

DECEMBER 3, 2018, SENY COMMITTEE MINUTES - APPROVED

7:30 p.m.: Meeting [Jane E., Chair] called to order; Serenity Prayer and Preamble, in English and Spanish. Quorum established; and Housekeeping (explanation of voting). John W., Past Delegate Panel 57, is Spiritual Parliamentarian; Sally B. (Service Sponsorship) is Spiritual Timekeeper.

No corrections to November Minutes; Accepted as Written.

DELEGATE'S REPORT (John W.)

- 1) Gratitude for service (standing acclamation from body)
- 2) Strong response to request for submissions to 2 new publications, The 3 Legacies and Spanish Women in AA; the formal deadline for submission was 11/19 but submissions are still accepted; submissions can be made great Grapevine or La Vina Articles
- 3) The new AA App is expected in February 2019, with new website; will have meeting finder which, although dependent on local Groups for information, means people can find meetings anywhere in U.S. and Canada. Will also have daily reflections and GSO is exploring additional functions
- 4) As of January 1, 2019, people will not be able to buy literature in person at GSO, because of landlord's concerns; we can still buy online and of course can go to Intergroup
- 5) The AAWS video channel is under development
- 6) Book of Bill's Talks to GSO delayed until Spring. Also, the clip of Bill, Lois, Bob, and Ann talking together will be incorporated into video
- 7) SENY Panel 65's bid on the 2019 NERF was accepted during Panel 65, so we will be hosting 2019 NERF May 31 -June 2, 2019, at Westchester Marriott; NERF is put on and funded by GSO but SENY has to staff Hospitality; Area will provide information in Spanish
- 8) The God Word Pamphlet is out, will have at January Assembly
- 9) As I wrote in my Link Article, the Principle of Rotation is set out at page S24 of the Service Manual. Moving on may be hard but the spiritual rewards of this position was so rewarding. It's been exhausting at times but such a privilege and so awesome. I'm taking a short break but am free to serve as needed and will see you at NERF. Thank you (standing acclamation).

ALTERNATIVE DELEGATE'S REPORT (Manny A.)

Thanks to everyone (standing acclamation). Report not read but attached text incorporated into Minutes.

CHAIR'S REPORT (Jane E.)

I'm a grateful alcoholic and my name's Jane. Reminder to the Counties: please be sure that Ray web@aaseny.org and Domi Link@aaseny.org have the names, numbers and correct service emails for the Panel 69 DCMC's as soon as possible, and no later than December 21. Please cc Jerry our chair-elect (his current email is on the back of the LINK). Jerry will be giving Ray and

Domi that info for the incoming committee chairs and I will be giving them the information for the officers-elect. We need to have the correct info in the Link and online. Our NERF contact will be John W. (Delegate Panel 67).

Our prudent reserve should be between 7 and 8 months of expenses and it's almost \$8000- over the top of that range. If we're still over in a few months, I'll make a motion to contribute the excess to GSO. That is, if no one else does it before that.

I tried to update our address in Google which shows up as 199 Lincoln Avenue during a search, but it cannot be changed to a PO Box, it'll need to be done at least there and on our website after a decision is made about a new venue for SENY's office space. On October 2nd, I found something about the security deposit for 199 Lincoln Avenue. In QuickBooks, I searched for SOBRO (our landlord). The first check made to SOBRO was for \$3272 on May 31, 2009. The notation said for June, July and August rent, but the record shows that the rent was \$818 a month (determined from scrolling through the next checks). It looks safe to say that our deposit was \$818. I reported this information to our treasurer right away.

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We'd been told via email that we had to be out of 199 Lincoln Avenue by December 31, 2018. When I went to that office on November 18, I found a letter taped to the office door stating we had to vacate by November 30. I notified the officers, officers-elect, and office manager immediately and later discussed with our treasurer and she and I determined that we'd have to "wing it" for the budget meeting. Our office manager looked into it and he's confident we'll be okay.

My experience: I'm deeply grateful to my fellow officers, John, Manny, Fred, and Michelle, and to each of you, the SENY Committee members for your support. I'll really miss Panel 67. My strength is always from my God as I understand Him, from each of you, and the planned program of action in our 36 principles.

My hope is that Panel 69 will have the same type of loving support for each other we've seen this rotation, and we'll continue to grow in unity, diversity, love, and service.

Thank you. I can't describe the opportunity for growth in being allowed to serve as your area chair these past almost two years. I'll continue on for the rest of the year with a grateful heart, I really don't know what else to say about it. I love you (acclamation).

REGISTRAR'S REPORT (Fred M., by Mike D., Incoming Registrar)

Thanks for opportunity to serve and amends for recent unavailability due to demands of law school; will catch up after exams are over (acclamation).

TREASURER'S REPORT (Michelle G.)

Regarding SOBRO (current SENY landlord), have not submitted November checks because I need to talk with their accountant about what they owe us and we owe them and ours are not matching.

Motion to Accept October Treasurer’s Report, **Seconded, Passed** with Substantial Unanimity.

