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# **FINAL APPROVED SENY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

*SENY REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ DE ORDEN DEL DÍA*

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 2158 WATSON  
AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10472-5402

**MONDAY, August 3 , 2015 (7:30-9:30 PM)**

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Parliamentarian requested for next meeting
2. Open motion from June 2 committee meeting:  
Motion: To use 1 & 1 as SENY email provider
3. **LINK Articles:** Send LINK articles for Sept issue to [link@aaseny.org](mailto:link@aaseny.org) as soon as possible.

*(7:00pm) New DCM Orientation – Jamie S- (Nueva Orientación DCM)*

## **Meeting called to order @ 7:29pm**

- Serenity Prayer Rick W., Chair
- Daily Reflection (*Reflexión Diaria*) – Sally B, DCMC Westchester
- Preamble –Yvonne ,DCM 602 / Preambulo – Manny, SENY Treasurer
- SENY Statement of Purpose (*Declaración de Propósito SENY*) – Rick W., Chair

## **General Housekeeping –**

- Voting clarifications for quorum – we have a quorum
- Roberts Rules of order and 2/3 unanimity
- Concept IX was reviewed

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

- Motion made and seconded
  - Discussion about difference between “postponing” and “tabling” a motion. Request to amend minutes from previous meeting to reflect tabling not postponing.
  - Clarification and correction to Agenda Chair Report
- Yes= 24 No= 4 Abs= 5
- **Motion Carries**
- **Minority Opinion:**
  - The amendment changes the intention of what was said at the last meeting.

## **Introductions (*Presentaciones*)**

- New DCM’s and DCMC’s (*Nueva de DCM y DCMC*)
- Thank you service chefs and Kevin McH. for setup
- Past Delegates & Guests (*Los Delegados y Huéspedes Anteriores*)

## **Upcoming Events (Próximos Eventos)**

- AUG 8 - SENY Web Committee 10:00am
- AUG 8 - Sponsor Workshop 10:30am
- AUG 9 - Staten Island General Service 7:00pm
- AUG 10 - Queens GSR BootCamp 7:00pm
- AUG 12 - Bronx Upper Manhattan General Service 7:00pm

- AUG 12 - SENY CPC Committee 7:15pm
- AUG 14-16 - NY State Informational Workshop
- AUG 16 - Asamblea de Distritos Hispanos 9:30am
- AUG 17 - Nassau County General Service 7:30pm
- AUG 18 - Manhattan General Service 6:30pm
- AUG 18 - Orange County General Service 7:00pm
- AUG 18 - SENY PI Committee 7:15pm
- AUG 20 - SENY Archives Committee 7:00pm
- AUG 21 - Suffolk General Service 8:00pm
- AUG 31 - Queens General Service 7:30pm

## **Officer Reports (*Informes Oficial*)**

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

- A since last met, lots of group inventories and convention planning meetings.
- Post conference report at Queens General Service, 6/29
- 7/7 district 603 on concept 7 and tradition 7
- Service participation meeting on 7/9
- Orange County Share-A-Day this past Saturday. Well attended from people all over area.
- Looking forward to NYSIWS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report as of 6/30, contributions are behind for last year's numbers even though they are ahead still of this year's budget. Requests will be made soon to find out from groups why contributions might be down from groups. Insight would be appreciated so they can better prepare for their own budget process.
  - Increase in rent and insurance coverage might be contributing to issue.
  - Commentaries and stories were submitted to the literature desk for consideration of inclusion in the current LGBTQ pamphlet. It is not a new pamphlet but an update for the current pamphlet

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

Since the last committee meeting in June:

- As part of my regular responsibilities of being liaison to the Hispanic Districts and with the YPAAs I attended the June Asamblea in Brooklyn and the July Asamblea in Manhattan, as well as the June 14<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Share a Day. I attend the LICYPAA's June meeting in Amityville, and NYCYPAA's committee meetings in June and again yesterday, which was their last meeting for a while. They have disbanded temporarily to focus on EACYPAA which will take place at the Grand Hyatt on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street over February 18-20. Amanda was elected chair and they are off to a great start. Registration is open and it's just \$20, I encourage everyone to support the event.
- In the last two months I've participated in LOTS of service events including: 2 in the Bronx, 5 in Brooklyn, 8 in Manhattan, 4 in Nassau, 1 in Queens, 1 in Staten Island, 1 in Suffolk, plus one in Philadelphia.
- I want to thank Steve G. for appointing me co-chair of SENY's hospitality suite in Atlanta. I also want to thank my co-chair Jeanne who did most of the work and to all the volunteers, many of whom are in this room tonight. It was a real blast to serve as SENY ambassadors to the AA world.
  - It was an amazing experience. The pins, crowns and stickers were a BIG hit. We were budgeted for \$800 and spent \$620. We had brought the 9-11 archives down and many people were very moved by that. The drop clothes that were out for people to sign are in the SENY archives.
- Thank you again for the privilege to serve.

