

SENY Post - Conference Assembly

Saturday June 12th 2021

9am: Service Sponsorship Workshop in the Breakout Room

10am: Post - Conference Assembly

Serenity Prayer, SENY Statement of Purpose

Approval of April Assembly Meeting Minutes. *Approved*

Reports:

Rich S - Treasurer's Report

April Assembly we discussed and approved the reports on our financial results for the first quarter of the year through the month of March. Tonight, we will review the financial results for both April and May. I will also touch very briefly on some of the financial highlights for GSO for 2020 and the 2021 budget.

The results for April show continuing strong revenues.

- We received 98 group and individual contributions which totaled \$13,580; 7th Tradition baskets at the Committee meeting and Assembly were \$339; total revenue for April was \$13,925.
- Expenses for April were minimal with office rent of \$1,500; tech, telecommunication and website expense of \$800; and archive storage space rental of \$169 accounting for the bulk of the total expenses for the month of \$2,595.
- The net surplus for the month of \$11,329 exceeded the \$10,200 in cumulative profit for the entire 1st quarter and increased our actual cash balance to \$43,902.18.

April report passes

May was not quite as strong but was still a positive month.

- We received 74 group and individual contributions totaling \$7,378; our 7th Tradition basket at the May Committee meeting contained \$150; total revenue for the month was \$7,534.
- Expenses for the month were well-controlled and within budget at \$6,945. There were no officer or committee chair re-imbursments. Major expenses were \$1,500 for our monthly office rent, \$1,500 for the printing of the March, April and May issues of the LINK and \$3,662 for interpretation and translation services relating to Feb., March and April meetings and documents.
- The net result was a \$589 profit for the month.

As an aside regarding the interpretation and translation services – It was suggested that we could try to condense the minutes and thus reduce translation expense; it was also suggested that some of the material could possibly be translated by volunteers in the Fellowship as was done in the past. **So, if anyone is willing and able to assist with translation, please let Nisaa or me know and we will discuss how we might proceed.**

On a year to date basis, we are doing much better than budgeted.

- Contributions of \$48,675 are 103% of the budgeted amount, while expenses of \$25,939 are only 39.7% of the projected amount. The resulting cumulative profit for the 5 months increased our cash balances to \$44,486.25.
- Our prudent reserve remains steady at just over \$127,000 which represents 10.55 months of expenses.

May report passes

Additional thoughts and comments:

- First regarding revenue – while our group and individual contributions remain strong, our 7th Tradition and literature sales are below budget. I would remind everyone that Kingsley (our Literature Chair) and Kimbley (our Grapevine/LaVina Chair) both have literature available for sale if you and/or your group needs anything.
- Secondly, on the expense side – while expenses are way down due to Covid limiting our opportunities for in-person activities, this is not necessarily a positive. As a service organization our goal is not to accumulate funds but rather to utilize our funds to provide service and support to the groups. I encourage all of you, especially our Committee Chairs, to continue to look for opportunities to provide those services. As Nisaa said at NERF, we want to encourage participation so I urge you all to accept that challenge.

Highlights for GSO:

- Last year we were reporting on the deteriorating financial performance at GSO due to Covid. – contributions were down, literature sales were practically non-existent, there were operating deficits of \$700,000 per month and millions had been drawn down from the prudent reserve.
- The fellowship responded. The self-support revenue covered 95% of the cost of services as compared to only 69.8% in 2019. The deficit was covered by the gross profit from AAWS Publishing of \$6.58 million which was down 29.7% from 2019. So, even with record contribution levels and sharply lower expenses, we still are not fully self-supporting by our own contributions and continue to rely on literature sale profits. After absorbing losses by both Grapevine and LaVina and other non-service expenses there was a net operating deficit for the year of \$2.1million.
- The prudent reserve at year end was \$12.449 million (7.9 months versus 2019's 9.3 months) following \$4million in drawdowns.
- The takeaway, after the early months of Covid and after the drawdowns from the prudent reserve, GSO stabilized as contributions surged and an expense reduction program kicked. Going forward, the budget for this year (2021) is conservative. Total revenue is projected to decrease by 7.9% to \$15,594,000 with both contributions and literature profits declining. Operating expenses drop 4.8% to \$15,652,814 with an operating deficit of \$58,814, essentially a breakeven year.

