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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, June 6, 2016 (7:30-9:30 PM)

ACTION ITEMS:

LINK Articles: Send LINK articles for Sept issue to link@aaseny.org as soon as possible.

(7:00pm) New DCM Orientation – Saadi (Nueva Orientación DCM)

Meeting called to order @ 7:30pm

- *Serenity Prayer* Rick W., Chair
- *Daily Reflection (Reflexión Diaria)* – Geralyn G, Nassau GSR
- *Preamble* – Brian K, Suffolk DCM # 107/ *Preambulo* – Dennis B, Bronx DCM # 714
- *SENY Statement of Purpose (Declaración de Propósito SENY)* – Rick W., Chair

General Housekeeping –

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

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

Motion made and seconded.

Yes= 29 No= 4 Abs = 2

Motion Carries

Minority opinion: The minutes seem to be missing pages. They were copied and distributed with only every other page of minutes

Anyone want to reconsider?

Yes

Motion to accept the minutes as written

Y = 1 No = 25 Abs = 1

Motion does not carry. Minutes are not approved and will need to be approved at the October committee meeting

They will be recopied for the next committee meeting in October. The secretary apologizes for the error.

Introductions *(Presentaciones)*

- *New DCM's and DCMC's (Nueva de DCM y DCMC)*
- *Past Delegates & Guests (Los Delegados y Huéspedes Anteriores)*
- *Upcoming events: Visit www.aaseny.org for more details about events.*
- *Thank you service chefs and Kevin Mch. for setup*

Officer Reports (*Informes Oficial*)

Delegate: Jim W., delegate@aaseny.org

- The delegates questionnaire is still coming into the mailbox ☺
- Nassau County Breakfast yesterday was wonderful with lots of support from all the other counties.
- Letter received from GSO for trustee, Carolyn K., thanking her for her service and asking her to serve another year. There is a vacancy for a Trustee at Large at the conclusion of the 2017 Conference. I sent that as well as the requirements to the past delegates. They will need to make themselves available at the November Assembly and we will hold a special election then and the new delegate will present that person at the GS Conference.

At the end of the month I will be at Brooklyn share a day on June 25th and Hispanic Share A day on Sunday June 26th. Reminder NY Information Workshop is July 29-31 in Buffalo, NY, the standing committee chairs that are expected to be in attendance are Archives, CPC, PI, Treatment, Corrections and Website. If you cannot make it, please contact them at www.NYSIW.org

Alternate Delegate: John W., altdelegate@aaseny.org

Since we last met on May 2

- Service participation Committee met on May 12th, we talked about theme and topics for discussion at the next General Conference and getting those incorporated into workshops and share a days.
- The Corrections Connections Workshop on May 13th was wonderful event and congratulations to all involved.
- Back in Westchester in Tuckahoe for the Joy of Service workshop May 14th which was well attended and went really wonderful
- For the third day in a row I was in Westchester at the Asamblea May 15th in Mount Vernon and back to the NYCYPAA meeting
- Was in Brooklyn for General Service meeting on May 18th
- Out in Queens for District 312/313 event on May 22
- Amityville on May 23rd where I facilitated the ESCYPAA Inventory which is happening the end of October.
- Apologies to Nassau for not making the Breakfast
- Thank you Rosa for translating for the second month in a row

As always, I am grateful for the privilege to serve.

Treasurer: Manny A., treasurer@aaseny.org

1. May financials were distributed.

Motion to accept. Seconded.

Y = 38 N = 0 Abs = 2

Motion Carries.

Questions: The account fees were 110% of the budget, why? The fees went up by more than we thought they would.

2. 7th Tradition passed - \$ 112

Registrar: Fred M., registrar@aaseny.org

Tonight's count: DCMs = 14 DCMCs = 6 Committee Chairs = 10 Officers = 5

Alt DCMs = 2 Alt DCMCs = 3 Past Delegates = 2

I'm going to start reporting baseline attendance statistics at the next committee meeting to make these more meaningful.

The rollout of support for DCMs continues to go well. As a reminder, DCMs can now see what groups and GSRs within their district are registered with the Area. You can pull it up on your phone or computer, and it is real-time data, so it's always up-to-date.

