

SENY Assembly

Saturday, September 11, 2021 10am - 3:30pm

SENY Rules of Order 9am - 9:45am

Serenity Prayer, SENY Statement of Purpose

Approval of June Assembly Meeting Minutes

Chair Accepted Minutes as written.

Reports:

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

If anyone wants to discuss the reports please email Rich.

June

- Received 89 contributions totalling \$7,347.
- Literature sales and the 7th Tradition baskets from the Assembly and Committee meeting increased total income for the month to \$7,884.
- Our expenses totalled \$5,130 with Officer reimbursements of \$457, Office rent of \$1,500 and the annual premium for our insurance policy of \$1,903 being the major items.
- Net surplus for the month was \$2,753. This increased our cash balance to \$47,237.
- Our Prudent Reserve stood at \$127,101 or 10.55 months.

Motion passed to accept June report. 88 people in favor, 6 abstentions, no opposed.

July

- Revenue of \$9,076 consisted solely of 76 group contributions.
- Expenses were just under \$6,000. Monthly Office rent of \$1,500, \$2,618 for translation and interpretation services, \$480 for printing and mailing the LINK, and \$470 for travel expenses for the Corrections Chair to attend the National Corrections Conference were the primary costs.
- The net surplus for the month of \$3,083 increased our cash balances to \$50,318. The Prudent Reserve remained constant.

Motion passed to accept July report. 105 people in favor, 4 abstentions , no opposed.

August

- We received 90 contributions which totalled \$16,723 and collected \$150 in literature sales. We also received a transfer of \$6,376 which was the profit realized on the 2021 Virtual SENY Convention bringing total revenue to a monthly high of \$23,252.

- Expenses declined to \$3,388 with monthly rent of \$1,500 being the largest expense. We paid \$500 to District 620 for the use of their storage facility where we have kept our Grapevine/La Vina inventory since January. We have since rented our own facility where the materials will be stored going forward. We also paid \$200 as a fee for the use of the facility where our Tech Committee co-sponsored the Hybrid Meeting Workshop. The net surplus for the month rose to \$19,864 and allowed our operating cash balances to increase to \$70,180.
- Our Prudent Reserve held steady at \$127,105 or 10.55 months.

Motion passed to approve August report. 112 people in favor, 1 against, and 3 abstentions

- In short, we are outperforming our budget with revenues exceeding the budget on a year to date basis and expenses well below the budget projections. Contributions for the 8 months were \$81,820 or approximately \$6,000 higher than expected. Our 7th Tradition baskets, literature sales and the SENY Convention surplus increased total income to \$90,104 which is 73% of the total budgeted for the entire year.
- Expenses for the 8 months were minimal at only \$40,450 due to the continuing effects of the Covid-19 shutdown which is only 42% of the expected amount at this point and 28% of the total budget for the year. We had budgeted assuming that we would be virtual for the first six months of the year and back live for the second half. This has not happened so our Officers' and Standing Committee Chairs have not been traveling or spending much of their budget and we have had no real expenses for our Assemblies and Committee meetings.
- We are doing very well but these unexpected surpluses will create a question which we will need to discuss as we move forward –what to do with these excess funds.

I'll be sending out budget worksheets to the Officers and Committee Chairs soon (probably in early October) so we can begin to work on the 2022 budget. In the meantime, I continue to encourage them all to seek out ways to utilize their budgets and provide services and support to the SENY AA community.

County & Hispanic District Reports

Westchester DCMC - Kevin

- We meet on 3rd wednesday of month, meeting is hybrid
- We had a couple of great events over the summer. Traditions workshop, spiritual BBQ, family picnic day.
- Upcoming Share A Day - 10/16 from 10am - 3pm at 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, NY.

Bronx Upper Manhattan DCMC - Laura dcmc@bxum.aaseny.org

- July Joint workshop w/ Westchester cty Traditions Worship ; Joann the alt Delegate provide the video of Bill W discussing the 12 Traditions-

- August -met Tom B SENY Delegate to discuss the General Service Conference and discuss Share a Day.
- The committees for the Share a Day meets weekly until the event. Share a day is 9/18/2021 @ Holy Family Church in the Bronx.
- The Spiritual breakfast is 10/24/2021. This event will be virtual.