Please reach out to Rich if you have any questions.

County & Hispanic District Reports

Melissa J, DCMC Suffolk

- Invited delegate to speak at June meeting.
- Had two motions to purchase literature in collaboration with Suffolk Intergroup. One was to purchase big books and living sobers for all 63 libraries in Suffolk county. The other was for mini big books, living sobers and came to believe for the corrections and treatment committees, utilizing Suffolk Intergroup to distribute to their contacts.

Jeff P. DCMC Sullivan County

- 8 groups out of 30 groups that show up every month
- We have some meetings opening up
- Hopefully we increase participation in county by getting more GSRs
- At our last meeting we had Keith and Hank come in to speak about their committees
- We are working hand in hand with local intergroup

John L DCMC Putnam County

- Founder days event tonight at 7pm - hybrid event. Zoom info is on website: putnamcountynyaa.org
- Unity breakfast in the Fall tbd
- Meeting is 2nd Tuesday of every month, virtually. This is listed on area calendar and putnam website. Website is live and updated with meeting info

Laura G - DCMC BxUM

- Joint Traditions Workshop with Westchester Cty 7/10. It will be virtual
- Next meeting is 8/11/2021
- Presentations by Nissa SENY Chair; Gail SENY CPC Chair & Chris SENY Intergroup Liaison.
- The County will have a Hybrid Share a Day- tentative date 9/18/2021 Location pending
- The Spiritual Breakfast will be virtual - date to be determined

Larry W DCMC Manhattan

- Involved the Planning Meeting of The Joy Of Service Workshop
- Presented at District 620 Service Workshop - AA Gateway to Growth
- Attended Area Service Sharing Session Hybrid Meeting AA Area 19 Chicago
- Attended Hispanic District Asemblea
- Chaired the Manhattan County Concepts monthly meeting.
- Attended NERF
- The county is doing A Joy Of Service Workshop for SENY on August 7, 2021

Deborah, DCMC BKLYN

- Planning meeting for brooklyn share a day. Info is on seny calendar
- Reaching out to dark groups to try to get them involved
- Next meeting in June 16th, Tom will attend
- Spiritual Breakfast - TBD if it's going to be virtual or in person

Eric, DCMC Orange County

- Our PI Committee on Zoom #956 3734 0074 Passcode “PIOrange” is active and in contact with hospitals and libraries here in Orange. We linked PI with our CPC Committee and Orange County Intergroup Web Site.
- *Save the date:* Our 1st Annual Virtual Spiritual Breakfast will be on the morning of September 26th, 2021, from 9 am to 11 am. Our theme is “Staying connected in a changing world”.
- We have 3 open positions; Conference Approved Literature, Newsletter and Web Site Chairpersons.
- Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday June 15th at 7 pm on zoom. Our guest speaker shall be Lucas our SENY Corrections Chair.
- We voted that our monthly meetings would remain in the zoom platform for the remainder of 2021.

Bert L DCMC Queens County

- We started an exploratory committee
- We went to the actual location where we have the county meeting, to make sure everything is up to spec for our next meeting which will be the first in person meeting since the shutdown

Brian C DCMC Staten Island

- June 25th - we will have a workshop about service
- On Staten Island a lot of meetings have opened. We printed meeting lists, and have to print more!
- June 11th - Tom will be visiting the group

Kevin DCMC Westchester County

- Next meeting is Wed June 16th
- Thank you for Paola for presenting on PI
- Sat July 10th- workshop with BxM
- Family Picnic - in Ardsley- special speaker West Palm Tom- Sat Aug 28th
- Share a Day - Sat Oct 16th