I announced this in February. By March, we had 8 DCMs participating. By April, we had 12. By the May Committee meeting we had 16. Today we're up to 23 DCMs!

For those DCMs who haven't requested "views", or if you have them but haven't used them to send in updates yet, please take advantage of them. If you're an interested DCM, please email me at registrar@aaseny.org.

The rollout of support for counties has taken a huge step forward. Queens County is now the first to integrate fully with the Area database. It's already making a big difference. The information for both the Area and Queens is more accurate, and the turnaround times for updates has been dramatically reduced. Queens also now has a database for the first time.

I'm still waiting to hear from the other counties, either about their opt-in status, or from their Secretary or Registrar to actually execute the transition with me. In the meantime, the DCMCs all have "views" into the Area's records for their county.

I sent out the May email newsletter for both English and Spanish. It had an open rate of 37.8% and a click rate of 5.6%. We're continuing to outperform the list averages. Even before we added 600+ stale addresses in March, the baseline open and click rates were 32.2% and 4.1%. The fact that we've seen steady progress even since then is really encouraging.

I found a new voicemail system for the Area which will save us \$85 every month, make the Registrar's work more efficient, and dramatically cut down on our response time. We will also be able to receive text messages. I can also take calls directly so I can answer the phone if I am free. It is important that we get the response time down.

Q: What are we currently paying for? A: We are currently paying \$100/mo. to Verizon for a phone line into the office in the Bronx. It does not include internet. None of the officers use the office line. I looked into downgrading through them and nothing was available. The new system will let all of the officers use the phone number through an app.

Q: Did we get new equipment for this? A: No, it comes with an app on the phone.

Q: Can this be transferred without any problems? A: Yes.

Q: How difficult will the county process be to pass on to new registrars? A: It is transferrable as long as you have an internet connection.

Chair: Rick W., chair@aaseny.org

- NYS Information Workshop - July 29-31, 2016

- **Translation Equipment:** Change in who is holding it: Alfredo L., DCMC Hispanic Districts If you need to use the translation equipment please forward requests to Alfredo.

Recently Attended:

- Corrections Connection Workshop
- SENY Service Workshop in Westchester
- Districts 312-323 Workshop in Queens
- Nassau County Unity Breakfast

Will Be Attending:

- Inventories:
 - 6/12 - Old Park Slope Caton Group (Brooklyn)
 - 6/20 - 46th Street Sunnyside Group (Queens)
- 6/14: Site Visit with the 2017 SENY Convention Chair & Treasurer (Renaissance Westchester)
- 6/18:
 - PI/CPC Workshop, "Speaking at Non AA Meetings" (Suffolk)
 - ESCYPAA Movie Night (Kew Gardens Hills, Queens)
- 6/25:
 - Brooklyn Share A Day (Brooklyn)
 - Districts 305/313 Workshop (Ozone Park, Queens)
- 6/26: A/SN Share A Day (Elmhurst Queens)
- 7/9: Al-Anon "Discovery Convention" (Hilton Westchester, Rye Brook New York)
- 7/16: NYCYPAA "Unity Boat Ride"
- 7/29-31: NYSIW (Buffalo, NY)
- 8/13: SENY Archives Committee Meeting (SENY Offices)
- 9/7: Speak @ Concepts Meeting (Manhattan)
- 9/10:
 - Queens Share A Day (I.S. 5, Elmhurst Queens)
 - NYIG Delegates Meeting (Manhattan)

Announcement: 2017 Convention Chair - Janice M. – Westchester

- Thank you Rick for the appointment. I am honored and challenged. I am looking forward to facilitating the meetings. Please take the fliers which have my contact information. John W will be the Treasurer for the 2017 SENY Convention. I look forward to one of the best Conventions yet! Our new venue will be a challenge but will be an opportunity for us.

