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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, JANUARY 5, 2015 (7:30-9:30 PM)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **SENY Office Keys:** If you were a previous Committee Chair and were given a set of keys to our Office, could you please let Rick know (chair@aaseny.org or 718-544-4851)? We need get our arms around this and get keys re-distributed.
2. **Registrar Request #1:** Send your e-mail address to the registrar if you have not already done so.
3. **Registrar Request #2:** Please discuss with your County and Districts the SENY mailing and collect total number of people who would prefer to have SENY mailing in print or sent digitally via email and submit that information back to the SENY Registrar ASAP.
4. **Reimbursement Expenses:** If you have an expense, send Manny an e-mail (treasurer@aaseny.org) with the information and what committee you are chairing so that he can have a check ready for you either at the Assembly or at the Committee meeting and the receipt can be submitted then.
5. **DCMC's:** Please send new County committee chair information to respective SENY committee chairs (e.g., PI, CPC, Archives, Website, Accessibility and Special Needs, Intergroup, Treatment Facilities).
6. **LINK Articles:** Send LINK articles for February issue to link@aaseny.org as soon as possible.
7. **Ad Hoc Finance Committee:** Clarification on Budget Line Item "80045 Service Workshops" – Who can request funds from this line item (e.g., Counties, Districts and at what point can funds be requested, etc.)?
8. **Ad Hoc Publications Review Committee:**
 - a. Clarification on Area Voting Procedures – Clean up voting procedures so it is not subjective
 - b. SENY Definition of Service Workshop – What the parameters of what a service workshop is defined as.

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

Meeting called to order @ 7:32pm

- Serenity Prayer Rick W., Chair
- Daily Reflection (*Reflexión Diaria*) – Michael H., Queens DCMC
- Preamble - Richard S., Brooklyn DCMC / Preamble - Manny A., SENY Treasurer
- SENY Statement of Purpose (*Declaración de Propósito SENY*) Rick W., SENY Chair
- Video/Recorded message from Dr. Bob played

General Housekeeping –

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

Approval of Standing/Ad Hoc Committee Chair & Member Appointments (*Aprobación de Permanente Ad Presidente Comité / Especial y miembros de Nombramientos*)

- Accessibility/Special Needs Chair, Michele E-C.
- Agenda Chair, Kathy B.

- Archives Chair, Steve G.
- Cooperation w/Prof Comm. Chair, Preston W.
- Corrections Chair, Anthony B.
- Grapevine/La Viña Chair, Mike D.
- Intergroup Liaison, Nellie P.
- Literature Chair, Michelle G.
- LINK Editor (Newsletter), Masood B.
- Office Manager, Kevin McH.
- Public Information Chair, Nisaa A.
- Recording Secretary, Jeanne C.
- Treatment Facilities Chair, Meg H.
- Website Chair, Fred M.
- Ad Hoc Service Participation Chair, John W.
- NY State Informational Workshop Chair, Amanda S.
- Service Sponsorship Chair, Jamie S.
- Ad Hoc Finance Committee Member, Eddie S.
- Ad Hoc Finance Committee Member, Ira B.
- Ad Hoc Finance Committee Member, Mark S.
- Ad Hoc Publications Review Committee Member, Rafael A.
- Ad Hoc Publications Review Committee Member, David S.
- Ad Hoc Archives Committee Member, Dennis M.
- Ad Hoc Archives Committee Member, Ben L.
- Concept IX was reviewed
- Motion made and seconded, Passed with Total Unanimity, Motion Carries

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

- Motion made and seconded
- Yes=37 / No=0 / Abs=4
- Motion Carries

Introductions (*Presentaciones*)

- New DCM's and DCMC's (*Nueva de DCM y DCMC*)
- Thank you service chef's and Kevin and Maureen and Service Sponsorship Chair, Jamie S.
- Past Delegates & Guests (*Los Delegados y Huéspedes Anteriores*)

Upcoming Events (*Próximos Eventos*)

- NERAASA (February 20-22, 2015, Somerset, NJ) - The purpose of NERAASA is for Area committee members of North East Region to discuss issues and concerns about AA as a whole as well as pertinent to the North East Region in particular
- Delegate's Day of Sharing (March 14, 2015, Location TBD)
- 47th Area 49 SENY Convention (March 20-22, 2015, Tarrytown, NY)
- Pre-Conference Assembly (March 28, 2015, TBD - Rockland County)

Officer Reports (*Informes Oficial*)

Delegate: Jim W., delegate@aaseny.org 718-829-7287

1. Conference assignment is trustees committee. Review resumes for 3 trustee positions and slates of trustees and slates of officers. Lots of information to review.
2. Newest titles AA Comes of Age and As Bill Sees it available digitally English only, Spanish and English translations are in production. Please go to www.aa.org to order.
3. Go to www.aagrapevine.org for latest information on what is new at Grapevine and to order Grapevines
4. Scheduled for 3 inventories

5. Three events scheduled for March, but Agenda for General Service Conference will not be available to end of February. So the Delegates Day of Sharing might be scheduled for April 11 instead. As soon as confirmation comes out, it will be communicated to the Area. An informed group conscience is of utmost importance. Manhattan possible location with NYCYPAA hosting.