Motion to Accept November Treasurer’s Report, **seconded**; Q&A clarified that SENY budget guidelines recommend a 7-8-month prudent reserve and we are at 8.61 months, so over by .61 months; if we remain over in a few months we can discuss distributing the funds to GSO, **Motion Passed** with Substantial Unanimity (acclamation).

The SENY Players (Panel 67 DCMCs) present “Thanks for the Memories.”

OLD BUSINESS

The Ad Hoc Finance Committees asks that if any SENY officer or chair received reward points for SENY that they email the chair at finance@aaseny.org
Clarified that this is in regard to the various reward cards, including but not limited to Staples.

NEW BUSINESS

Background info Handout, From the SENY Office Manager Richie N. to the area officers and committee:

As the SENY Committee and the area have been made aware, the present office located at 199 Lincoln Ave in the Bronx will no longer be available, the building has been sold and we are asked to vacate by December 31,2018. As has been mentioned in the Link article from the present Chair Jane E., SENY history has traditionally indicated to maintain an office in the Bronx. The Bronx has been determined in the past to be a central location for Area 49’s 12 geographical counties and the one non-geographic Hispanic County. Several locations in the Bronx have been explored for a possible change, the spaces include small office space and conference rooms to hold committee meetings. Since the committee was informed of the need to vacate the Lincoln Avenue office space, we have secured a storage facility in the Bronx which will be used to house the contents of the present office.

The committee will be given information on the sites at the next committee meeting on December 3, 2018. As your present office manager, I would like to open the matter for discussion by making a motion to consider moving to the Bank Note Building at the Lafayette Avenue location for several reasons. There is ample parking and the building would have 24-hour access as well as handicapped accessibility and the use of several conference rooms for committee meetings including office space. The space is available as well via the 6 train by exiting at the Longwood Avenue station and is within a 5-minute walk from that train.

Added note: the difficulties with our last landlord included very poor or no communication, but the space at the Bank Note building the office contact is available 24 hours a day and has thus far gotten back to me within the hour.

Thank You All in Love and Service Richie N SENY office manager November 12, 2018

Office Manager (Ritchie): Have gotten mixed messages from current landlord when we have to be out of building, but it looks like by 12/31, but we’re not sure we can trust their word. As per handout, we have looked for new offices in Bronx because it’s relatively central. As set out in

handout (above), Lafayette Avenue location near Hunts Point looks best; Jerry and I went to location and agree that it's best location.

Motion to approve move to Lafayette Avenue, **Seconded**; Q&A clarified that rent was cheaper (\$975/month v. \$1,125/month, albeit with \$399 in initial fees) and landlord appeared more responsive to tenant concerns. Cost of liability insurance will be comparable. New arrangement guarantees price for 6 months minimum and can terminate new lease on 60 days' notice. We will continue to use the newly rented storage space (a different one than the Archives storage unit for safety of archival items). We can either put everything in storage at end of month or move and can move and reassess in 6 months.

Discussion.

Motion to Call the Question, **Seconded, Passed** by substantial unanimity;

Motion to Move to Lafayette **Passed**, Minority Opinion solicited but not presented, **Motion Passed**

By tradition Panel 69 Officers replace outgoing Officers at dais. Jerry R., Panel 69 Chair, assumes mic (standing acclamation)

Jerry R. (Incoming Chair): I'm honored and humbled to be here, thank you.

No additional new business.

COUNTY AND HISPANIC DISTRICT REPORTS

Orange (Sherry): Do not yet have new DCMC, but we have a new Alt.

Queens (Joanne): Annual Share-a-Thon, December 23rd through New Year's Day, location on SENY calendar; 2/2/19 will be Queens Share-A-Day, flyers available on website

Nassau (Regina): Service Bootcamp 1/21 at Nassau IG; 12/17 will be last county meeting

Manhattan (Scott): Dist. 613 has Group Inventory Workshop 12/18 at 79th Street Workshop

Suffolk (Tom): Error in Link, County will continue meeting at True North Church in Lakeland;

12/8 will be Suffolk's 3rd Annual Three Legacy Workshop w/ 2 past Trustees present; Unity

Breakfast 3/3

Sullivan (John) Thanks to everyone for Assembly last month; I'm moving to California so we're looking for a new DCMC.

Brooklyn (Mel) (BROOKLN): Upcoming Concepts Meeting and also Spiritual Breakfast next weekend

Putnam (Rob): Alkathon 7 pm New Year's Eve at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

Westchester (Rich): Thanks to all who helped when Emma, former DCMC, passed, and thanks to Rob (Putnam) for facilitating recent elections; will have Alkathon in White Plains

Hispanic (Ramon): 3 different workshops in December, on the 5th Special Needs, PI workshop on 12/9, introducing Consuella as new DCMC

Rockland (Ray): Out last event will be 2nd annual Alkathon starting at 6 pm on 12/24 to 6 om 12/25, even hours meeting, odd fellow, Havershaw Center

Staten Island Jerry: Xmas Day Marathon Meeting Mt. Olivet Church
All expressed thanks for service, to acclamation
New County DCMCs and Alt-DCMC Introduced

CHAIR REPORTS

Accessibility (Nellie): thanks, will part in Spanish workshop In Queens this Wednesday, thanks to Jesus for being so active