Marty - Nassau County

- June 21st is next county meeting. We have updated why you need a service sponsor.
- We updated our directory, it's up on our website under documents
- We linked up with NY intergroup bridge the gap. That way we can help out if anything comes up. Hospitals, detoxes, etc.
- Activated a google voice number, so we will be discussing with Intergroup to see how we can use it.
- Unity Breakfast - June 27th - will be virtual
- July - Concepts series (3rd Monday of the month) info is website

Standing Committee Reports

Chris - Seny Intergroup Liason

- Next meeting will be in July - all info is on SENY website
- We are hoping to have our first hybrid meeting in Aug - probably in Suffolk
- Tom attended our last meeting
- BKLYN intergroup is in a lot of need of outreach
- Also in touch with intergroup conference chair from Rhode Island, they are hosting the conference this year from Sept 29 - Oct 2nd.

Keith -Sponsorship Chair

Thanks everyone from sponsorship workshop break out room

- Attended, at the invitation of the County DCMCs, County meetings In Area 49 to share my experience, strength and hope as it pertains to service and service sponsorship.
 - The Service Sponsorship Committee continues to meet on the last Sunday of every month. Details and meeting information is posted on the SENY Events calendar.
 - Conducted Service Sponsorship Workshops at both the SENY Committee and Assembly Meetings.
 - Working on the new SENY Website Standing Committee Landing Page for the Service Sponsorship Committee.
 - The Service Sponsorship Committee will be working to develop an up-to-date database of available Service Sponsors to connect with those seeking Service Sponsors.
 - Available to speak on all aspects of service to any group who requests the Service Sponsorship Committee's help. Please reach out at sponsorship@aaseny.org.
 - To be a resource and information conduit for the Three Legacies to all SENY Area 49 trusted servants of Recovery, Unity, and Service.
 - Working with all the Counties in SENY Area 49 as an umbrella to their Service Sponsorship Chairs, Liaisons, DCMCs, DCMs, and GSRs.
- NEXT SERVICE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING : Sunday, June 27th 4 - 5PM on the Platform Zoom. Tradition 6 and "Ask It Basket".

MEETING ID : 998 938 7641

PASSCODE : 714921

sponsorship@aaseny.org

917 – 826 - 1755

Jeffrey- Archives Chair

- Attended Nerf
- Will be meeting Sept 10th
- Oct 23 - will be putting on a workshop

Paola PI Chair

- We have been stocking up libraries throughout SENY with AA literature, including ebooks. We are going to be doing recurring mini workshops (dates TBD) — some for AA members re PI and some for the public.

- PI meetings are 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm. Next meeting is June 17
- My email is pi@aaseny.org and anyone can reach me at my cell 787.403.5609

Jeannette NYSIW 2022

Will begin forming a Committee in August to begin meeting in September so we can present something to everyone in the Fall. She asked for anyone able to help with service in technology to please reach out to her at NYSIW@aaseny.org.

Lucas O - Corrections

We hosted our third SENY Corrections meeting on Saturday May 15th, as we continued our work in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Suffolk and Nassau, while continuing to manage our pre-release program and corrections correspondence programs in Sullivan and the Bronx. We continue to receive requests for outside volunteers to be connected to members on the inside and have sent those to our Corrections desk.

Brooklyn County will host its annual Share-A Day on June 26th. The Corrections and Treatment Workshop will be at 10am.

In June, we plan to visit Orange County to introduce GSR's to our Corrections programs at general services.

Our fourth SENY Corrections meeting will be after the Summer on Saturday September 18th. All are welcome. Information for this meeting is below. In addition, we now have a Standing Committee SENY Corrections site: Also listed below

<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-corrections-committee-meeting-virtual-2/2021-09-18>

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

On May 20th we visited a Corrections Service workshop and spoke with their DOCCS regional Coordinator attending on the topic – ‘How Corrections Service Helps Our Recovery’ The goal was to energize volunteers in Area 48 and educate professionals at the Department of Corrections. We also hoped to get more pre-release forms in the hands of inside members in the dozens of state prisons directly upstate

Area 49 will host our quarterly All-Areas meeting with Area Chairs from Area 47, 48 and 50 on Saturday June 19th at 11am.