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

- I would ask that everyone please keep our **Grapevine Chair**, Mike D. and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they walk through the recent loss of Mike's mother.
- Special thanks to Michelle G., **Literature Chair** who has stepped into to help Mike out while he took a few months off. Mike is scheduled to be back in the saddle next month in September.
- **New Committee meetings at our SENY office** that are not already on the calendar are not being scheduled at the moment. The building is having some computer issues and cannot accept new requests for space. Our Office Manager, Kevin McH. is working with building management and will be the one to check with if you need to schedule a new meeting as he will know before anybody when they are ready to start scheduling new meetings.
- As you know, our **LINK Editor**, Masood B. will be stepping away from his position effective December 31, 2015 and we need to find a replacement for him for the remainder of this rotation. This position has some skills required, but Masood is willing to help train his replacement. I have had only 1 person in the Area express interest so far. Please help spread the word by talking to your sober network. We need to get this position filled ASAP.
- On a similar same note, we are still looking for someone to fill our newly created **LINK Distribution Coordinator** position who will help distribute LINKS at Committee meetings and Assemblies. We have had various members help out on a one off basis, but we need someone who would like to take this one through the remainder of this rotation. Special thanks to those trusted servants in Suffolk County who have helped get LINKS from the printer to our various events for distribution.
- I recently accepted the resignation of our **Ad Hoc Publications Review Committee Chair**, John W. as he needed to step down due to personal reasons. I am working right now to develop a new appointment for the Chair of that Committee. This small glitch has pushed back the completion of the project they are working on to revise the SENY Handbook. We want to thank John for all of his service to this committee and want him to know that we are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers as he takes a break from service at this level.
- In response to our recent Area Survey where a large majority of respondents said they would be interested in additional training opportunities for GSR's, before the end of the year, we will be rolling out a new initiative called **GSR Voices** which will be either a conference call or online training tool for GSR's designed as a Q&A session on how to do their job, and to bring issues they may be having in their group to the table top get experience, strength and hope from other GSR's. Be on the lookout for communications on this new initiative soon.
- I am happy to announce that we have secured our Immediate Past N.E. Regional Trustee, J. Gary L. to facilitate our **2015 Area 49 Inventory** that will be held at the November Assembly in Westchester County at Saunders H.S 11/ 7. I am working with Gary to possibly provide some information to send out to the body prior to the inventory. More will be revealed on that topic.
- I have had the opportunity to visit various **Area Committee and County General Service Meetings** in the first half of this year. If I have not visited your meeting and you would like for me to do so, please let me know and we will get it on the calendar.
- I want to offer thanks to everyone who did service at our **SENY Hospitality Suite** at the **International Convention** in Atlanta last month, with a very special thank you to our Alternate Delegate, John W. and our Recording Secretary, Jeanne C. who did all the heavy lifting getting it all set up and kept it running smoothly during the convention. The giveaways were a convention "hot ticket" for sure! Thanks!
- **Service Chefs:** Thanks to all who brought food tonight. I am going to start asking at each Committee meeting for a show of hands of who would like to be service chefs for the next committee meeting. Steve G. did this last rotation and it seemed to work well. So, can I get a show of hands of who would like to bring food to our next committee meeting on October 5th? **Service Chefs for next Committee meeting: 10/5 - Jane Suffolk, Michele Suffolk, Kevin , Steve Nassau**

**Questions:**

An email will be sent to the area stating requirements of the LINK Editor commitment Clarifications about GSR Voices– more information will be coming out in the future to find something that will work.

