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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, June 2, 2015 (7:30-9:30 PM)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Paper copies are requested in the future for all surveys/forms to be completed (i.e.: Registration for NERF bus, SENY survey, etc.)
2. **LINK Articles:** Send LINK articles for June issue to link@aaseny.org as soon as possible.
3. Treasurers report made with electronic presentation so that details can be seen and discussed together at Assembly and at Area Committee meeting
4. Request is being made for \$250.00 to be added to SENY LIAISON budget to meet costs of this event in addition to \$500.00 set aside in my budget for a one time workshop.

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

Meeting called to order @ 7:31pm

- Serenity Prayer Rick W., Chair
- Daily Reflection (*Reflexión Diaria*) – Fred M, SENY Web Chair
- Preamble –Regina, Nassau County Treasurer/ Preambulo –Fernando, DCM 814
- SENY Statement of Purpose (*Declaración de Propósito SENY*) -

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
- Yes= 31 No= 0 Abs= 3
- **Motion Carries**

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*)

6/6 – Nassau Workshop "Safety and Respect in AA"
6/7 – Nassau Unity Breakfast
6/13 – SENY Post Conference Assembly
6/20 – Brooklyn Share-A Day
6/20 – Bronx-Upper Manhattan 12 Concepts Workshop
8/14 – NYS Informational Workshop

Officer Reports (*Informes Oficial*)

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

- A Conducted 3 group inventories
- Sullivan county breakfast
- Manhattan Share-A-Day
- Post conference mini-report for Sullivan
- NERF – attendance 408, 108 new attendees, SENY attendees 57 w/ 13 first timers, 2017 NERF will be at Mars, PA. All are urged to attend!
- Work in progress PowerPoint for GSR's and DCM's about where contributions go as well as self- support.
- Big Book is currently fully produced in 69 different languages with 18 more waiting to come!

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

Since the last committee meeting:

- I attended the May Asamblea in Queens and the NYCYPAA committee meetings. I continue to conduct group inventories and speak on the Traditions and the Concepts.
- At our May 14 Service participation meeting we had a great discussion on group inventories. Jim and Rick joined us.
- I attended MSAD on May 19 (in between Asamblea and NYCYPAA) and NERF this past Saturday.
- NYCYPAA boat party – July 11 – tickets are \$25 through the end of June. You can buy them online at nycypaa.org and I have a few with me tonight.
- Speaking of NYCYPAA, Alex is here tonight as a liaison and has some exciting NYCYPAA news. ECYPAA awarded the 2016 convention to NYCYPAA!
- Lastly, a reminder to sign up for shifts at the hospitality suite in Atlanta. You can offer yourself up on our aaseny.org site or at atlanta@aaseny.org.
- June 13th heading to Philly to speak at a YPAA event
- June 14th Hispanic Share A Day
- June 20th Brooklyn, Bronx, Nassau and NYCYPAA events!
- Thank you again for the privilege to serve.

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

- Reminder: The Area 49 Survey closes June 11. If you haven't completed it online, please do. If you would prefer to complete a printed version of it, there are copies of it on the Registrar's table tonight. Please complete it and hand it to me before you leave tonight and it will be included in the final results that will be delivered to the Area body on 6/13 at the Post Conference Assembly.
- I recently sent out an email to all S&AH Committee Chairs asking for their meeting schedules. If you have not sent me your meeting schedule, please do ASAP. I have only received responses from:
 - Public Information
 - Accessibility/Special Needs
 - Archives
 - Website
 - Treatment Facilities
 - Service Participation
- I have attended:
 - Joint CPC/PI Committee Meeting
 - PI Panel Workshop (Brooklyn)
 - Manhattan Share A Day
 - OPSC Old Timers Meeting (Brooklyn)
 - Convention Exploratory Meeting
 - A/SN Committee Meeting

- I attended the 2015 NERF in Albany this past weekend and while there were many things that impacted me, nothing did, more so, than the final comments from our outgoing NE Regional Trustee, J. Gary L. I wanted to share with you a few of his words that impacted me - in the hopes - they will impact you as well:

"It was my honor to have presented the keynote address at the most recent General Service Conference, and in it, I listed a number of challenges that I felt AA was facing today.