I plan on attending the National Corrections Conference in New Orleans in November (12th-14th) in person and look forward to bringing back some valuable information from the experience. All are welcome to attend and join me down in NOLA.

<https://nationalcorrectionsconference.org/>

On Saturday May 29th I attended a Tradition Two meeting via audioconference of the After Shift Change Group at the Angola State Penitentiary chaired by inside members. It was a powerful demonstration of the AA program being made possible anywhere.

Annabelle - Accessibilities

(access@aaseny.org)

- Primary Purpose: to carry the message
- 2nd Thursday of every month 7:30 – 9:00 p.m
- Accessibility Workshop 9/9/21 from 7:30-9:00PM – topics: (1) 12th Step Technology; (2) personal Stories of AA's who are successfully meeting accessibility challenges; and (3) hybrid considerations
- All meetings will be held virtually until further notice
- Home group re-openings – suggestion that re-opening decisions serve the best interests of not only current group members, but also newcomers seeking access to the program of AA
- Virtual accessibility – be mindful of your background and your behavior during virtual meetings, as distractions may make AA unattractive to people who need AA

Hank G - Treatment Facilities Chair

- The SENY Treatment facilities (TF) committee is currently meeting virtually on the 4th Sunday of each month at 6PM. The next being June 27th
- TF will present at this year's virtual NYIW Aug. July 30-31st.
- On May 1st, The SENY TF committee is hosting a virtual workshop on the Bridging The Gap program. Featuring the NY Intergroup BTG chair, a successful BTG AA member, and a keynote speaker; followed by an "Ask It Basket" Attendance was very good. The speakers were outstanding
- The TF Chair is planning on attending the National Bridging The Gap Workshop this year in Rock Island, Ill.
- Currently Area 49 has a Bridging the Gap program up and running at NY Intergroup covering the 5 counties of NYC and Westchester County. Nassau County is starting a BTG program. Suffolk County's program is in place. Rockland County also has a BTG program
- TF now has a standing page on the SENY website. It includes upcoming event, minutes, links and Bridging the Gap requests.

Gail W. CPC Chair

- CPC – is Cooperation with the Professional Community, our 12th step work multiplied. I am available for Area, county and district workshops.
- It was a quiet month as CPC did not meet during May, but we will be meeting Tuesday, June 22nd at 7:30 pm and we invite you all to attend.
- CPC will be part of the panel on July 31st at the NYSIW.
- I am serving on the planning committee and am registration chair for the upcoming national CPC/PI conference being held February 11-13, 2022, targeting professionals throughout the US and Canada.

- We, as CPC have been sharing updated formats of correspondence to professionals and I have made myself available to mentor new CPC chairs and volunteers as well as creating an onboarding document for new chairs and volunteers.
- Our CPC committee meetings have been pretty awesome with AAs from across the country and Canada in attendance...it's become a monthly meeting place where we connect and brainstorm. We do a brief study of the CPC workbook; have a past delegate or CPC chair share briefly about CPC; have county reports; Q & A and more. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 pm virtually on the Zoom platform: 998 938 7641 (PW: 714921). All are welcome, please join us, see how you may be able to help with this vital 12th step work! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

Kimbley - Grapevine La Vina

- Goal is to put on a writing workshop - Nassau County will be holding 1st workshop. Manhattan will be hosting 2nd workshop.
- Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 I am still unable to get out to do service work of coordinating exhibits, selling Grapevine and LaVina, attending Share-A-Days, spiritual breakfast, area conventions...however there is still much work to do. The committee has met for the 4th time in May. All are welcome to attend and become a part of the committee. Meetings are averaging 10-12 people
- The Grapevine has two new publications. Free on the Inside (Stories of AA Recovery in Prison) and Mujeres En AA (Historia de mujeres pionera e hispanohablantes que se han recuperado del alcoholism) Women in AA (History of pioneering and Spanish-speaking women recovering from alcoholism)
- Upcoming efforts are being made to sell the on-hand inventory of Grapevine/LaVina literature. A flyer and inventory of items is available
- I encourage all to explore the Grapevine link at aagrapevine.org and for suggested Grapevine reps register through that link for their service commitment.
- Looking forward to adapting and exploring news ways to outreach to members and service committees.
- Upcoming events include presentation at the NYSIW in July, 2021
- As the conference has approved revision to the Preamble...we look forward to seeing this change in print.
- Next committee meeting scheduled 9.8.21