DCMC Putnam County- John L

- Delegate Tom B joined August meeting.
- Putnam has a variety of meetings available. (in person, hybrid, and virtual) Updated information is listed on the county website putnamcountynyaa.org
- We are looking to organize a Unity Breakfast for later this autumn. It will most likely be hybrid.
- County CPC/PI has labeled bundles of materials with county GSO information for distribution in the county.
- We are looking to participate in the Bridge the Gap program.
- Our county meeting is on the second Tuesday of every month.

DCMC Sullivan County - Jeff P

- County meetings are still virtual, some meetings are opening up
- Live events are still on hold
- Meet on 3rd sunday of each month

Queens County DCMC - Bert dcmc@qcgisa.org

- Had our first hybrid meeting and it went well, Tom attended
- We have a virtual planned committee meeting on Sept 18th
- We need help to fill positions, treasurer, cpc...
- We have a mailing list, please subscribe if interested QCGSA.org

DCMC Manhattan - Larry dcmc@manhattan.aaseny.org

- There were no meetings during the summer
- Next meeting will be September 21st
- Share a day on October 9th - coming up with a flyer - we have a save the date flyer which is up already.
- Hosted Joy of Service Workshop on 8/7/21
- Attended District 620 meeting on 9/8/21
- We are looking for a webchair

DCMC Suffolk County - Melissa dcmc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Suffolk is still exploring in person locations to explore hybrid options. Many churches are not taking in groups at this time.
- We did not meet in August, but we are back 3rd Friday of month at 8pm. Orientation at 7pm.
- District 113 is hosting a workshop about the differences between intergroup and general service.
- We are hosting LISTS (Long Island Spirituality Through Service) this fall. More info to come. DCMCs on LI please check your emails!

DCM Orange County - Eric dcmc@orange.aaseny.org

- We did meet in the summer - Tom attended
- 2 weeks from tomorrow we are having a virtual spiritual breakfast 9am- 11am. Please come and join us. Info is on seny calendar.

Staten Island DCMC - Brian

- Most meetings are in person
- Published a meeting list and website is being updated regularly
- 2nd sunday of month - we have grapevine chair coming to speak
- 9/18/21 BBQ Block Party
- 11/6/21 Share a Day
- 11/13/21 SENY Joy of Service Workshop
- 11/28/21 20th annual Spiritual Breakfast (in person)

Rockland County DCMC - Thomas

- We had no meeting July and August
- Meet 3rd wed of month virtually
- Working on new bylaws
- Visiting dark groups and trying to get people active
- Some positions vacant
- Setting up alcathon for christmas eve day
- Working on setting up spiritual breakfast for next year
- Majority of meetings are meeting in person

DCMC Nassau County - Marty

- We are still ironing out bridge the gap program with intergroup
- We have a 24hr phone service
- Shout out to county CPC - with PI in intergroup. Putting up posters on buses - going to cost \$4,000. 2k is from GSR and the other 2k is from Intergroup
- Reaching out to dark groups

- Share a day got canceled
- Oct 18th next committee meeting
- Unity Breakfast planning is starting

Brooklyn DCMC - Deborah

- June 26- Share a day, great success
- Virtual spiritual breakfast will be on Dec 6th
- Will continue meet virtually for the rest of the year
- We do have a few open positions, we will be focusing on filling them

Hispanic District DCMC - Jorge

- Started in person assemblies in July - this september will be 3rd
- We are starting workshops of service
- We are having a lot of participation, which is great
- We supported international convention US and canada - this past weekend.

Standing Committee Reports

Link - Mary link@aaseny.org

- The September Issue of The Link is out now on the website and printed versions will be mailed shortly.
- This month's issue focuses on "Our Rights In AA Service" and features updates from our delegate Tom B., our Alternate Delegate Jo Ann M., and a beautiful address from Bill W. to the 1956 General Service Conference, outlining the importance of appeal, participation, and decision (Concepts 3, 4, & 5).
- Next month's theme will be "Group inventory & Primary purpose" and the deadline for submissions is Sep 23.
- **Is there an open service position on your district, county, or area committee? Area 49's new AA service classifieds can help!** Send a brief description of the position, any sober time/other requirements involved, and a contact email, and we'll post your "ad" here—where other AA's eager to do service can find it!