Challenges such as: maintaining our singleness of purpose; social media; diversity of our membership in general and our trusted servants in particular; the seeming stagnation of the size of our membership; the technological divide which threatens to polarize our Fellowship; and several others. But the one issue that I left out was the disconnect between our service structure and the Fellowship in general.

Now, it's a given that everyone in this room knows everything there is to know about our general service structure. But corner the typical member at your Home Group and ask them to explain what a GSR is and what they do. Ask them who their GSR is – or if they even have one. Ask them those same questions about their DCM or their Delegate.

Your General Service Board and your two corporate boards are all concerned with these breaks in our lines of communication. But they alone cannot solve the problem. They need your thoughts, your creativity, your energy, and most important, your action. Take what you have learned this weekend and talk about it with your friends, your sponsees, your sponsor. Get folks excited about this world of service within our Fellowship. Tell them what's going on. Get them engaged. If you think that service is important, and interesting, and exciting, tell your face. Let folks see your enthusiasm. Help insure that our Triangle is balanced and strong. And make sure that a healthy, focused, growing program is waiting for that next newcomer that walks through our doors."

Questions:

1. What is panel 65? **The delegates are assigned a panel determined by which General Service Conference they start to serve on. This year is Panel 65, those being elected this year to begin next year are Panel 66, and those rotating out this year are Panel 64.**
2. Question about Links – **Next Links will be available at the June 13th assembly, Jane E volunteered to take Links to the Informational Workshop.**

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

1. Corrected copies of April financials were distributed. Corrections have been made. May financials will be presented at the June 13th assembly. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Manny.
2. 7th Tradition passed - \$125.45

Registrar: Laura C., registrar@aaseny.org 347-882-1830

1. May 16th was a mailing, lets please get more volunteers helping
2. We will be sending out 750 snail mail, so more people are moving over to email
3. Next mailing is 10am-1pm at NY Intergroup 8/15
4. Thank you for sending me to NERF. I attended an amazing training/workshop with the person who created the database from GSO. Issues I am having with the database, other areas are having the same issues and now the office manager is aware of these issues. Addresses and formats seem to be an issue between SENY database and FNV. The volume of collective bad mailing from GSO was a lot of money so they adopted a rigid system for address verification.

Request to move mailing: Cannot be moved because the NY Intergroup office is 3 blocks from the Post Office that needs to be used and without a vehicle to transport the mailing, we need to be close to the Post Office.

Old Business (Asuntos Pendientes)

- No old business

New Business (Asuntos Nuevos)

1. Delegate would like to revisit having a committee meeting in August

a. **Body voted at last committee meeting to not have an August meeting. I am invoking Concept V and would like the Committee to please reconsider because of issues surrounding the NYIWS:**

- We have not had a report, no idea how many people have registered, what the responsibility of the Area is regarding not meeting the registrations. The next Assembly is not until late September. That means it is quite a long time without the Area meeting to conduct business that needs to be conducted. The reasons given for not having the meeting do not sound reasonable, ie: with convention and informational workshop we need a break.
- **Motion made and seconded**
- **Discussion:**
- When we had 10 meetings a year, we used to have committee meetings in the morning of assemblies, we then went to 7 and it was supposed to run an assembly or committee meeting each month. I agree with this motion because we do not know enough about what is going on for the NYIWS. There should be more discussion here about the event and the program and this is not happening. Only 15 people are registered so far. This is a concern.
- I don't know that we need a committee meeting to get a report for this event when it would be only 9 days before the event seems late
- At the beginning we read a trustees statement and he talked about communication. I think I have been to 14 or 15 NYIWS and I have always learned something. If we have to cancel it or it doesn't take place we should know in advance. I am understanding it may not be accessible facility and that is a concern. The committee needs to address this.
- I think it is a serious concern that we have such a low registration. The committee should be reporting. It would be a wise idea to have a meeting even if it is 2 weeks out so we can make a decision then if we need to.
- Concern that we are getting derailed, motion is about Committee meeting, not NYIWS

Vote to have a meeting on August 3rd:

Y = 21 N=7 A = 8

Motion carries

Minority Opinion: Does it have to be August 3rd? It has to be the first Monday in August. Or the first Monday in September, but that is Labor Day