Kinsley - Literature Chair

- There was no meeting the past month due to technical difficulties.
- GSO started the no fee charges on delivery
- Want to announce to Spanish District that I have a lot of spanish literature

Mary - Link -

- The June issue of The Link is out now, featuring some articles from District 411 DCM Lucky M and a new member of the board of AAWS, John W. The Issue for submissions for the Sep. issue is August 26th.

- We are rolling out our AA Service Classifieds, so if you have an open service position on your District, County, or Area Committee please send over a brief description and contact email and we'll post an ad in The Link.
- Over the summer, our committee is going to meet and change the layout of The Link a little, focusing on how we can incorporate more news from our Area that GSR's can take back to their groups. If you'd like to collaborate or if you have a cool idea for the newsletter, please send over an email.

Agenda and Web - Mike

Web- Claire is not here but she has updated the website and we now have landing pages for all the standing committees

Agenda- if you want to add anything on the calendar, please let us know and email agenda@aaseny.org

7th Tradition

Alternate Delegate - JoAnn M

- Shared on Concept 4 at an international virtual meeting and attended the Hispanic Districts Asamblea May 16.
- Attended the monthly NERD meeting where we heard 2- minute shares from the Delegates about their experiences at the General Service Conference.
- Service participation meeting was on May 20. The next service participation meeting is scheduled for July 15 at 7:30pm.
 - Larry, DCMC for Manhattan offered to host the first workshop - August 7th. The flyer and information are already on the SENY Calendar - We will also have Spanish interpretation at the workshop
 - Brian, DCMC for Staten Island has volunteered to host the 2nd JOS for 2021 and the date will be Saturday Nov. 13. Venue is to be decided (virtual or in person).
- Shared on concept 5 at the Suffolk General Service meeting on May 21.
- Attended the Northeast Regional Forum virtually last weekend, and it was wonderful.
- Attended both May Northeast Region Alt Delegate meetings and the first one in June this past Tuesday.
- I will be sharing on service at the Area 48 JOS workshop during their assembly on June 13(tomorrow).
- Will be speaking at Nassau County's 36th Unity Breakfast on June 27.
- Lastly, I was asked to provide AA films virtually at a Traditions workshop scheduled for July 10 from 11a-1pm and hosted by the BxUM and Westchester Counties.
- I am still available for group inventories.

Area Chairperson - Nisaa A

The Exploratory committee for in-person meetings will meet during the summertime. There will be an email and announcement on the SENY website with information for our fall/winter meetings. Check with your county registrar to make sure you are signed up to receive Area email. You can also sign up to receive SENY text messages.

Our SENY committee meetings will likely remain virtual for the rest of 2021.

I will announce an opportunity for our GSRs to tell us what they would like at assemblies. Workshops, Q&A, etc. This will be done through a short open forum survey - what do you want at your assembly? Are you enjoying the ask it basket ? etc...

I want to encourage folks to submit designs for a new cover of the digital version of the SENY handbook.

T&CO - Mike O.

- The Technology Committee and Putnam General Service are holding a July 10th hybrid meetings workshop
- We sent Area-wide text messages to the body reminding trusted servants of the post-Conference Assembly. We are also trying closed captioning for Assemblies.
- GSO's list of online groups ballooned from around 300 to over 2000 due to Covid, and GSO is considering how to best process the data into Fellowship connection. But, in Area 49, only 3 meetings have reached out to us re: declaring Area 49 their geographic district. We will make sure they are informed of the assembly.
- Website: The standing committee landing pages are on the website

