

SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK AREA COMMITTEE AND ASSEMBLY OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - SENY Area 49

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SENY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

Opening and Welcome The meeting was opened with Serenity Prayer at 7:32pm by SENY Chair, Jane E.

- **Readings:** Preamble was read in English by Jane E., SENY Chair; Preamble was read in Spanish by Eddie., SENY Translation Chair.
- **Introductions:** New SENY Committee members introduced themselves and were welcomed.
- **Housekeeping & Voting Procedures:** Chair explained & reviewed voting procedures for the meeting. Tonight's parliamentarian is Terry F. Mitch is the new timekeeper. New time light.
- **Minutes:** May minutes reviewed. Motion to accept minutes as written, seconded. Vote: 0 opposed and two abstentions.

SENY Delegate – John W, Panel 67

- I put together a two-page quick reference guide which gives an overview of the actions taken at the 67th General Service Conference, along with some facts and figures on services provided by AAWS and AA Grapevine. It's available at aaseny.org.
- There was legal action taken by the AAWS board in attempt to reclaim the original "printer's copy" manuscript of the Big Book, which is scheduled to be auctioned later in June. I printed out a letter from the GSO detailing those actions that I received two weeks ago and a copy of an April 1979 letter from Barry L. leaving the manuscript to the AA archives.
- Please check out AA.org latest feature the "what's new" button. It will list the latest updates to the aa.org.
- I attended NERF this past weekend. Wonderful presentations and an opportunity to meet with 8 current trustees and 8 past trustees, plus two Non-Trustee Directors.
- As part of my commitment as a member of the conference's archives committee, I will be attending the archives workshop in Winnipeg - 9/29-10/01.
- Thank you all for the opportunity to be of service.

SENY Alternate Delegate – Manny

Attended-Since Last We Met:

- May 6, 2017 SENY Officers Meeting: 7:30-9:00 PM, Church of the Holy Family-Mechler Hall: 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, New York 10472
- May 7, 2017 I attended the Orange County General Services Spiritual Breakfast:
- It was fantastic and most notable was the food, which I availed myself of seconds. It was a very well organized affair and the speakers were excellent; especially our very own Recording Secretary-Anne who made a presentation at the Breakfast.
- Also On May 7 & May 21, 2017 I attended the NYCYPAA (New York City Young People in A.A.) Meeting:
- Amongst other activities and upcoming events are that were discussed are the:

- July 1, 2017 5th Annual Unity Day & Boat Party co-hosted:NYCYPAA/ESCYPAA/Boston Bid for ICYPAA (Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises): @ 7:00pm-10:00pm, Tickets \$30.00+\$2.64 Fee (Info: www.nycypaa.org)
- Jul 21-23, 2017 (Fri-Sun)NYCYPAA/WORCYPAA Campout: 12:00pm- Sun, Jul 23, 2017 1:00pm, Croton Point Park (Tickets \$25.00) (Info: www.nycypaa.org)
- Discussion of Outreach Block Party(as outreach) possibly in Flushing Meadows Corona Park
- In attending, as SENY liaison, I have witnessed and have been greatly impressed by commitment and enthusiasm dedication that AA's young people have towards our Primary Purpose; sometimes its hart to see, because of all the fun they have doing it!
- On May 11, 2017 I Chaired the Service Participation Committee Meeting:
- John W., our Delegate share with the group (DCMCs &Alt. DCMCs) in general and overview of the GSC and what occurred at the Conference; and his experience. He will be chairing the Literature Committee for the 2018 GSC. From what I have learned from my exposure to the GSC and the people that I have met, we have one of the most forthcoming and thorough with information: and he is well liked.
- We also discussed:
 - The Joy of Service Workshop
 - Some PI & CPC concerns
 - Group Inventory concerns
 - Other County concerns
 - We also had a very lively discussion on the pro and cons of Grandma Pizza vs Regular Cheese Pizza
- On May 20, 2017 I attended the SENY Joy of Service Workshop and presented, at one of 3 panel, on "Where Money & Spirituality Mix". It hosted and coordinated by Suffolk County General Services. Melissa coordinated & chaired the workshop, which was excellent. A shout out to Tom B. for his leadership & participation, as a presenter at the workshop.
- On May 21, 2017 / attended the Hispanic Districts' Asamblea: My report included presentations on:
 - SENY 2017 Convention and the reason and supporting info on the decision to return to the Westchester Marriott for the 2018 SENY Convention
 - The NERF
 - Info on the Post Conference Assembly
 - The August 4-6 2017 New York Information Workshop: Roberts Wesleyan School, 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester, NY 14624. I translated the registration form from English to Spanish, made & distributed copies.
 - I will be attending the on Jun. 11, 2017 Hispanic Districts Share-A-Day CELEBRATING THE 82 YEARS OF A. A./33 DIA DE COMPARTIMIENTO: 8:00am-10:pm (HOST Dist. 714) ST. LUKE CHURCH, 623 E. 138th. ST. BRONX N.Y. 10454 6
- Again, I always have a feeling of gratitude and admiration when I leave the Asamblea; not only for the delicious Spanish food, but also for the for the energy, enthusiasm and love for AA with which SERVICE is rendered at the Asamblea.