Agenda (Jeanne): Agenda December up, January will be soon please send to Agenda, please email to verify dates and times

Link (Domi): Links here, please pickup, deadline for Link articles is 1/20/19, please send me new contact info of new officers

Public Information (Mike): Report attached

Corrections (Mike): Attended 2nd annual PI workshop, wrote Link Article, spoke at workshop, handled 30 Prereleases, the meetings at Queensboro gathering steam and Lincoln starting to roll

Literature (Brendan): Thanks for service

Grapevine (Laura): Attended SI Spiritual Breakfast; GV is offering special free delivery

Convention (Nisaa): Registration now open, flyers available in English and Spanish and in digital, email update coming soon, remember: rewards nights don't count towards SENY room minimums

Office Manager (Richie): Final Conference Reports available, Spanish will be available in January

Webchair (Ray): Our accounts need updating on 12/31/18 so if anyone feels like helping please email me

Translation (Eddie): Thanks to all, especially Rosa; Ramon will be Hispanic Corrections Postal Mailing coordinator (PMC) (Saadi), Voicemail is working, last mailing went out 1st class because of time constraints only 4 of 700 came back so our records are solid. Received call from Lee M., grandson of Thomas M., Panel 27 Delegate, who is trying to get sober; Lee went to Bill W.'s funeral so any stories or anything to help would be appreciated, can reach out to Jane

CPC (Anthony): Thanks to Bianca. Phone messaging system so vital, have been able to get people to Rehabs, thanks for service

Jerry (Incoming Chair): Next meeting 1/7/19, next Assembly in February on SI, Happy Holidays

9:18 Meeting Closed w/ Responsibility Statement

Alternative Delegate Report

Hi My Name is Manny, I am an Alcoholic and I Thank you all for the privilege to Serve you and The Area as your Alternate Delegate.

Hola, mi nombre es Manuel, soy alcohólico y le agradezco a todos por el privilegio de servirle a usted y la Area como su delegado alterno.

Summary and Highlights of My Activities:

-Nov 3 @ 3:00 pm - Nov 4 @ 11:00 pm XXXVIII Convencion Hispana (Hispanic Convention)
La Guardia Plaza Hotel, 104-04 Ditmars Blvd, East Elmhurst, NY 11369

-November 10 3 Legacies Workshop@ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm St. Mary's Gate of Heaven Catholic Academy, 104-06 101st Ave. Ozone Park, NY 11416
 Nov 11 -Nassau County Big Meeting @ 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, 38 Old Country Rd. Garden City, NY 11530
 - Nov 18 Hispanic Districts' Asamblea @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Holy Name Church, 202 W 97th Street New York
 - Nov 19 Twelve Concepts for World Service Round Table Discussion Series 2018 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Nassau Intergroup Office, 361 Hempstead Tpke. West Hempstead, NY 11552
 - Nov 21 Queens Share Athlon @ 6:00 pm - November 25 @ 8:00 pm, St Francis of Assisi Church, 21-17 45th Street, Astoria, NY 11105
 -Nov 25 Staten Island Spiritual Breakfast @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, The Vanderbilt, 300 Father Capodanno Blvd Staten Island, NY
 Upcoming Events:
 -Dec 8 2019 Budget Meeting@ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, SENY Office, 199 Lincoln Ave. Bronx, NY 10454
 -Dec 9 Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast@8:30 am - 1:00 pm, Grand Prospect Hall, 263 Prospect Ave, Bklyn, NY 11215
 - Dec 13 Service Participation Meeting @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, NY Intergroup, 307 7th Ave. #201 New York, NY 10001
 -Dec 16 Hispanic Districts' Asamblea@ 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, venue TBA, NY
 -Dec 16 NYCYPAA meeting @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Betty Ford Foundation, 283 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013

-If anyone would like a full copy of my report; please email me your request at altdelegate@aaseny.org

-I am available for: Group Inventories, Group Sharing Sessions and showing of AA videos
 -Any Questions?

Thank you all for the privilege to Serve you and Area 49

PI Report

Nov -10 Metropolitan HS conference in Bronx and District 605/608 CPC/PI workshop in Manhattan; I Spoke on P I history and Anonymity in Digital world; Dr. Pace attended (friend of AA) spoke on PAAT (physician alcohol + addiction training) for first year residents he sees the results and would like to make the program national. See Oct 2007 grapevine article for more info. Nov 13 spoke at Greater Central Baptist Church Health Fair in Harlem

Completed first phase of the High School Mailings; Used email procedure developed by Nissa Very helpful, going to tweak it for future. Replies have started coming in; will start sending lit as requested and schedule speakers as needed

One HS reply was no... no problem here. ...shows work to be done. Will try to get to Radio PSAs anyone want radio PSA suggestion document. Lourdes joined PI committee to help

Westchester for Spanish district. For rotation: please turn over your workbooks and have replacement email info to PI or CPC

Upcoming Events: Sunday Dec 9 Holy Name School CPC/PI workshop 1:30 to 3pm (Holy Name School 202 West 97 St. NY NY 10025); Thursday Dec 13 Public Safety Agency in White Plains