Old Business

New Business

30 min break

Tom Bracken, Delegate

- Welcomed everyone and Jane back to her first meeting since she was Delegate.
- Tom presented a powerpoint which is available on the delegate page- so you can share all the details with your group.
- The Business of A.A. at the General Service Conference
 - How the Conference Operates, and A.A. Service Manual p. S59
 - Your SENY Delegate: 0.757576%
 - A new U.S. Trustee-at-Large
 - A new AAWS Non-Trustee Director
 - Serving on my Conference Committee (C.P.C.)
 - This year's Delegate's Questionnaire
 - Advisory Actions
 - Committee Considerations
 - The importance of the Final Conference Report to your Group
- Additional Information at the General Service Conference
 - Brief Financial summary
 - Reports and Other Cool Stuff
- "What I Saw and Heard and Felt"

The Roll Call – “Present”
The Serenity Meetings
A Special Moment in the C.P.C. Committee
The spirit in which A.A. Business is conducted
Traditions 1 & 2 / Concepts I & II
2:15 AM, Sunday morning, April 25th
Entries in my journal
What I learned about Me

- A spiritual journey: The A.A. Preamble
A restatement: How the Conference Operates
Tradition 10
A Brief History leading up to the 71st GSC
A Tale of Three Floor Actions
The Role of the A.A. Grapevine Board
- Summary

Participating was a gift. I learned how important additional information is. 132 different people with one ultimate goal., which is to keep AA strong and moving forward. The phrase “because that's how we've always done it” is not good enough. That was evident with all our work during the conference. We shouldn't confuse motion with progress. The GSC had actual progress this year.

“Alcoholics Anonymous works”- I am available to come to your county and district to talk about whatever topic you would like.

- **Questions and Answers**

Do you know if there is a submission deadline for the 5th edition of the BB

- For the next few years, we don't have a deadline. The sooner you submit, the better.
- Usually we have until Dec 15th if we want to submit an agenda item for the GSC. We are asking that if you have something, please submit it by Sept 15th so we have enough time prior to Dec 15th deadline.

The change to the preamble that passed on May 12th - does that become effective immediately?

- As far as announcing, in the July Grapevine/La Vina a full detail will be made of it.
- May 12 is when officially passed
- As items are reprinted, this will be inserted.
- Groups are encouraged to use it now.

Can Tom elaborate about Google Ads?

- It was one of the truly hot button issues that were discussed last year. I will have to get back to you. The committee did not bring it forth.
- I will def make an announcement about this whether its in The Link or at the next assembly

Plain language version? Was there discussion about Dr Bob's efforts to make a plain language version?

- It was mentioned briefly on the floor, it's been a consideration for a long time.
- We are not re-writing the big book, it would be considered a translation
- Literacy vs. Comprehension - there was a video on this last year that is still available. I would advise anyone interested in this, contact me to view that video and try to understand what they are trying to do.
- There will be a 5th edition of the big book - but this is separate from plain language

Can you give tips or suggestions on how to discuss preamble change with groups and group autonomy? Who has to do what?

- I would suggest printing out the slides and showing the group that
- The thing with the preamble is that it's been approved.
- I suggest you Read all of Tradition 4, not just the first part, with your groups
- Groups are gonna continue to do what they want to do. If we want to be in unity, then we should follow this. We want to be in unity with AA.
- If you want to use the old preamble, I would suggest to look at it with the glasses of unity
- I'm available - if you want me to go speak at your group

What was the long discussion about the mental health pamphlet?

- The discussion was about: Are we getting too specific with our outreach with pamphlets? Are we subdividing our pamphlets too much?
- Right now, If a professional goes to a trade show, they are not going to pull pamphlets, they are going to take pics of QR codes. That's just the world we live in. We need to reach out to mental health professionals. In the US, there are 577,000 mental health professions, multiply that to the number of people that go to professionals and find AA through them.
- We need to reach them however we can. For now, having the QR codes and it being a virtual pamphlet will be huge.

Why the GSC is held in secret? Why can't people just attend as listeners?