Service manuals – at least 250 are available now. See Jamie

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

1. June and July financials were distributed
  - a. Request to see when committee budgets have changed. Clarifications about changes to Web Chair line and Website line.  
Motion to accept June, seconded Y = 34 N = 0 A = 0
  - b. Questions about uncleared checks – they are for refundable deposits for upcoming assemblies. Schools have not cleared these checks.
  - c. Accountant was paid, tax info for 2014 was turned into accountant early June. The accountant filed the taxes and now we are waiting to hear more information about the processing.  
Motion to accept July, seconded Y = 37 N = 0 A = 0
  - d. Clarifying question about taxes: We filed an extension, but they are normally due when? Our next taxes should be ready by the end of January 2016 for the year 2015.
  - e. Acknowledgement letters that have been returned were distributed to county DCMC's.
2. 7th Tradition passed - \$ 120

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

1. Next mailing is 10am-1pm at NY Intergroup 8/22
2. Opportunity to speak at International Convention on Freedom through Acceptance, as well as speaking at NYSIW and speaking on Concepts at 601 at 8:15 the first weds of the month for three months

#### **Old Business (Asuntos Pendientes)**

- None
- Minutes for previous meeting amended and approved

#### **New Business (Asuntos Nuevos)**

**Intergroup Liaison** request for increasing funding by \$250 to meet cost of service workshop “What is the difference between Intergroup and General Service?” Other major expenses on this line is in October the conference out of town. This workshop is above and beyond.

**SAVE THE DATE October 10, 2015.**

**Location of event: OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**1734 WILLIAMSBRIDGE ROAD**

**BRONX, NY 10461**

- The request is for this to come from the Service Workshop budget line, but that line item is for counties only.
- If body approves this the treasurer will report at the next meeting what line this is coming from.
- Request was made for each county to contribute \$50 towards this workshop already.
- Question about earmarked contributions of the \$50

Motion made and seconded

After discussion with Treasurer, Intergroup Liaison still has enough money in line item to handle expenses right now. Will come back if more is needed.

Motion to table new business and move on to committee reports, seconded

Y = 19      N = 0      A = 1

## Standing Committee Reports (Informes del Comité Permanente)

### 1. NYIWS –

**We have higher attendance then this time last year for preregistrations 85 registered 53 on site**

*Get breakdown from Amanda*

We have a printed out program ready to go. The GSO speaker has been moved to Saturday night. Panels will be presented throughout Saturday to represent a variety of service areas. In the past there may have been a focus on 4 areas of service, but decision was made to expand

No deposit is being made, we are paying everything that Friday. Committee meeting tomorrow night. We will be responsible for audio recording of all panels and possibly posting on nysiw.org for people who cannot attend to hear.

**Question about buses and clarification of information, hospitality room?** ESCYPAA will be hosting the hospitality room. The facility provides fruit, juice, etc. all day long. There will be AA Trivia Friday night, but nothing will be scheduled during conferences.

There are two Coach Buses that go from Port Authority to Woodbury Commons and the ESCYPAA has volunteered to pick people up.

Request to get information to Area Chair ASAP regarding transportation so that it can be given to the Area

**Is there air conditioning in the school?** Think so but not sure, will find out information and it will be included in final notices. No restrictions on late entering or leaving, however need day long people to still preregister so that the meals can be done correctly. Program and agenda will be updated on website soon.

2. **Treatment/Facilities** - Participation is dwindling rapidly. 33% of our membership comes from detoxes. The goals for this committee cannot be met if we don't have more participation. Please talk to your counties about increasing participation in this committee.
3. **Agenda** – Printed agenda calendar of events are available here, please take them and distribute to your GSR's
4. **Web Committee** – approved the launch of the new SENY website. Should be by the end of August. Very excited for new layout, will be looking for feedback once it launches.

## County Reports

1. **Queens** – Share A Day in Elmherst on Saturday 9/12 and the Queens Spiritual Breakfast will be 10/4
2. **Westchester** –
  - a. Saturday 8/8 three panel Sponsor Workshop at Bronxville Asbury in Tuckahoe
  - b. Share an Evening 3pm-9pm Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> in White Plains
  - c. January will be a Westchester County “Country” Unity Breakfast
3. **Staten Island** – thanks to those who attended share a day, Hispanic district attended and participation was good.

## Motion to Close

**Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm @** by Rick W., Area Chair with A.A.'s Declaration of Unity (Declaración de A.A. de la Unidad Clausura)

**Thank You for Participating and for Your Service!**

(Gracias por Participar y por Su Servicio!)

### **NEXT AREA 49 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, October 5, 2015 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm**

Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall  
2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472-5402

### **NEXT AREA 49 ASSEMBLY**

**Sunday, June 13, 2015 – 9:00am – 3:00pm**

**[HOST: SULLIVAN COUNTY] Fallsburg High School**  
115 Brickman Road, Fallsburg, NY 12733