On The Calendar-Until We Meet Again:

- Jun. 11, 2017 Hispanic Districts Share-A-Day CELEBRATING THE 82 YEARS OF A. A./33 DIA DE COMPARTIMIENTO: 8:00am-10:pm (HOST Dist. 714 ,ST. LUKE CHURCH, 623 E. 138th. ST. BRONX N.Y. 10454 6
- June 12 @ 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm Queens GSR Bootcamp, Queens Intergroup, 105-29 Metropolitan Ave. Queens, NY 11375

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- June 17, 2017 SENY Area 49 Post-conference Assembly: 8:30 am - 3:15 pm, Aviation High School, 45-30 36th street, Long Island City, NY 11101
- June 18, 2017 Hispanic Districts' Asamblea: (ASAMBLEA DE DISTRITOS HISPANOS) 9:30 am- 2:00 PM- Host District/Distrito Anfitrión 414-Grupo Humildad, 24 Throop Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11207
- June 18, 2017 NYCYPAA (New York City Young People in A.A.) Meeting: 4:00-6:00 PM, 7 East 10th Street, Manhattan, NY
- June 24 Brooklyn Share-A-Day @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf, 260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11225 United States
- August 4-6, 2017 New York Informational Workshop, Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 Westside Drive, Rochester , NY 14624 United States
- I am available for: Group Inventories, Group Sharing Sessions and showing of AA videos
- Thank you all for the privilege to Serve you and Area 49

SENY Treasurer – Michelle G.

April and May Treasurer's Reports are on the table.

- Treasurer's Report: April report reviewed. Motion to accept April statement, as read. Seconded. Vote: 31 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. April report is approved.
- May report reviewed. Motion to accept May financial report, as read. Seconded. Vote: 30 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions. May's Treasury report is approved.
- NERF budget line. Great attendance. 15 people took advantage of reimbursements. Contact Michelle with questions, and for reimbursements.
- 7th Tradition collection was \$108.

SENY Registrar – Fred M.

- Had our monthly shared database team meet-up.
- Made a lot more progress automating more admin work.
- Sent out June's monthly email update.
- May 12th was the deadline to submit updates for the next printing of the directory. I stayed up super late to make sure all the updates were passed to GSO. I feel confident that our contribution to the directory will be more accurate this printing — most of the incorrect contact information should be removed, and we added a lot of new info.
- I'm also working on something to make it easier for people to find their group numbers, to see whether their group will be in the next directory printing, and a way to give people more opportunity to step up as group contacts & GSRs. I'll be giving everyone an update on that at the June 17th Assembly.
- When someone signs up for the Area's monthly email update on the aaseny.org homepage, they will now have the option to sign up for emails from Bronx - Upper Manhattan, Manhattan, Nassau, Queens, Rockland, or Westchester. All of these counties send out updates and are using a up-to-date tool to do so, so I was able to make some back-end updates in our shared database system to make this possible.
- Snapshot taken right after the April Assembly: We know of about 2,000 groups. Of those ~2,000 groups, ~1,500 have a point of contact. Of those ~1500 groups with points of contact, ~1170 are GSRs. Of those ~1170 GSRs, only 242 have ever attended an Assembly over the last five, a full year's worth. And of those 242, 115 have attended more than once in the last year.
- We have about a 25% drop-off of groups with no point of contact. We only have a 22% drop-off going from a group with a contact to a group with a GSR. But then we have an 78% drop-off in those GSRs ever attending an Assembly! And then of those GSRs that do attend at least once, about 50% return for another. And so on.

- These analytics are not academic. They are actionable. They point clearly to where we should be focusing: on GSRs who have been elected but never attended an Assembly AND on GSRs that have come once but have not returned

SENY Chair – Jane E.