- Three dates are possible for the first planning committee meeting: Saturday June 25th (which conflicts with Brooklyn Share A Day), Saturday July 2nd or Saturday July 16th. The chairs will be elected at that meeting. We want to have the meeting as soon as possible. Treasurer is not elected, it is appointed by the Convention Chair. We will do the straw poll today and Saturday and see which date works best for people

- 6/25 = 5
- 7/2 = 12
- 7/16 = 18

Old Business (Asuntos Pendientes)

- None

New Business (Asuntos Nuevos)

Fall Service Workshop Funding: Alternate Delegate presented report on the Joy of Service workshop. We hoped for 40-50 people and had close to 75 in attendance. We received positive

feedback on the format. We came in \$513.01 which was just over our \$500 budget. At this time I would like to ask for another \$500 for a workshop in the fall. I am working with Steve from Nassau looking for the last weekend in September to the first weekend in November trying to conflict with as few events as possible.

Motion made and seconded to give \$500

Discussion: The money will be coming from a place that the treasurer will determine. There is a line in the standing budget but the Alt Delegate budget line will be underspent so I believe the money is there in different areas.

Yes = 35 No = 1 Abs = 0

Motion carries

DCM Q& A Forum:

1. No issues

DCM's be thinking for the next meeting, you can use this forum as your outlet to get input and information.

Standing Committee Reports (Informes del Comité Permanente)

1. **Web Committee:** At our most recent SENY Web Committee meeting, we voted not to continue on a forward-going basis with our current email hosting provider. There was a two-thirds majority with zero votes in favor. You can read an article in The Link for greater perspective. At our next meeting we will determine which of the four alternatives we will use. Our next meeting is Sunday, June 19, 11:30-12:30 at SENY offices in the Bronx. Meanwhile, our plan for building out a Spanish Language version of the mobile friendly aaseny.org is slowly coming together. At least one person has recently volunteered to be of ongoing assistance toward having an acceptable solution for carrying SENY's message to its whole constituency.
 - a. **Request from Officers for a timeline for the Spanish version of our SENY website.**
 - b. **There is no article in this Link** – I think he was referring to the Link coming out this Saturday at the Assembly
2. **Intergroup Liaison:** Regular quarterly meeting held on March 13 hosted by Nassau County intergroup was well attended. Moderated an intergroup workshop at SENY Convention in March. Liaison attended Sullivan County Intergroup meeting on Sunday April 10th to convey what is happening in other Intergroups also immediate venues of SENY. We were informed of support needed from SENY regarding corrections and CPC/PI. This request was passed on to SENY. Discussion of request to put Sullivan Spiritual Breakfast on SENY calendar for May 15th. Chris D accompanied the liaison to participate in discussion of roles and activities in cooperation with SENY. Majority of stated goals for SENY Liaison have been fulfilled in relation to visiting Intergroups throughout Area 49. One area left to be visited is Putnam. Next quarterly SENY Liaison meeting will be July 9th at NY Intergroup office at 12 noon. Agenda will be reports from all areas present. Introduction of new intergroup chair of steering committee effective July 2016. All Intergroup area chairs are invited to attend this meeting.
3. **Treatment Facilities:** There are 6 DCMC's in attendance tonight. At our meeting in May, in attendance was the SENY Chair, myself, and the Bronx Upper Manhattan rep. Updates on ST John's in Westchester, the County and NY Intergroup Liaison is working on getting a list of people taking meetings into the facility as well as the Bridging the Gap temporary contacts list for necessary 12th step calls. NY Presbyterian Health Center, the Licensed Social Worker was unavailable to receive literature at this moment my will is to go to any lengths and I have gone

to the hospital as well as her residence, but I am now waiting for another phone call from her. I received a phone call from a homeless shelter in the Bronx and the director asked if I could provide literature and maybe a meeting in the lounge of the facility. I immediately said yes and contacted Rick to let him know that the literature and rack originally intended for Cornell would be used. The next treatment Facilities meeting will be Sunday June 19th at 10am at NY Intergroup.

