

April 1, 2019, SENY COMMITTEE MINUTES – Approved

CHAIR: (Jerry R.) Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.
Serenity Prayer and AA Preamble, in English and Spanish.
Quorum established; and Housekeeping (explanation of voting)
Spiritual Parliamentarian (Terry F.), Spiritual Timekeeper (Andy V.)

No corrections to March minutes; Accepted as written

OFFICER'S REPORTS

DELEGATE'S REPORT (Jane E)

Grateful for SENY member support and hard work; another Delegate recently wrote me that “your website looks fantastic; your area looks like a well-oiled machine!”. Next month I go to the GSC, May 18-25 and invite you to join me in Spirit; I’m bringing you in my heart.

I serve on the IC/RF conference committee:

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) information; I’ve received many online questionnaires, and several members have told me their group quote “has no idea what NERF is”. Please help to inform.

Please, go to AA.org and play the 2020 IC Invitation video on the homepage. 65,000 A.A.s will meet in Detroit, Michigan, from July 2-5, 2020. Our 2020 I.C. has a new logo which is available *only* for areas, districts, and intergroups to use as a link to the 2020 I.C. page at aa.org. I’ve asked our email editor to include the actual letter in our next email update. Since it’s only for AA entities, think about the drunk junk... Am I part of the solution, or part of the problem? When the IC is here and outside vendors have many items for sale with our licensed logo on it, I will not be purchasing any of it, I will not be part of the problem. Buying it just puts us in the same position we were in with the Printer’s copy, and the circle and triangle logo.

Whenever you’re at the aa.org website, click on “what’s new” at the top to stay informed.

I’m happily receiving and reading responses to the delegate’s questionnaire. Last month I told you here that I’d be sending the entire 641pages of the confidential background material to the DCMCs. I made a decision and changed the plan. I decided It would serve the DCMCs and the Body better if I sent it to SENY AAs who request it, along with the disclaimer. This is working well.

My primary conference committee is Treatment/Accessibilities. I’d been thinking about how digital fluency is an accessibilities matter for over a year when I was appointed to that conference committee, information of how we use paper and e communication to be inclusive to communication preferences of SENY members. The National AATW is coming up in September and I plan to attend in order to best serve you, and AA as a whole.

Recent Grapevine issue has story about a 61-year-old female who got to AA from an online search, I’m happy to pass on the issue.

A.A.’s first book in many years of all new material, *Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.’s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970*, will be available this spring.

The Technology Communications Services Committee has been preparing to launch the new aa.org website, developing an app, adding A.A. entities to the Meeting Guide, advancing the YouTube project & preparing reports on Google AdWords and Google Grants. The launch date for the app should be announced soon.

Experience on Podcast search.

The Intergroups are invited, not required, to participate in the Meeting Guide. If they choose to not list their meetings, they may have their website listed but again, only if they want. General Service does not tell the groups what to do. The meeting guide helps alcoholics to get to a meeting.

GSO has created a new Communications Department.

The Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to synchronize all AAWS databases is set to launch within the next two months.

The General Service Board had a consulting firm do an AA Internal/External Communications Audit. I asked our email editor to include it in the email update. I recommend it. It's a good read.

Spanish Big Book- I've been gathering information about the Spanish Big Book; please note that the stories from the English Fourth Edition Big Book have been translated into Spanish and are in the book De las tinieblas a la luz (From the darkness into the light).

I asked our Email Editor and the Postal Mailing Coordinator to include this information in the next e and postal mailings (the request for that Third Edition Spanish Big Book came from us!). 33 of the stories in the 2008 Third Edition Spanish Big Book are new stories.

There is an opening for Non-Trustee Director of the Grapevine to start Post Conference 2020, if interested in finding out qualifications please email me by May 4 so I can send you the resume, you can work on it, and I can submit it by the deadline in July. This is a volunteer position, involving a huge time commitment.

Did you know that none of our Trustees are paid? All Trustees, both Class A and B, are volunteers. I will be meeting with our Northeast Regional Trustee candidate, Bill C. this month in anticipation of presenting Bill C. in a 2-minute report at the General Service Conference for the NERT elections. Happy to present and support our candidate.

The Northeast Regional Delegate's Weekend was informative, makes us ready for the Conference and learn how other Areas do things. Tradition 4.

Last month, there was a question here about why expenses were up in 2018; the answer from the Northeast Regional Trustee's (NERT's) report at NERAASA is: 1) ERP system (Expense vs. prepayment) (Oracle not for profit) 2)World Service Meeting 3)Pension and Health Plan for retired employees 4)Additional employees (French translation) & Staff training 5)ERP Consultants, Communications, app, Website 6) Other

If you would like to have our NERT's slide show, email me at delegate@aaaseny.org and I will send it to you. It is not yet available in Spanish, but I requested it from our NERT.