Intergroup Liaison - Christine intergroup@aaseny.org

- Aug 15 - had first hybrid committee meeting - Brooklyn intergroup hosted
- Next meeting will be hosted by Suffolk
- Topics of discussion:
 - How intergroups are handling the information for groups re-opening. Whether it is in-person, hybrid or virtual

- We need groups to update their meeting information with their local intergroup and if their group lists with NY-Intergroup they have to update theirs also.
- It's been a challenge in keeping their meeting list/website up to date
- Discussing the challenges of printed meeting lists
- Brooklyn intergroup is focusing on "outreach".
- Should intergroups share an online speaker exchange
- Audit of the meeting list (each county) by outreaching to each group
- I sent an email to the DCMC's asking if their DCMs can reach out to their districts to see if their meeting info is up to date on the meeting list
- Do groups update their information with their local intergroup and NY intergroup
- Do groups need to be listed with NY- intergroup if they are listed with their local intergroup
- Cory, from Nassau Intergroup suggested a "link" on the NY-Intergroup website with the other intergroups meeting list
- I will be attending the NAATW 9-17 to 9-19 and the Intergroup Conference in October
- The SENY Intergroup Liaison Meeting is the 3rd Sunday of every month and the Meeting ID can be found on the SENY website and go to our web page aaseny.org

Treatment Facilities Chair - Hank tf@aaseny.org

- 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 Sept. 26th from 6PM to 7PM. ID and passcode on SENY calendar.

Agenda Chair - Vicky - agenda@aaseny.org

- Please include start and end time in your requests.
- Be aware of other people's events so it doesn't conflict
- Feel free to check my work and let me know if I post anything incorrectly
- Please send flyer as PDF or Jpeg
- events.aaseny.org/events

Service Sponsorship Chair - Keith sponsorship@aaseny.org

- My standing committee website is up to date, please check it out <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship>

- We are going to set up a forum on how to get a service sponsor.

Archives Chair - Jeffrey archives@aaseny.org

- We have not stopped meeting
- We meet every first friday of the month at 6pm
- <https://www.aaseny.org/archives>

Corrections Chair - Lucas (718 809-7425)

Our fourth SENY Corrections meeting will be held on Saturday, September 18th at 3pm. 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>

I welcome all interested in Corrections service to attend the National Corrections Call tomorrow at 11am ET to attend our final discussion regarding a potential agenda item our group is thinking of directly submitting for consideration to the General Service Conference or the Corrections Committee to create service material, ie. a pamphlet, language added to the Corrections Workbook regarding inside sponsorship behind the walls.

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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 hosted its annual Share-A Day on June 26th and Manhattan will host its Share A Day in October where our Committee looks to have a Corrections Workshop.

In June, we visited Orange County to introduce GSR's to our Corrections programs at general services which was a delight.

Area 47 will host our quarterly All-Areas meeting with Area Chairs from Area 47, 48 and 50 on Tuesday September 14th at 5:30pm. 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.

The in-person status of the National Corrections Conference in New Orleans in November (12th-14th) is in question but nonetheless if it becomes a virtual conference I still look forward to attending and bringing back some valuable information from the experience. All are welcome to attend and join me down in NOLA. <https://nationalcorrectionsconference.org/>

New York State Information Workshop Chair - Jeannette K nysiw@aaseny.org

- NYSIW 2022 - If you are interested, please reach out. We need a committee. NYSIW@aaseny.org if you want to participate.
- I will be putting an ad in the grapevine.
- Asking for those especially able to assist with technology to please step up.

CPC Chair - Kristin Cpc@aaseny.org (516-659-6703)

- CPC committee meets virtually on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30-8:30.
- Since accepting the chair position I have spoken to a few members across Area 49. There is the consideration of join with the PI committee meeting that will be discussed at our September 28th meeting.
- We really need members to participate so that we can reach out to professionals that could help spread the message of AA.
- I am interested in discussing the potential of doing a survey to determine the actual need of information in the professional community and target those who need correct information.
- Currently the Nassau CPC chair

PI Chair - Paola pi@aaseny.org

- We've started doing virtual informal round tables with the public the 2nd Monday of every month at 6pm.
- The flyer for the next round table can be found on the PI landing page <https://www.aaseny.org/public-information>
- We are also discussing the movement of people leaving AA for other recovery programs because of discrimination within AA and the misinformation that it cannot/should not be addressed because it is considered an "outside issue" per the tenth tradition.

Literature Chair - Kingsley literature@aaseny.org

- General Service working on a new catalog to come out in November
- Deals on aa.org - new preamble placards, new wallet size preambles, available in different languages
- Box 459 - new copies - introduces new members - on aa.org

Recording Secretary - Jessica V secretary@aaseny.org

- Please send you reports to my email!

