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**SENY ASSEMBLY MEETING  
MINUTES**  
*SENY REUNIÓN DEL ASAMBLEA DE ORDEN DEL  
DÍA*

**Saturday, April 11, 2015 (9:15am-3:15 PM)**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Treasurer: add columns on the report to compare the 2015 budget with the 2014 expenses, also to add more details of what expenses were for instead of just a check number, a line item number**

*(9:15am) Service Workshops (Talleres de Servicio)*

**Meeting called to order 10:33 am**

- Serenity Prayer Rick W., Chair
- Daily Reflection (*Reflexión Diaria*) – Michael C., Bronx
- Preamble – group / Preambulo - Manny A, SENY Treasurer
- SENY Statement of Purpose (*Declaración de Propósito SENY*)

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**General Housekeeping –**

- GSR's DCM's and DCMC's vote
- Roberts Rules of order and 2/3 unanimity

**Introductions (*Presentaciones*)**

- New GSR's, DCM's and DCMC's (*Nueva de GSR, DCM y DCMC*)

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Assembly Meeting (*Aprobación del Acta de la reunión anterior del Comité*)**

- Motion made and seconded
- Yes = 82 No = 0 Abs =1
- Motion passes

**Upcoming Events (Próximos Eventos)**

- SENY Committee meeting Monday May 4, 2015 7:30-9:30 Holy Family Church and School 2158 Watson Ave, Bronx, NY 10472
- Post Conference Area Assembly Saturday June 13, 2015 9:15-3:15 PS 48 William C. Wilcox, 1050 Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304
- AA International Convention July 2-5, Atlanta, GA
- NYSIW Aug 14-16 Cornwall-On-Hudson
- NERF, May 29-31

**Agenda Old Business (Asuntos Pendientes)**

None

**New Business (Asuntos Nuevos)**

-Registrar requests funding to be sent to NERF

Motion made and seconded

Discussion:

- Wouldn't it make more sense to go on the bus on Saturday?
- What does registrar bring or get from NERF?
  - o Wants to attend to bring up some major issues
- This was already approved at the committee meeting

Registrar requests motion to convert SENY to digital mailings. Background: there is a lot of mailings going to people who no longer are involved in service. We spend on average \$10,000 to \$20,000 to send out some outdated mailings. Most objection has been for accessibility, but e-mail is becoming more accessible and libraries. This is a primary purpose of what we are spending our money on.

Motion made and second.

Discussion:

- Would like to have more discussion on this at the area as a whole. 125 people making decision for many people not here
- People on list for other groups getting mailings, please support for saving trees
- People requesting to continue snail mail so that they can continue getting information to group, does not have a computer, but can forward a physical piece of paper. Not everybody is there yet and we may lose people along the way.
- It is imperative that we use both. The budget line for postage is \$6500. (point of clarification: the \$10000 comes from a combination of postage, printing and registrar budget)
- Suggestion: update list of snail mail rather than continue to send
- Maybe a blend of both since some people that still want the mail
  - o 150 people have converted to e-mail since January. That brings list down and many may not be involved in service
- May be a generational issue, can be impersonal, important to recognize we need to stay connected any way we can.
- Put in next two mailings a question to be returned have counties review books
- Do you have to maintain a physical mailing list to remain 503B service?
- Be wary of swinging from one extreme to the other. Make email the default setting and make the snail mail have to be opted in
- A number of years back went in and took mailings that eliminated half the data base. Mailings that are going to people who used to do service may still be doing service even though you don't know
- Killing trees is an outside issue that has no place in AA. AA meetings do not have computers in them and then there are a vast number of people who want to participate and will have no way of knowing what is going on.