Chair will send out emails and calls tonight to find out why committee chairs are not here

2. Web Asking committee to make a decision regarding email provider for SENY.

- a. When I started, a number of committee members complained about an enormous amount of SPAM I later found out that it was not a universal issue. I used my right of decision to switch to Google Apps for Non-profits. I have researched a few others but the web committee has failed to research substantial unanimity
- b. Google Apps for Non-profits is free, g-mail works by mining your emails for information and basically try to market to you based on what searches you conduct on google. Concerned that this might be a break in the 11th Tradition, with further research, I was introduced to a perspective that this is not violating the traditions because anonymity is not the same as privacy when it comes to digital life. There are varying opinions about this throughout AA.
- c. One and One does not have the same tension because their business model is not predicated on mining data. The cost is nominal, the email climate is more or less the same. The disadvantages for one and one, we cannot give counties administrative

- would have to be created to manage emails for counties. Another disadvantage is for the file sharing storage capacity is very limited and would not help us to create an institutional memory for committees and chairs.
- d. I am not stressing this one way or another. One and One would be a more unifying solution. What we are facing with Google is a more global issue and maybe we need to not take on this battle.

Discussion:

- Email issue came up at our district meeting, but we wondered why we are discussing this at the district level. We feel this is the responsibility of the web committee, but it would be moving us away from our focus on recovery
- I don't understand the risk of data mining. They are not going to really get anything of usefulness from then
- I served at NERAASA as a recorder for the Web round table and the biggest issue that was discussed was the ease of transition for rotations. That we keep things as simple as possible and should be considered when using a web provider. Since we have gone to g-mail, I have had no spam and the ease of transition seems so much easier. It is free. I also agree that they will not
- Point of Information: My district is using the google storage space and we are wanting things to be available for the next DCM
- I abstained from the vote at the web committee so that we would look at one to one. The important issue for me is that the counties can no longer control their own emails. That seems like it is quite complicated and not easy at all. It also seems like there will be an issue regarding storage. My understanding of the issue regarding Google that they could get your private information and can use it against you when you try to get insurance or try to get a job in the future. At one point do we have to face that there is no privacy on the web and stop worrying about all of these sites. I wish I had not abstained.
- Many people are treating this as not a big deal, but the implications are huge for the one person that can be affected. I cannot just think about me for anonymity, I need to think about other people's personal anonymity. I need to protect others, not so that I can have an ease of transition. Are we sacrificing anonymity for ease? If we have to go through more work to protect someone's anonymity, then I believe we need to do that.
- My anonymity has never been violated in my field. This is my health information and privacy. We voted against continuing with google apps. AA SENY messages have started to come up on my professional emails and I am not ok with that. I feel it is not anybody's business I am in AA. As I have rotated into positions I have inherited prior emails and I can see what was sent under the previous persons email. It is not fear mongering, I am just a little outraged.
- We have a situation where our email was switched over without a process or any due diligence and so that has been our discussion since January. We have always used a vendor that protected our data. We went through a vote about google and that was defeated by simple majority. We then went through a due diligence process of looking at ten vendors and came down to one and one. That vote did not pass on substantial unanimity. We have provided information regarding all of the traditions that have been violated by google not just 11 and 12. We are in AA and we don't do free. We are self-supporting.
- We need to be clear about what the requirements are for any system and what we are doing. The registrars at NERF use a Google group to communicate.
- The way we carry the message is this way from now on. My personal email started getting ads for rehabs when I linked it to AA g-mail. I have concerns about this.
- I have a one and one account and when I rotated in, it was seamless. Please do not let the good be the enemy of the best. I do not want my work g-mail account to get SENY stuff
- Question about rent for riversides being free – it is not, it is a discounted non-profit rent that all nonprofits get. Anyone on the web is having data mined whether we like it or not. My biggest concern is that counties need local control.
- There is a lot of discussion as email administrator. The registrar would send a database of all

bandwidth. When the change was made over to g-mail, the email administrator was done away with. As soon as I started linking SENY emails to personal gmail, I started getting spam. AA does not do free we are selling ourselves whenever we are not paying money. We have to look at this seriously, Google is not the place to be.