Accessibilities Chair - Annabel access@aaseny.org

- 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 id codes and passcodes), to allow access for AA's who lack video capability
- 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

Kimbley G - Grapevine

- The committee met for the 5th time on September 7, 2021. All are welcome to attend
- A.A. Grapevine, Inc. has a new publisher.
- The Grapevine also has a new publication - "Prayer and Meditation" – Powerful stories about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. Available in English, Spanish and French.
- As the result of a GSC action, Grapevine and LaVina now has an Instagram page.
- LaVina celebrates 25 years of publication.
- I presented at the NYSIW this past July.
- The efforts to sell the on-hand inventory of Grapevine/LaVina literature is coming along well.
- Nassau County General Service office and Orange County have purchased hundreds of dollars' worth of inventory. We have some way to go. Goal is to sell inventory by the years' end.
- 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.
- Looking forward to adapting and exploring new ways to outreach to members and service committees.
- Grapevine Writer's Workshop (Nassau County); (Manhattan D618)
- Exploring the possibility of a workshop "History of the Grapevine and LaVina"
- As the conference has approved revision to the Preamble...we look forward to seeing this change print.
- Next committee meeting scheduled 9.7.21

Exploratory Committee Update - Heidi C.

- Committee has met 4 times

- We recommend SENY officers wear masks when attending events
- We recommend we stay remote until the end of January
- We are looking into having hybrid meetings afterwards, but it will be based on federal guidelines and state guidelines
- We are trying to abide by tradition 10. Guidelines are changing frequently so we are meeting regularly.
- We are keeping accessibility and unity central to our discussions
- Meeting again on Monday 9/14

7th Tradition - Venmo: @SENY-AreaFortyNine

Alternate Delegate - JoAnn M - altdelegate@aaseny.org

- Attended and shared at the Nassau County Spiritual Breakfast on June 27.
- On July 10th I attended two events. The BxUM and Westchester Counties had a traditions workshop where I was invited to show the film “Bill W discusses the 12 Traditions” and the Tech committee workshop where I learned a lot about hybrid meetings pros and cons, which I was able to share with my Homegroup.
- Attended the NYSIW during the weekend of July 30-31 and it was very informative. The workshops had speakers from the 4 Areas of NY State.
- Had our 1st JOS workshop for this year on August 7 hosted by Manhattan, and I want to thank Sherry and Larry for a memorable event. I also want to thank our Web Chair Claire for setting up the awesome landing page for JOS on our website. The next JOS workshop is scheduled for November 13 and will be hosted by Staten Island. More information to follow.
- Unable to attend the Asamblea in July but did attend the in-person Asamblea on August 15 held in Hempstead. I received several registration forms for new GSRs which I processed on their behalf. I had conversations with Mike O, our TCO and Justin, our Registration Chair discussing ways to make it easier for the Hispanic community to register their groups, GSRs, DCMs and Officers with SENY. The website has been updated to make it more user friendly for them. A sincere Thanks to Mike and Justin for their speedy assistance! I also contacted the new GSO Manager Craig and ordered GSR kits in Spanish for those GSRs who did not receive one and plan to distribute them at the September Asamblea on September 19th.
- Attended the 4th annual Westchester County BBQ on August 28 and handed out September Grapevine issues received in error to Day Counters.
- Wrote two articles over the summer for the En Lace Newsletter which I sent to Elio for publication. Mary added one of the articles to our September LINK.
- Attended a few County Assemblies over the summer.
- Facilitated Service participation Meetings in July and August with our County DCMCs and Alternates. The next one will be on October 21st at 7:30pm.

- On September 1st, the Northeast Region Alternate delegates were asked to present at the monthly national Alt-Delegate meeting where the 93 alternate delegates are invited to attend. I gave a few fun facts about our Area and then discussed our virtual elections we had last year. The goal was to help Areas conducting elections this year decide how they will conduct theirs. Just so you know, half of the 93 Areas conduct elections on the even year and the other half on the odd year. There will be approximately 46-47 Areas conducting elections over the next few months.
- Attended an event in Ossining hosted by Distrito 814 (Westchester) which was a workshop discussing the big book and I was asked to speak about the importance and responsibility we have to send our stories for the new 4th edition of the big book.
- Attended the first planning meeting for the November JOS workshop.
- Available for group inventories.