Motion to postpone made and seconded

Yes = 78 No = 12 Abs = 3

Original Motion is postponed

NERF Bus- leaving from 43<sup>rd</sup> and Lexington at 7am , going to Albany leave Albany 5pm 55 passenger bus with a restroom

Quote for \$1625 inclusive of tolls and gratuities

Motion made and seconded

Discussion:

- Some form of RSVP will be needed, there is an interest
- Suggestion \$20 to reserve bus, if you show up, you get your money back, if you don't, that money goes towards cost of bus
- Typical, bus is full

Yes = 99 No = 0 Abs = 4

Motion carries

## **Officer Reports (*Informes Official*)**

**Delegate: Jim W., [delegate@aaseny.org](mailto:delegate@aaseny.org) 718-829-7287**

1. Collecting responses to questionnaire so far 40 are received. Please place questionnaire in box in front. I have been in regular contact with alternate delegate so he may step in if needed

**Alternate Delegate: John W., [altdelegate@aaseny.org](mailto:altdelegate@aaseny.org) 646-413-3830**

1. Added to beyond my wildest dreams is Jim W quoting Boy George.
2. I attended the February Asamblea in Rockland County and the March Asamblea in Suffolk. Next month's Asamblea will be in Nassau
3. I attended three of the four NYCYPAA meetings
4. I chaired our second Service Participation meeting on Thursday with 4 DCMC's and 2 alternate DCMC's in attendance. The meeting is an opportunity for DCMC's to share experience and best practices on topics related to increasing participation in their respective counties.
5. I've been active in conducting group inventories and speaking on The Concepts.
6. I attended NERAASA in February, and NERD and the SENY Convention in March
7. Next Saturday I am participating in a panel discussion about "Safety and Respect in the Rooms" hosted by Brooklyn cluster districts 401, 403, and 411 on Quincy Street and on April 25<sup>th</sup> I am attending District 620's annual service workshop on 134<sup>th</sup> street in Manhattan.
8. Perhaps most importantly I have been studiously reviewing all the Conference material Jim has been passing on to me
9. As I said before, my goal for the coming rotation is to be visible and available. Please let me know how I can be of service

Thank you again for the privilege to serve.

**Chair: Rick W., [chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org) 917-698-0722**

1. At the suggestion of our Area Delegate, I have created a Convention Exploratory Committee to review our convention (all aspects of it) to make recommendations to the Area body regarding the convention for 2017 & beyond. Chair: Dean J. (Past SENY Treasurer). Committee members for this committee include:

- Amanda S. - SENY NYSIW Chair 414-721-6729 [garbledwords@gmail.com](mailto:garbledwords@gmail.com)
- Michael C. - Past SENY Convention Committee Member (917) 685-8677 [michael.corcoran@nyct.com](mailto:michael.corcoran@nyct.com)
- Michael H., DCMC Queens County (347) 236-8317 [dcmc@qcgsa.org](mailto:dcmc@qcgsa.org)
- Sally B., DCMC Westchester County (914) 282-9826 [dcmc@westchester.aaseny.org](mailto:dcmc@westchester.aaseny.org)
- Cookie S., Past SENY Delegate (646) 209-4314 [cschamroth@gmail.com](mailto:cschamroth@gmail.com)

If you are interested in serving in this exploratory capacity, please see Dean J. today

2. Due to the resignation of our Treatment Facilities Chair, Meg H. since she is leaving NY - I have appointed of Christopher H., Nassau County, as the new Treatment Facilities Chair to replace her. Please help me welcome Christopher to the SENY team!
3. I would like to offer a mea culpa to the Convention committee for my accidental "gaff" when chairing the meeting on Saturday night at the convention where I forgot to invite the "readers" up to do the introductory readings. My sincerest apologies to all involved.
4. At the February Assembly, the general consensus was that the body wanted to have a "Treasurers Workshop" moved up in the year. We have scheduled it for the June Assembly in Staten Island (this was the earliest we could do it due to Pre-Conference items we needed to address at the 04/11 assembly [Workshop: "What Is The General Service Conference?").

5. SENY will be securing a bus for NERF that will leave Saturday morning May 30, 2015 from a location TBD (likely in Manhattan) and will return late that same night. We have had approximately 10-15 people who have said they would want to ride on it. Once we get the bus secured, we will send out an email to ALL SENY (which will include GSR's) asking for RSVP's. To ensure that everyone who wants to ride on the bus gets to - RSVP's will be required to ride. SENY will pay for the cost of the bus. More will be revealed.