I receive the notices from GSO that the standing committee chairs do. The delegates are informed because not all Areas have the Standing Committees that we do, our chairs are expected to report on what they get from GSO, and they do, thank you!

The SENY Convention was thrilling; the convention committee did an outstanding job. After hearing your response here last month regarding reimbursing the Treasurer and Registrar for NERAASA, and subsequent consultation with the Area Chair, he and I were in complete agreement; I asked that the AHFC revise the Spending Guidelines to include that the Treasurer and Registrar are reimbursed to go to NERF, NYSIW, and the SENY Convention. Concepts I, IV, and IX, Traditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12. The AHFC can make recommendations, and bring them here, but the decision is up to the SENY Committee.

I finally got to go to our new office in the Bronx, it's great for standing committee meetings! I felt safe, had free parking, it was clean, and we have soap in the rest room and even paper towels. Such a change from our last office.

Please take flyers here on how the conference operates, just updated after the last GSC, and one on Trust. Both came to all delegates, sharing with you.

Thank you for my life. Followed by robust Q&A

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT (Tom B):

Discussed hospitality for the upcoming NERF
Importance of "What's New" button at aa.org
Best kept Secrets: Pamphlets, Guidelines and Service
Thanks to SENY Convention Theme Meeting speakers and panelists
Amends for talking while others had the microphone
Available to facilitate inventories, meetings, workshops

CHAIR'S REPORT (Jerry R.)

Opening for A.A. Grapevine Nontrustee Director- May 31, 2019.
Opening for A.A.W.S. Nontrustee Director- July 1, 2019.
The Office Manager Chair position is open.
The Translation Chair position is open.
The 2019 S.E.N.Y. Convention was great. Thank you all who served, attended, and participated.
A.A.W.S. Mini catalog of New and Forthcoming Literature from A.A.W.S.
25th World Service Final Report.
Box 459 - Our Great Responsibility.
2020 International Convention Video.
Northeast Regional Forum- May 31- June 2- Westchester Marriott- Registration begins today April 1, 2019.
LISTS, Sunday July 14, 2019, St. Anthony's School, 110 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside 11572
Discovery 2019 Convention, July 19-21, 2019, Renaissance Westchester Hotel, 80 West Red Oak Lane, West Harrison N.Y.
NYSIW, August 2,3,4, Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, Route 9, Garrison N.Y.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: To combine the Accessibility/Special Needs Committee with the Treatment Facilities Committee and to change the name of the committee to Treatment and Accessibilities.

Seconded

Discussion

Motion amended (split in two):

Motion 1: To change name from "Accessibilities/Special Needs" to "Accessibilities".

Seconded, Motion passes

Motion 2: To combine the Treatment Facilities Committee with Accessibility/Special Needs Committee

Seconded, Minority opinion heard, Vote to reconsider motion, Does not pass

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Joann M): On May 4th at the Pre-Conference Assembly we will be approving the February, March, and April Treasurer's reports. 7th Tradition: \$172.00

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: (Mike D.) Working with database and meeting with Fred. The system is working, learning how to fix it if it breaks. If a GSR has not received a packet, let me know. If anyone has problems with e-mail, or you are a DCM and need a view of trusted servants in your county, e-mail or text me, I am available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GRAPEVINE: (Sherry A.)

April Grapevine issue: Relapsing, stories about how members went out for more hell and how they got back. March/April La Vina issue: My Worst Day Sober. Submit your story for upcoming issue on Accessibilities due April 10. Grapevine would like to hear from members who do service work on Accessibilities Committee, ASL, Translation. Upcoming La Vina issue needs stories on: Sober for the Holidays. New Digital Mini Catalog available on aagrapevine.org. GV/La Vina Committee Meeting: Sunday, April 7th, 11 am-1 pm, SENY office – RSVP grapevine@aaseny.org or text 845-544-6141. If you are experiencing delivery issues with GV or La Vina call: English 800-631-6025, Spanish 800-640-8781. Two vacancies for GV Editorial Advisory Board and an opening for AA Grapevine Non Trustee Director. If referencing GV/La Vina literature at an event, please inform us in advance so we will have material available.

NYSIW: (KC) August 2,3,4, Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, Garrison.

Joe S. former Delegate from Central New York, Rochester, will be our Friday night speaker. Julio E., coordinator for the General Service Convention in 2020 In Detroit will be our Saturday night speaker. Young people will be having a speed sharing session on Saturday night late. We are “this close” to making website live.

AGENDA: (Malini) calendar is as of 3/28/19 – anything received after that is not on there.