Questions Summary

- Submit stories for the 5th edition to literature@aaseny.org
- Please submit stories for 4th edition of Spanish edition to Paola - pi@aaseny.org

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

According to GSO there are around 1,452 active groups in Area 49. Obviously, we do not have fourteen hundred GSRs present. However, Concepts 1 and 2 state that the final responsibility for AA world services is the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship, as decided at the General Service Conference. As a GSR you are your group's voice and conscience in the general service conference process, today deciding what we as an Area would like the Conference to consider. Your presence and participation ensure that your Group's conscience is heard!

Tech committee did not meet in July, August, or September. But, the committee and Putnam County put on a well-received and well-attended workshop on holding hybrid meetings. Written materials are on the SENY website tech page.

I attended the virtual NYS Information workshop, where I presented. I also attended NERAASA; I will attend the virtual National AA Tech Workshop next weekend.

We've begun the process of translating SENY documents into Spanish, starting with how we run our meetings; translated copies are in the temp folder for today, and will be added to our website shortly. More documents will follow, including the service manual in Spanish and other conference-approved documents such as the concepts and traditions checklists, plus service pamphlets.

GSR Kits and data storage: Over the spring and summer Justin and I participated in a number of registrar meetings with GSO and other Area registrars. As discussed in this month's Box 459, GSO now uses Oracle NetSuite, which GSO calls Fellowship Connection, formerly MyPortal, for all data and transactional purposes. By whatever name, GSO's systems were originally designed for GSO staffers, to carry out GSO purposes; Area access was limited to registrars only, for the purpose of updating information.

In recent years and with Netsuite GSO has set a goal of expanding access to Fellowship Connections to DCMs to facilitate service. That has its own set of difficulties, in that the system, originally designed in the early 1990's, was not set up for that. Data flowed in, not out. GSO is trying to correct this, but the process is laborious.

That said, during this process it's become apparent that Fellowship Connection contains a lot of bad data. For example, in Area 49 Justin found a number of groups who, according to GSO, have had the same GSR since at least 1977. I looked at Districts: GSO believes there are 208 Districts within SENY; the real number is less than 100. My personal favorite is District 43, whose geographic borders are limited to a 2-bedroom condo in Pomona, Rockland County. For the good of the Area and GSO, we need to help GSO clean this up. Justin has reached out to GSO for further guidance on how to correct or delete bad data and we will be asking for the DCMs and DCMs help in this process. In the meantime, if you have not received a kit and want one, please email me at tco@aaseny.org – the address is in the Link.

Lastly, because of how data flows in Fellowship Connection, if you are a new trusted servant or need to alter or add Group information, please use the SENY website. It's faster and far more efficient than GSO.

I am available to speak on the traditions or concepts or my service commitment.

Questions Summary

Q: 1400 groups in our area. Do you feel like our group conscious of our area is brought to assembly and general service conference? Right now we have 188 people on this call

A: Tom answers this:

- A few years ago, for panel 67 we had graphs etc, tracking this kind of stuff. We had a generous avg of 12% of the groups. What about the rest of 88% groups? We do everything we can. We have a very robust website, we send out an email blast, Tom is open to suggestions on how to reach out to these groups.
- From experience when Tom went around to dark groups in Suffolk a lot of the responses were: "we are all set thanks, thanks for coming by."

- All of us reaching out is a lot more powerful, than just Tom reaching out.
- Tom would love to know what all those absent people think when headed to conference

Q: Looking to outreach in virtual meetings. Is there a possible way to reach out to those meetings?

A: This would be reaching out to each intergroup entity, SENY is separate. Try reaching out to Christine, for some insight as she is our intergroup liaison

Area Chairperson - Nisaa A - chair@aaseny.org

- Schedule for 2022 meetings is out!
- 2022 SENY convention chair will be Mel R. We are planning for in person, we do have a contract. Something we have in our favor is General Service Conference 2022, end of April, will be in Brooklyn at a Marriott. Ours is at a Marriott too.
- First convention meeting is coming up - 9/26 convention@aaseny.org
- Nisaa has done a bunch of inventories, and remains available for inventories

Delegate Tom B - delegate@aaseny.org

Since the Post Conference Assembly I've reported back to 8 of our 12 counties; two more are on tap over the next 10 days, and I don't have a commitment yet from the remaining two. Additionally, I've reported back to our Hispanic District's Asamblea, and several other SENY entities. I will continue to be available for any questions on the 71st General Service Conference.