- When we changed our BULK mailing listing and forms, we went through quite a bit to protect our anonymity, why would we not pay for a provider that will protect our anonymity
- I voted for one on one because there is a generous quantity of email addresses. We have mail subscriptions that are secured. With Google you have proliferating administration which this may be handy but the SENY area and SENY Area Committee need to have their email addresses and privacy, but maybe the general communication should cover most of the other stuff. Autonomy with DCM's and their districts can have each district make their own decision.
- **Motion made and seconded to use One and One**
 - o **Request for info: How long have they been around and how much do we know about them?** We have used them in Suffolk County for two years, they have existed for decades, and they are a very large web hosting firm, very established, very reliable and would cost about \$100 per year. They also had the fastest phone support. We read every hosting company's privacy statement, one and one received a 9 out of 10. They are the biggest hosting company in Europe. To have
 - o **Concern about rushing motion because of timing**
 - o **Another motion to postponed: Seconded**

Y = 28 N = 5 A = 1

Passes

Topic is postponed until request to remove

Standing Committee Reports (Informes del Comité Permanente)

1. International Convention Hospitality Suite –

Request to increase funding to \$800. Quorum is not met vote cannot be taken, will be brought up again at Area Assembly

2. Service Chef Requests for August committee meeting – no volunteers

3. Nassau County General Service Breakfast tickets available

4. Intergroup Liaison – request to be put on new business for August in order to request funding.

SENY liaison has visited three of area 49's intergroup offices as per outlined in my goals for year. Liaison has chaired meetings at SENY office, Tarrytown Convention event, NY Intergroup office and Nassau County. A separate visit was made to Suffolk office to meet with Chairman and members of Suffolk intergroup. The workshop committee for October 10th event are busy working on format and program. Flyers will be sent to all 13 counties of Area 49.

SAVE THE DATE October 10, 2015.

**Location of event: : OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
1734 WILLIAMSBRIDGE ROAD
BRONX, NY 10461**

NY INTERGROUP wishes all DCMC's to know that group contributions have decreased and requests that we encourage self support by using pie chart as outlined in pamphlet "WHERE MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY MEET".

Next meetings are scheduled for June 27, July 11th and August 1st, more information will be given as we get closer to dates. Request is being made for \$250.00 to be added to SENY LIAISON budget to meet costs of this event in addition to \$500.00 set aside in my budget for a one time workshop.

5. **CPC:** Since last month. I was on panel with Public Info Committee at a Community Workshop in Brooklyn on May 16 speaking about how AA Cooperates with Professionals. The next day May 17 attended Manhattan Share-A-Day to discuss the CPC committee work. Just returned from a weekend at NERF, attended general sessions, and workshops have lots of shared

of Health professionals at their office on Wednesday 6/3. Will be joined by Nissa our area PI Chair and Queens and Brooklyn CPC chairs. We are setting up a table at the Nassau County Unity Breakfast this weekend. Will be presenting a topic on speaking to non-AA's at the Area Assembly on 6/13. Then heading to Atlanta for the International Convention first week of July. Next CPC meeting is at SENY office in the Bronx 6/10 at 7:15pm. Next joint PI/CPC meeting will be held in Manhattan Tues 7/14 7:15pm. Planning to discuss our next community outreach workshop.

6. **Agenda chair:** No link on SENY website to NIWS website, please place it there. Please forward fliers, event dates and committee meeting dates to Agenda
7. **Archives** – this Saturday is our first digitizing meeting from 10-3
8. **Corrections** – This year we have done 20 pre-releases to prisons. I sent 100 books and a few subscriptions to prisons. I was contacted, they are updating the video It Sure Beats Sitting In the Cell and we put them in touch with people at the prison
9. **Literature** – please email me for Grapevine chair as well.

Ad Hoc – no reports

County Reports

1. **Westchester – Share an Evening Saturday Oct**
2. **Nassau** – Unity Breakfast tickets are available, See Kevin McH.

Motion to Close

Meeting adjourned 9:46 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, August 3, 2015 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall
2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472-5402

NEXT AREA 49 ASSEMBLY

Post Conference Assembly
Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 9:00am – 3:00pm
[HOST: STATEN ISLAND] PS 48 William C Wilcox, 1050
Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304