If you sent something in the last week, check to make sure it is on there. E-mail at agenda@aaseny.org
If you have an event, send name of event, date, location, graphic, jpeg, gif, to agenda@aaseny.org

CPC: (Laura G.) The workshop at the SENY convention was attended by 20 participants. A presentation was made by Antonio on Buddy System. Attended History of Big Book workshop, went to Stepping Stones, sent letters out to Albert Einstein School of Medicine, West Point Military Academy, and Fort Schuyler Maritime Academy in reference to a CPC presentation.

PI: (Mike D.)

Will table at Saint Francis College Annual Health Expo April 24, 10 am-4pm, St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201, Location: Genovesi Center (4th Floor), Expectations of 2000 plus in attendance

CONVENTION: (Nisaa) Full report at June 15th post conference assembly. 1,252 registrants, banquet was sold out. Room commitment was 467, I believe it was 484. Provided 29 scholarships.

ARCHIVES : (Hank G.) The archives room at the SENY convention had a lot of visitors. Counties and Al-Anon had tables. Saturday presentation on oral histories. Presentation on History of the Big Book. Could use bigger room in the future. Ongoing presentations and videos. In process of compiling recorded audio histories by former delegates. Next meeting is April 24, 7:00 pm, New York Intergroup.

LITERATURE: (Brian, reporting for Chris) Total sales at SENY convention were approximately \$2,100. All Spanish literature sold out. De las Tinieblas a la luz will be available at next event. New Book: “Our Great Responsibility” is scheduled for publication in May. Video PSA: “Changes” can be viewed at aa.org under the “What’s New” link. YouTube channel for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) and the AA General Service Office (G.S.O.) is up and running. Preview at www.youtube.com/c/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc

Linda M. Past SENY Delegate, Panel 63, GSC Hospitality Co-Chair: Still looking for more volunteers. Contact me or Bill C. and let us know what day you would like to come. Banquet is on Sunday.

ACCESSIBILITIES: (Sally B) Convention: Up to ten requests for accessibilities were fulfilled. Scholarship recipients provided service.

AD HOC FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Michael H.)

Explored possibility of electronically sending out treasurer's report and budget. Did not feel confident that necessary checks are in place to ensure confidentiality. We will print more hard copies for distribution. At this point in time, issue is dead. Looking into the possibility of funding the SENY officers to various service assemblies including NERAASA, etc., and will report back on that in the near future.

INTERGROUP: (Mel R.) Next committee meeting is June 23rd from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Nassau Intergroup office. The Big Meeting is June 9th. The Bill W dinner dance is November 9th, hosted by Brooklyn County.

LINK: (Jim S.) Deadlines to submit articles (300-350 words): April 18th for the May 4th Pre-Conference Assembly. May 16th for the June 2nd area committee meeting.

TREASURER: (Joann M.) On May 4th we will be approving the February, March, and April reports.
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WEBSITE: (Ray W.) Presentations: Underneath each embedded power point, there will probably be a button or link that will open PDF version that you can download or print. Calendar was fixed, is back up and running.

COUNTY AND HISPANIC REPORTS

NASSAU: (Annabel B.) Share-A-Day, April 6th at St. Joseph's in Hewlett, hosted by Nassau Intergroup. Next GSR meeting is April 15th at Nassau Intergroup. LISTS, July 14th, next planning committee meeting is April 16th. Bridging the Gap Workshop May 20th at 7:30. Unity Breakfast, June 2nd, Long Island Marriott

Lori B., Publicity Chair, Intergroup's Big Meeting: Date Sunday, June 9th, 1:00-3:00 pm, The Hilton, 1535 Avenue of the Americas. Free event. Looking for speakers. Deadline for nominations extended to 5/31.

BROOKLYN: (Colleen) Hosting June 15th Post Conference Assembly, location on aaseny.org. Share A Day, Saturday, June 29th, flyers will be at May 4th Pre-Conference Assembly. Spiritual Breakfast, December 1st at Grand Prospect Hall. Tickets will be available at Pre-Conference Assembly.

PUTNAM: (Jimmy Z.) Unity Breakfast October 20th at Graymoor.

MANHATTAN: (Mike) Manhattan Share-A-Day June 22nd. Rent workshop on 6/26.

HISPANIC DISTRICTS: (Raina) Pre conference assembly will be in Yonkers. Share-A-Day June 9th

ORANGE: (Patrick) Spiritual Breakfast, June 30th, Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown. WORKYPAA, 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner, April 20th, Good Shephard Church, Pearl River, doors open at 5:00, food at 6:00, , Speaker at 7:00.

Next Area Assembly: Pre-Conference Assembly, Saturday, May 4th, 2019, 8:30 am – 3:15 pm
Cross Hill Academy, 160 Bolmer Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Church of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472

Close with AA's Declaration of Unity - 9:55 pm