In reviewing the minutes from the last Assembly, I wanted to confirm my response to the question "Can Tom elaborate about Google Ads"? The exact wording of the PI consideration can be found under bullet point #2, page 12 of Committee Considerations, which can be found at - you guessed it! - aaseny.org/from-the-delegate

On or soon after this coming Thursday Sept 16, there will be a number of updates and re-postings to our SENY website, including on the home/landing page, From The Delegate, and Written Resources. This will include putting the Communications Audit back up (which was mentioned during Q&A at our last Assembly), and other information relevant to Area 49 and to AA as a whole.

Additionally, there will be a new page devoted to announcements from AA Grapevine/La Vina, so that I can easily make available to all of you announcements of new books, developments, etc. This will be complimentary to our Standing Committee GV/LV page, which offers you a direct link to the Grapevine website.

There is no final date yet on the release of the printed 2021 Final Conference Reports; as soon as I have them I will distribute them to your DCMCs. Each DCMC will have a certain number of reports, based on what they told me in the spring.

The new A.A. General Service Manual will be available within the next month or two; I encourage EVERYONE in service to obtain a copy as soon as possible.

As currently scheduled (and pending the pandemic situation seven months hence) we are scheduled to hold the 72nd GSC on April 24-30, 2022 in person, at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott in Brooklyn. If that holds, we need volunteers for the hospitality committee, which is geared towards visitors coming into town with the Delegates. I did this in 2019, and it was a wonderful experience. Please email our SENY Treasurer Rich S. at treasurer@aa-seny.org to get involved.

Tom shares various readings:

- AA, The Big Book - Appendix II, "Spiritual Experience"
- AA COA p. 232 footnote 1957
- LOH p. 308
- LOH p. 321-322
- Editorial from Grapevine called "On Cultivating Tolerance" from Dr. Bob of Akron
- Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk

New business: five motions, each a proposed agenda item for next year's 72nd General Service Conference. These have been submitted to SENY for consideration, discussion, and vote by you, the SENY Assembly members.

I am asking you to consider each motion as it's presented, and hold it up to your understanding of our AA Traditions, and the understanding of your group as well. I'm going to ask you to honor the two equally important parts of Fellowship discussion: speaking with conviction (but never with anger or disrespect), and at the same time listening with open-mindedness. If we consider and discuss in that spirit, and in the spirit of the readings I just gave you from Bill W and Dr. Bob, then the voting will take care of itself.

Questions Summary

Q. People putting down conference approved literature other than the BB. How do we go about this? How do we approach people about this topic?

A: The best thing for people who don't understand, is education. I am most willing to listen when I need to be educated, especially when someone is using the message of love and service

that Dr. Bob talks about. From Tom's personal experience: It is better when these types of conversations are had one on one versus in a group setting. One of the standard questions is to ask "is your group's GSR aware of what's going on in General Service? Maybe your GSR can bring back some information around this issue?" With tolerance, suggest to talk after the meeting and before the meeting and be ready with examples of how other literature is important besides the BB.

Q/A: If you are the GSR for 2 different groups, you cannot vote separately. Each group should have 1 GSR, and then 1 vote.

Q/A: If you need to sign up for an area and you are a virtual group, reach out to registration@aaseny.org or TCO@aaseny.org about registering.

Q: Instead of Tom going out to all the groups, why don't GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs go out to dark groups?

A: According to the Service Manual, it does deputize the DCMCs, DCMs, GSRs to help the delegate carry the message. The delegate can't do everything. Oftentimes, Tom reaches out to DCMs, etc to help him out, he needs help.

Q: Should GSRs have known these motions prior? Should we have discussed these motions with our groups before the meeting?

A: Yes- this has been on the website since Aug 25. We encourage people to check our website on a regular basis. If you missed the window to submit to SENY, you still have until Sept 15th to submit a motion directly to GSO.

No Old Business

New Business*

*Motions submitted by voting members

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Motion 1: The Clinton Hill Group (hereinafter "our group") respectfully proposes that the following paragraph (hereinafter the "Paragraph") should be deleted from Living Sober. "And the best sponsors are really delighted when the newcomer is able to step out past the stage of being sponsored. Not that we ever have to go it altogether alone. But the time does come when even a young bird must use its own wings and start its own family. Happy flying!" (See the last paragraph of Chapter 11 in Living Sober.)

Motion is seconded. Matt G has 2 minutes to explain motion.

Robust discussion took place.