4. **Discovery (Al-Anon) Convention Liaison:** July 8th-10th at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, NY. For more info check out nysdiscoveryconvention@gmail.com I was asked to come here to secure Literature Chair, Translation Equipment and Grapevine Chair. Need Spanish speakers to chair workshops at the convention. Please put a blast on the SENY website. Any other DCMC's, please copy the flier from the website. Brendan (917)359-9055
5. **Agenda:** Please send details to agenda@aaseny.org the date, starting time and ending time. If applicable, please send me fliers. Thank you.
Question about committee meetings being listed on the back of the LINK. Agenda needs it to be emailed to agenda@aaseny.org
6. **CPC/PI:** CPC has been working to develop a half day service workshop with PI on the following the topics presented in the conference approved literature "Speaking to non-AA Groups" and "Anonymity"; The first workshop will be held on June 18 in Suffolk County at True North Church in Bohemia from 9am to 1pm. We are continuing to work with new residents at Lennox Hill Hospital with the Karin Foundation as part of the doctor's program. The committee is looking for ways to expand this program to other hospitals. I would like to see the CPC committee take on outreach to lawyers and to provide information to EAP (employee assistance programs) We are always looking for volunteers to share their experience with a young doctor on what AA is and is not plus accompany her/him to an open AA meeting, but also to start other outreach projects. The Spanish district chairperson has been participating in the area committee and is currently working on a project to reach out to Spanish speaking communities served by educators and other professionals. In May I attended the Corrections Connection in Ossining and presented how AA works with professionals. Also was invited to speak at service participation workshop in Westchester in May. Lastly, I was honored to be invited to set up a table at the Nassau Unity Breakfast yesterday to invite participation on our committee and to hopefully encourage a CPC chair in Nassau County. I will be returning to Nassau on 6/20 for the general service meeting to make a pitch for involvement.

For more information on any of these topics or to learn how to get involved please contact me via email cpc@aaseny.org

7. **Accessibility and Special Needs Committee:** Next conference call meeting is this Weds at 7:30. If you need information, please see me after the meeting. Also, June 26th at IS5 in Elmherst Queens we will have our Special Needs Share A Day. The theme is "This is Special Needs"
8. **WORCYPAA** – Two events June 17-19 we are cosponsoring a camping event with NYCYPAA. Open mic night on June 25th at Grace Church in Nyack. The suggested donation is \$10.

9. **Service Sponsorship** – I have some handbooks and I will have them Saturday.

County Reports:

Hispanic District- Share A Day June 26th

Staten Island- Date set for Concepts workshop 10/15 at 1075 Woodrow Rd. We had a workshop last weekend with 70 people in attendance.

Westchester – Secured date for Westchester County Share an Evening 9/24

Brooklyn – Share A Day on June 25th and Spiritual Breakfast on 12/4

Nassau - May 14th was a great La Vina workshop on Nassau County. We have a concepts meeting on the third Monday of every other month. Our Unity Breakfast was yesterday. It was well attended. Next meeting June 20. Concepts meeting on July 18th

Question by Delegate: Why are we appropriating monies to counties who have money built into their budgets for workshops? We have had this discussion before. This is an issue that was put to the Ad Hoc Finance Committee and we have not heard from them yet. **RESPONSE:** It was brought before this body at the last committee meeting and it was approved by this body by more than a 2/3 majority

Bronx Upper Manhattan- Spiritual Breakfast 11/3, Share A Day date has been changed
Manhattan – Sat 10/1 Manhattan Service Workshop modelled after the Joy of Service Workshop done in Westchester. Location is 123 E15th st. from 3pm-6pm

Registrar Announcement: Shout out to those districts who have started taking advantage of what has been setup on Airtable:

Districts 108, 814, 312/323, 201/212, 617, 411, 107, 823, 208/209/211, 110, 305/313, 506, 602, 106, 506, 602, 106, 821/822, 714, 510, 404, 601, 608, 203/213, 407/409. Thank you!

Motion to Close

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm @ by Rick W., Area Chair with A.A.'s Declaration of Unity

Thank You for Participating and for Your Service!

NEXT AREA 49 COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 3, 2016 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm

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

NEXT AREA 49 ASSEMBLY

Saturday, June 11, 2016 – 9:15am – 3:15pm

[HOST: MANHATTAN COUNTY] PS167
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