- Concept 3. Let's say something comes up and my area is split. I go to the conference as a "trusted" servant. I go informed, not instructed.
- When you have 93 area delegates from the US and Canada, we can't do our jobs if we are having outside discussions with others. Imagine if I was speaking and getting a million texts at the same time, people giving me their opinion on how i answered etc.

Can you please give a definition of what plain language is? Does that mean de-genderization?

- It is not addressed as a gender neutral revision
- Highly suggest everyone watch the video about literacy vs. comprehension

Is AA going to be allowed audio with no video for hybrid meetings?

What's the future of hybrid meetings? The type of meeting room has a lot to do with the success of hybrid meetings, that would mean audio, not just video. If you are in a very large room with cement walls, it's going to be very hard. It's a very fact specific question. It's going to be different for every group. These topics are all under consideration right now.

Was Plain Language edition passed?

A draft version was approved and it would be reported back next year.

Has there been talk of the possibility of alternating virtual with in person conference?

They did not have enough information to make an informed decision on this. My opinion is that it is a powerful tool. There are offsetting benefits. Of course there are things that aren't the best, like fellowship. But I think we are more informed now to discuss the topic next year

People want to know exactly what the preamble was changed to.

Go to the From The Delegate page and it's right there, first item

For the preamble item, in 2019 we voted it down, did this affect your opinion?

In 2019, It was 64% that voted for, meaning it wasn't substantially unumity, but it was almost 2/3rd. As far as right of decision, I view this from the perspective of inclusion and how it affects the newcomer

Is there time set aside specifically before the committee or conference, or does someone just stand up and say "there is a floor action"?

When a floor action is introduced the chair asks the body if they want to hear it. The last day of the conference, the floor actions are heard.

Are the Literature and CPC kits going online? What will that do for our literature sales and our financials moving forward?

This is an expansive question but it truly relates to the question: are we really self supporting? This is the direction we are headed, more and more will be available online.

Whats going on with online groups being registered?

There were 2 options- should we have a virtual area? Or should we just register to existing districts? It's going to take time, but as of right now, the requirement is that they need a physical address. It can be from 1 member and it doesn't matter where the other members are. Something to keep in mind, is we will not be the AA police.

How to present the changes to the preamble to our groups? Do you have a suggestion on how it could be presented to groups?

There is no standard AA approach. Tradition 2 mentions Unity and Tradition 4 is more than one part. Each group has to examine their own conscience. Do we want to stick with AA and be unified? We have to think of AA as a whole. Is a newcomer going to get confused if some groups say men and women and another group says people? If a group is holding on to the old preamble, I would ask them to consider why?

Did the podcast vote pass?

Yes it passed! There will be a podcast. The podcast will be very carefully planned out. As far as anonymity, we have 7 class A trustees that are not AAs. It's very important that we come across professionally, we are attracting and not promoting.

There is a private FB group run by AA members in my county? What is right and wrong there?

The problem with this is we don't know if other AA people in the secret group will uphold the traditions. I can't be a part of that, but that's my personal opinion.

Did they do a revised pamphlet for the Black/Africans Americans?

This is an advisory action. AA continues to look at inclusion and make our language appropriate to the time we live in.

Who is being excluded by men and woman in the old preamble?

- Gender non conforming people
- Young people that are not considered men or women. For example teens that come in
- I would suggest thinking about is it political, or is it about inclusion?

Tradition 11 - how does social media play into this? Are there any plans to update this tradition with social media? Can you explain the instagram stuff? Does this mean the account is going to go live before next year?

To my understanding, they are going to experimentally proceed with it. We have to reach out to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. We are looking at any means possible, while doing it with the traditions in mind. There is a broad thrust to reach out to every alcoholic that is still suffering. This is part of the thrust, along with the podcast.

What is Substantial unanimity? It means 2/3rds of the vote

Where are we with the results of the communications audit? Our websites are ancient, like myspace!

Everyone is still well aware of this. I think I'm going to post information about this on the From the Delegate page. It's 3 years later, but it's important we continue to evaluate this and see how we're doing.

Meeting closed.