues with formatting of final financial report, whether it needed to be corrected or amended, even if numbers are right as to totals; Mike will work w/ Steve on numbers. We had some minor negative feedback, some people wanted hospitality to be upstairs, one room was misaligned. Event is not a fund raiser for SENY; we fund event through registrations, not banquets. Incurred a \$3,750 penalty (1,250/night x 3 nights) because we did not meet room night minimum; issue is people booking room nights (often multiple room nights) and not showing up, which they are allowed to do until 24 hours before arrival under Marriott cancellation policy. Trying to change this in new contract by paying rental space fee (rather than having fee be waived if we reach room night minimum)

Motion to Accept Report with Exceptions, **Seconded**

After discussion, **Motion Did Not Pass**

Motion to Turf Business of SENY Convention Report to SENY Committee to Vote On;
Seconded, Passed

New Business:

Intro of 2019 SENY Convention Chair, Nisaa A., approved by acclamation.

No other new business

Unity Statement

Assembly Closed 2:47 p.m.