Alternate Delegate: John W., altdelegate@aaseny.org 646-413-3830

1. Attending Assemblée and NYCYPAA
2. Three more inventories this month
3. Service participation meeting 1/22 at NY Intergroup
4. Hospitality Suite for International Convention- LINK article will be in next month if interested in volunteering, please e-mail at atlanta@aaseny.org

Chair: Rick W., chair@aaseny.org 917-698-0722

1. Since being elected, I hit the ground running with making Chair and Committee member appointments as you saw earlier this evening during the approval of my appointments. There are still a few outstanding appointments that need to be made, specifically, a Translation Chair, which I am working with Alfredo, the new DCMC for the Hispanic Districts to get this taken care of. There are also a few Ad Hoc committee member appointments that still need to be made and we as soon as they are ready, I will bring them before you for your approval.
2. As part of my job description, I worked with all incoming Standing and Ad Hoc Committee chairs to help them develop their goals for 2015. I will be asking the Chairs to report to the Committee at each Committee meeting where they are against the completion of their goals. The main reason we walked through this process was to help them develop a "roadmap" (if you will) of what they hope to accomplish in 2015. Thanks to each Chair for working with me to develop your goals.
3. I have been working with our new Officer Manager, Kevin McH. to begin the process of doing an inventory of the office storage room so we know what's in there, and to help get it a bit better organized.
4. I will be sending several items for consideration to various Ad Hoc Committees and ask them to bring back their recommendations to the body. They are:
 - a. To the Ad Hoc Finance Committee:
 - i. Clarification on Budget Line Item "80045 Service Workshops"
 - b. To the Ad Hoc Publications Committee:
 - i. Clarification on Area Voting Procedures
 - ii. SENY Definition of Service Workshop
5. I haven't attended any County meetings or Committee meetings since January 1st, but I am scheduled to attend:
 - a. 01/10 Website Committee meeting & "70 Years of AA in the Bronx"
 - b. 02/01 NYCYPAA
 - c. 02/07 Convention Walk Thru
 - d. 02/17 Manhattan County
 - e. 03/18 Brooklyn County
6. I will be working with our Website Committee to develop an online form for all Committee Chairs to use for their committee reports for each committee meeting.

Question: Can we get copies of SENY Handbook? Jamie will give some tonight, otherwise e-mail Rick at chair@aaseny.org or go to www.aaseny.org to download an electronic copy

Treasurer: Manny A., treasurer@aaseny.org 917-406-4783

1. Preliminary end of year financial report presented for January-December 2014
 - a. **Question asked:** How do we read this report and what does this mean as far as where we stand for 2014? **Answer:** Overall bottom line was ok for 2014, some line items are

still outstanding and need to stay in as line items even if we did not spend the entire budget in 2014

2. Budget presented for 2015
 - a. **Question asked:** Literature line for income and expenses was more than budgeted for in 2014, but it was not increased for 2015. Why not? **Answer:** There is more money last year because of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book, we did not think it would happen again in 2015.
 - b. **Question:** If an amount was changed from the requested amount, what do we do? **Answer:** Work based on the current budget, if more money is needed, come before the body and ask for an increase.
 - c. **Question:** Rent for SENY Office and for committee meeting room went up, but it is not included in the budget, why not? **Answer:** This needs to be adjusted, can we revise?
3. Motion made and seconded to accept proposed budget for 2015
4. Y=4 / N=37 / Abs=6
5. Motion does not carry
 - a. Minority Opinion: Since time was spent working on the budget already and it is a breathing document but then can be adjusted later. Treasurer needs this to work. Does this mean we cannot operate? No we operate under existing budget. And then be brought before the Assembly 2/8
 - b. **Question:** What is the budget for the 2/8 Assembly? **Answer:** \$2000
 - c. **Question:** Does the prudent reserve include the new rent increase? **Answer:** It will be recalculated once the budget is approved.
6. 7th Tradition passed - \$106.59

Registrar: Laura C., registrar@aaseny.org 347-882-1830 (*Gill W. filled in for Laura C. who was out of the country - Thank you Gill*)

65 attendees tonight:

24 DCM's, 10 DCMC's, 18 Standing Committee Chairs, 2 Past Delegates, 11 visitors

1. Thank you to all who helped on the mailing Saturday morning. It was an adventure. SENY mailed 1,034 copies of the minutes from the 11/22 Assembly. These will take up to 3 weeks to reach their intended recipients. There are 1,800 people on the SENY database, and about 800 have specifically requested e-mail. Almost all new contacts request e-mail.
2. Many non-profits, including AA entities, have switched to digital communications. This shaves weeks if not longer off communication time and saves many thousands of dollars per year. I believe Manhattan General Service's secretary made a unilateral decision to stop mailings last term, and no one complained.
3. I think we should send out one last mailing that clearly states, "This is our final SENY mailing. To continue to receive area information, send your e-mail address to registrar@aaseny.org."
4. DCMC's - Please bring this back to your districts and counties to discuss, as I'm sure it will come to the floor during my tenure as your registrar.