### **Since our last Assembly - I Attended:**

- NERAASA (02/20-22/15)
- SENY Mailing with Registrar, Laura C 02/28/15
- Suffolk County Unity Breakfast (03/01/15)
- Brooklyn General Service Meeting (03/18/15)

### **Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.**

#### Discussion:

- Can you please explain some of the acronyms?
- Have you appointed the 2016 Convention Committee?
  - o Not yet but the Chair will be done soon

**Treasurer: Manny A., [treasurer@aaseny.org](mailto:treasurer@aaseny.org) 917-406-4783**

1. Made 125 copies of treasures report but we ran out, if anyone has extras, please share
2. Any chairs or officers who are putting in expenses, please get them to me by May so we can enter the next cycle up to date.
3. Review of March financials and bank reconciliation
  - a. Question: What were the expenses that were over \$1000?

Motion to accept made and seconded

Yes = 93 No = 0 Abs = 6

#### Motion Carries

Group contributions are returned, please see Manny

Columns will be added for report at next Assembly

**Registrar: Laura C., [registrar@aaseny.org](mailto:registrar@aaseny.org) 347-882-1830**

- Please participate in next mailing Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am in NY Intergroup, please come to help.

### **Lunch**

**Standing Committee Reports** (Informes del Comité Permanente) Submitted electronically after the Assembly

### **Pre-Conference Report and Area Discussion**

- Area has been asked to look at 10 questions, there are 139 items that the conference will be looking at. Official workday begins on April 19<sup>th</sup> but conference will be starting off on 4/18.
- January letter from GSO welcoming delegates and introducing them for first conference experience. The Area Delegate will be bringing the area's group conscience to the conference and in June will return the conferences information back to the Area.

#### Responses:

- Group unanimously voted in favor of a transgender pamphlet. Not as important whether it is included in G/L pamphlet or not is not as important as making sure a pamphlet is created.

- Corrections: Make letter writing part of outgoing speaking commitments. Finance: What is the guidelines for individual contributions to your homegroup? Literature: 12-12-12 concern about cost. Create an app about information for public about AA. Videos: Use animation to appeal to people on a different level and to take care of anonymity piece. Conventions and Forums: pay for newcomers, really should be done with a sponsor.
- Corrections: Powerful to listen to experiences of people who were incarcerated and what the experience was like to get the letters. Have one person responsible to collect mail from PO Box and deliver it out. Announcements about the need and consistency of commitment to this. Grapevine: concerns about the magazine going away. Possibility of campaign or dance or fundraiser. Cut costs by having a 6 month subscription, possibly putting them out quarterly instead of monthly. AA needs to evolve with the world and update GLB pamphlet
- Social Media: Al-anon appears to have addressed this issue, can we reach out to them to find out how they negotiated it?
- COMMENTARY: What happens when vague suggestions are made on the questionnaire, how are they used? - If a suggestion is made by more than one group, it does become part of the group conscience, if it is only one, it would be passed on to the appropriate people but not necessarily part of our group conscience.
- Grateful for the opportunity to explore the topics on the questionnaire. Grapevine will now become part of one of our meetings. 12-12-12: We didn't care who formulated the alcohol, why do we care who wrote each of the writings. One book would make it easier.
- We looked at questions in opposite order. Corrections: If you want to e-mail a letter to Anthony and he will print it out in an anonymous form and pass it on. Most discussions, hesitant without the cost analysis. 12-12-12: Concepts might need to be re-written to get a format that is easier to read.
- Group felt the 12-12-12 might be too confusing. Suggestion for anonymous video: CGI
- Created an online version of the questionnaire and the responses were awesome! More group participation and allowed people to get involved.
- Group felt AA in should go more toward the digital age, but not necessarily towards social media. Make apps to help with grapevine and aa website to make more accessible. Separate pamphlet for transgender is definitely needed. More communication about the fellowship as whole regarding corrections.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Report (7<sup>th</sup> Informe Tradicion)**  
\$306

Motion to Close 2:00pm

**Thank You for Participating and for Your Service!**  
(Gracias por Participar y por Su Servicio!)

**NEXT AREA 49 COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, May 4, 2015 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm**  
Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall  
2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472-5402

**NEXT AREA 49 ASSEMBLY**  
**Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 9:15am – 3:15pm**  
**[HOST: STATEN ISLAND]**  
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NY 10304