1 min Matt to comment again: Motion is based on our group experience. We don't take lightly changing literature.

VOTES:

46 Yes

69 No

24 Abstentions

Votes determining percentage: 115

Total votes: 139

$\frac{2}{3}$ - would need 77 votes

Motion does not carry.

Minority Opinion is given.

Vote to reconsider:

77 Opposed

50 to Yes reopen

5 abstentions

Motion to reconsider does not pass.

Motion 1 does not pass.

Motion 2: To insert the following paragraph into the pamphlet "Faith Leaders Ask about Alcoholics Anonymous":

[Title] Are there other types of Spiritual Leaders who might Cooperate Effectively with A.A.?

There are numerous leaders, lay members and spiritual servants who are in a unique position to identify those who may be suffering from alcoholism, and can direct them to A.A. Included in this group are those who do not identify with specific religious affiliations. For example, Spiritual Directors and Pastoral Care Providers offer spiritual guidance, both one-on-one and within important institutions such as hospitals and prisons. Many spiritual care providers serve humanists, agnostics and atheists. By any name, those who offer a solution based on spiritual

growth can direct those they recognize and serve, who might suffer from alcoholism, to the spiritual program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Motion is seconded.

2 min discussion

Robust discussion took place.

Vote:

121 Yes

13 No

10 Abstentions

Votes determining percentage: 134

Total votes: 144

$\frac{2}{3}$ - would need 90 in favor

Motion carries

Motion 2 passes.

Motion 3: I make a motion to keep the 12 and 12 book exactly as Bill wrote it wrote it, as a historical document in the same respect as the 1st 164 pages of the big book of Alcohol Anonymous.

Motion Seconded.

2 min explanation: by Kristen Seny CPC chair

Robust Discussion

Some points of clarification:

Wasn't this motion passed already in 2005?

At the 71st conference there were many changes. Scroll down to Literature to see the changes that are happening to the 12&12.

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Amendment to Motion 3: I make a motion to keep the 12 and 12 book exactly as Bill wrote it, as a practical historical document in the same respect as the 1st 164 pages of the big book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Process of accepting an amendment: it is totally within reason for the person who made the motion to accept a friendly amendment.

Vote:

72 Yes

55 No

Total votes for determining percentage: 127

$\frac{2}{3}$ - Need 88 in favor

Motion does not carry.

We didn't vote again because no one wanted to change their vote.

Motion 3 does not pass.

Motion 4: It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the Grapevine take an inventory of, or otherwise examine, whether the magazine as published in fact reflects the full diversity of experience and opinion found across the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, or whether the editorial staffs' personal viewpoints and/or philosophy have come to dominate its pages in recent years.

Motion seconded.

2 min explanation

Robust Discussion.

Motion made to change language, and was accepted as a friendly amendment by deleting all text after ",or whether."

Motion 4: It is recommended that the Board of Directors of the Grapevine take an inventory of, or otherwise examine, whether the magazine as published in fact reflects the full diversity of experience and opinion found across the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Vote:

66 YES

51 NO

18 Abstentions

Total votes for determining percentage: 117

$\frac{2}{3}$ would be 78.

Motion does not carry.

Minority opinion

Motion passes to revote:

Yes- 81

No- 41

Abstentions 12

Need for $\frac{2}{3}$ is 82 in favor.

Motion does not carry

Motion 4 does not pass.

Motion 5: August 17th 2021 Hello my fellow Alcoholics, As to our New Preamble and it's Controversial leanings. My Home Group, Asked myself as our GSR to relay our request from our group to the Area 49 for a motion to Our Area 49 at the 9-11-21 Assembly! Our Delegate is being asked to ask the General Service Conference that they remove the now changes of, "People" and put back, "A Fellowship of Men and Women." into the Original Form of The A.A. Preamble. We have always been inviting top newcomers in our group of any backgrounds. Those that are insistent to make this change are not showing up at our Group to make any statement and it is a lot like an outside issue to us! Many have said they would walk out of a meeting. (110043)(49)(215) "New Hyde Park Group"(South 9th St.)

Motion seconded

2 min explanation

Robust discussion

Vote:

Yes 19

No 113

Abstentions 10

Total votes for determining percentage: 132

$\frac{2}{3}$ would be 88 in favor.

Motion does not pass.

Minority opinion

Does anyone want to change their vote? No.

Motion 5 does not pass.

Declaration of Unity

Close 3:30pm