- At the June Assembly we'll hear the Post conference report. It may take time, and if we don't get to Committee reports, I wanted to make sure that the Body still hears your message; so, Queens County has graciously arranged to have tables around the sides of the cafeteria for Committees first thing in the morning during registration. Most of you'll need to share a table with another Committee; please man them during lunch so people can come up and chat. We've done this before at Aviation High School and it got more people involved and was very well received by the GSR's.
- Anne could not be here tonight so Kathy is taking the minutes. Thanks, Kathy! Everyone, please send your e reports to Anne, or if handwritten, please give them to me tonight and I'll get them to Anne. Anne welcomes reports from the DCMC's as well as Committee Chairs.
- The Assembly Calendar for 2018 is online now. I used to wonder why in the world we would have an Assembly on Saturday and a Committee meeting on Monday. I've avoided doing so whenever possible. The requirements for our committee meetings and Assemblies are in Article IX of the Bylaws of the SENY Handbook. The Delegate's schedule must always be considered, and we normally do not meet in July or August. We take into account that the Spanish District and Sullivan County meet on the third Sunday of the month, Suffolk on the third Friday, and work around that. We do one Sunday Assembly. This rotation we are avoiding scheduling on the same day as the Bill W. Dinner. Then there's common sense: we should not meet in Suffolk or Sullivan in January or February. We should forget Suffolk after Memorial Day, elections should be in the boroughs, and Pre and Post Conference should be as easy as possible for the most members to get to, but always taking into account that the Assemblies should rotate evenly amongst the 13 Counties. In addition, we can only book this hall on the first Monday of the month, and Labor Day is one of them, New Year's Day is another, add in no July or August and we're kinda stuck. We also need to leave a little wiggle room in case the church cancels. I consulted with the Delegate, put together a calendar and then met with all the Officers about it. I'm thrilled to report that the Counties have been exceedingly supportive. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!
- Arranging for an Assembly venue with short notice is nigh impossible, and harder still for a new DCMC, so if no one objects, I'd like to arrange for the February 2019 Assembly with the appropriate County. This will be "Supporting our Future" for the incoming SENY Chair, the Committee, and the County. Does anyone object to my doing that? It will be done, then. Thanks!
- I was thrilled to chair the 2015 SENY Convention, and kept hearing about, but never saw, a mysterious binder with Convention info in it. My predecessor, Ben L., and Jarrett and Janice never saw it. Our outgoing SENY Convention Chair has prepared and tonight will present a new binder for the incoming Chair. Next year, I'll ask him to pass it on with his additions.
- I invite you to think about if you'd like the Delegate to negotiate and see if he can get the 2018 contract for the SENY Convention venue extended another 2 years. While we don't drink one day at a time, AA events take lots of advance planning. It's up to the Body, and the June Assembly will be a good time to broach it.
- I just got back from NERF and it was wonderful! My take home message this time was to make sure that we have an informed group conscience. My personal report will be in the next LINK, and I brought the preliminary report from NERF to the DCMC's here tonight. There were AA's from 8 SENY Counties at this NERF!
- Please join us at the NYSIW, August 4-6! It's always fun and informative. The GPV,PI, CPC, Corrections and Treatment Facilities Committee Chairs are expected to come and we'd love to see everyone there! It's \$175- for the weekend, meals included.

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- See you June 17th at the Assembly!
- Any questions?

2015 SENY Convention Report from Convention Treasurer, John W.

- Copies of the financials are available on the table.
- Motion to accept 49th SENY Convention Budget 2017, as read. Seconded. Vote: 31 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. 49th SENY Convention Budget 2017 is approved unanimously.

County & District Reports

- Orange, Sherry – Will host the Sept Assembly, details at June 17th Assembly. Breakfast was a success.
- Suffolk, Tom – June 11th – Birthday Brunch at Polish Hall in Riverhead.
- Queens, Joann – Got confirmation for June Assembly at Aviation HS.
- Brooklyn, Mel - June 24th Share-A-Day Participate. NERF – Awesome – opportunity to let everyone know how well-informed Area 49 is. Delegate passes info on. Today is Mel's Sober Date . 21 years.
- Nassau, Linda –1st Alt DCMC Unity Breakfast at Uniondale Marriott. Monday, Concept 7 & 8 7-8:30 at Intergroup Office in West Hempstead.
- Putnam County, Rob, DCMC - Unity Breakfast Oct 15th at Graymore. Assembly November 11th.
- Gerry Staten Island. CPC gathering June 10th. 10- 4:30
- County not meeting in May, July, August. Room is available for SI Committee's SAD July PS 48, 8-4; Nov 26th SI Spiritual Breakfast. Jan 13, 2018
- Manny – Spanish Districts – 6/11 SAD 82 yrs AA. 714 St Luke's in the Bronx. NYSIW registration form translated. Assembled gratitude, admiration for energy, enthusiasm and love with which the service is rendered.
- Emma Westchester - 1st Unity Picnic 7/29 SAD Oct 9th White Plains Middle School. Hosting Bill w Dinner Dance in November. Hosting the June 2018 Assembly.
- Bronx DCMC – Attended NERF, excellent.