Old Business (Asuntos Pendientes)

- Task force to get information about a bus to go to NERF 5/29-31 at Albany Marriott, possibly a day trip for 5/30. Michael S., DCMC for Manhattan will research and report back to the body.

New Business (Asuntos Nuevos)

- Please send all new business before meeting to Rick W., at chair@aaseny.org so it can be added to the agenda
- Suggestion: a budget workshop for GSR's – We will have five tracks SENY, GSR's, Traditions, Concepts, ...we will add the treasurer to that

- GSR University- new initiative to help GSR's have a takeaway to go back to their groups with an opportunity for GSR's to share with other GSR's about issues from their home groups. More info will follow. Will be launched at the February 8, 2015 Area Assembly in Queens.
- **Question:** Program question regarding convention. **Answer:** Forwarded to Jane E.

Standing Committee Reports (Informes del Comité Permanente)

1. **SENY Convention** - Please make your reservations soon and register. Next committee meeting 1/24 10 am walk through 2/7 at 11am at Westchester Marriott. If you are a committee chair and you would like to have a table, please email Jane. Archives please send to Jane. New e-mail convention@aaseny.org
2. **Office Manager** – Service Chefs, please contact Kevin at office@aaseny.org if you need to get in the office email or call at (516) 384-6517
3. **Treatment Facilities** – Trying to develop database of treatment facilities please contact Meg with info from your county at tf@aaseny.org
4. **Intergroup Liaison** – first meeting at SENY Office 1/31 at 11am-12:30 DCMC's please provide Nelly with Intergroup contact info. Very important that all counties are represented, will begin planning 10/2015 workshop.
5. **Website** – Contact with Web Chair from each county and has commitment from each county, if you do not have a county chair lined up, please make it a priority. Working on new website: goal by end of 1st quarter, provide input on what you want to see, possibly each county to have own page at site. Reach Fred at web@aaseny.org. How can we support your work and make it more efficient? Find the people in AA that are technically gifted and encourage them to get involved! For upcoming assemblies, please ask about accessing Wi-Fi at assembly sites so that more can be done digitally at Assemblies. Talk to Fred if you need an email for a county assistance, access now to Google drive and Google groups. GET EXCITED!!!!
6. **Accessibility and Special Needs** – first meeting tomorrow night 7pm at Intergroup
7. **Agenda Chair**- email Kathy items at agenda@aaseny.org or call (718)781-7267 goal to publish general service and SENY related events to website please be sure to include all particulars (date, address, time, etc.). Discussion about Intergroup activities being posted on the SENY website. Will be researched and brought back. Removed rating buttons and other buttons (FB, Twitter, etc.) from calendar
8. **Archives Chair:** Do you have an archives chair for your county, please send Steve name and e-mail at archives@aaseny.org. Also on Saturday 1/10 there will be 70 years History of AA in the Bronx from 1-4
9. **NYSIW Chair:** Need to vote on where to host based on 150 attendees with about 60 staying over at the facilities at Queens College, Hofstra, Storm King School (Orange County), with discussion of pros and cons for each of them. Need to address overflow information for all three facilities. Chair stepped out to find out if Storm King can accommodate and it appears it can house up to 200.
 - a. Discussion: Facilities at Queen's college might be nicer; Facilities at Storm King are cheaper. Need to take all of NY State into consideration, not just SENY. Are all three equally accessible for all? Please consider carefully
 - b. Motion made and seconded: to proceed with Storm King
 - c. Y=33 / N=3 / Abs=4
 - d. Motion Carries

- e. Minority Opinion does not wish to be heard
- f. Storm King School, 314 Mountain Road, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520, (845) 534-7892 - School: <http://www.sks.org/> - Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/lybdm>

10. **PI Chair:** First meeting will be 1/13 7:15-8:15 please send information about new county level PI Chairs at pi@aaseny.org. Considering having conference calling for meetings and will e-mail more information. Starting with reaching out to NYC Public Schools in 5 boroughs

11. **CPC:** Need help, DCMC's, please send CPC information to Preston at cpc@aaseny.org

12. **Link Editor:** Thanks for submitting articles! Please send more! Send to link@aaseny.org
Will reach out to grapevine for images. Apologies for typos, please pray for me ☺ Inventory will be done, how many are being actually distributed.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Los informes del Comité Especial)

- No reports made – Motion to close!

County/Hispanic District Reports (Condado/Hispanos Informes del Distrito)

- NYCYPAA Liaison- Statement of purpose, need help.
- Suffolk County Unity Breakfast – see Kathy

Motion to Close

Meeting adjourned @10:00 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, March 2, 2015 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall
2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472-5402

NEXT AREA 49 ASSEMBLY
Sunday, February 8, 2015 – 9:15am – 3:15pm
[HOST: QUEENS] Aviation High School
45-30 36th St, Long Island City, NY 11101