SENY Standing Committee Reports

- Agenda - Jeanne C.: updated on the SENY website, as of Saturday. Calendar printout will be available at Assembly. In Sept, Oct will have time and location listed for events. Exploring another calendar platform with features such as: Embed info on committee page.
- Literature - Derrick H, Chair:- Bagels purchased for last Assembly may have been allotted to the Literature budget line item instead of Assemblies. Will review.
- ASN – Nellie: Alkathon in East Bronx. Attended the Nassau Unity Breakfast. Next ASN meeting 7/7. DCMCs contact Nellie with ASN Chairs.
- Intergroup Liaison – Steve K: Next meeting will be held on 6/10 at the SENY Office
- Archive – Richard: Group officers WS on Staten Island. 6/3 cmtee meeting. Use smart phone for digital recording on Sunday at Riverhead to meet former Delegates to record oral histories.

- CPC – Anthony, Chair: Great participation with counties - Nassau county did a radio show interview. Attended 2 MADD impact meetings, Lit in DRs offices, workshop. BX – 6/6 Health Fair 2 tables in Park. Brooklyn SAD. Tabling. Queens – medical schools, Chinese Med Committee
- Corrections – Mike D: 12 pre-release requests. Only one was coming to SENY. Committee is calling prsons to see their policies, how to info int the prosins. 6/18 next meeting . Integroup Bridging the Gap meeting.
- Grapevine – Laura: Attended SI WS on 5/13th. 1st meeting at 5/20 in SENY Office. 1st NERF. HSAD on June 11th new book – Making Ammends.
- District 605 - Chris, Alt Service Sponsorship Chair: 620 workshop. SI Panel. Thank Latin community for having at Asmblea. Eddie translated to Spanish. Getting word out with tablecloth for service sponsors – we need them. Lottery for Bill W tables.
- Bert – Chairing 28th Annual Big Meeting. June 17th can use people for walkthrough at Hilton.
- Web – Chris, Chair: Committee meeting 6/24 at SENY Office. Looking @ ways to improve usability and participation via website. Calendar. Ability to feature calendar on website. People submit. Subscribe to events for updates. Improve participation. Committee chairs. Ways to gather data or help, contact details are in the Link.
- Translation –Eddie, Chair: Booked through June. Every weekend. Will translate at the Big meeting on 25th. Two SADs, Asemblea., Assembly. Every committee chair should come & experience.
- Office Manager -,Richie: New microphones. New coffee pots. Use the SENYoffice. Contact Richie; details are in the link.
- Literature – Derrick: Sales are brisk. No literature tonight, it will be there at Assembly. Attended the Nassau County Unity Breakfast. Sales were brisk. Will attend the Brooklyn Share -A-Day on June 24th; Suffolk in August. District 602 Workshop. “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” discusses problems in groups, members disrespected in meetings, feeling unsafe. There is an e-doc with info on vulnerable members. Asked for material. Proactive instead of reactive.
- Treatment Facilities - Kathy B: We met at the SENY Office in the Bronx on Sunday, May 28th. The office building’s iron gate was closed so we held the meeting in a parked car until 12:15, watching to see if anybody else for the meeting. We planned the following goals: 1. Meetings for SENY Treatment Facility committee will be held last Sunday of each month from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. 2. Goal - increase participation of Bridging the Gap, by establishing a list of volunteers from groups. 3. Distinguish the role of county Intergroups’ Institutions committees. 4. Establish contacts at treatment centers by working with CPC. 5: Create SENY Treatment facility packets for county chairs.
County DCMCs, please send your TF Chairs to this meeting so that all 13 SENY counties participate.

Old Business:

- SENY Handbook revisions
 - Update of SENYHandbook. 4 years since. Minor changes to website, alt del, treasurer’s
 - One at a time to review handout. Motion to accept website’s 31 in favor , 3 abstensions.
 - Delegate’s job description. No changes. No objections.
 - Alt Delegate – 31 one abtension.
 - Chair 27

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- Treasurer – 28 in favor, 0 abstentions

Registrar's changes will be placed on table for discussion in October.

- 2018 SENY Convention Chair – Mike C. Happy to be going back to Tarrytown. Served on each subcommittee of the Convention. Reached out to a handful of people who have served – to participate in the committees. 1st meeting will probably be in July. Looking forward to it. Service sponsor will be part of my committee.

New Business:

- Registrar: Shared database system. One year. Area committee group conscience that we are moving in the right direction. Reviewed particulars of the shared database system. Simplified entire system. Asking for motion from the floor that we adopt shared database system as put forth by Registrar. Seconded. Discussion. Cost to SENY. ~~ \$100 per month starting year two. Future registrars, technical proficiency?
- Concern re: What level of computer proficiency do you need to be a registrar. Feedback from users. Call the question. 25 for; 0 opposed, vote will be taken. Favor of adopting Area 49 shared database 31, 0 opposed, 0 abstention. Passed unanimously.

Closing: Motion to close; seconded, passed. Next meeting October.

Meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy B., SENY Treatment Facilities Chair