

JUNE 4, 2018, SENY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

7:30 p.m. Meeting called to Order; Welcome to final meeting of summer

Serenity Prayer & Preamble (English & Spanish)

5 New Matters, lots of business, try to get done tonight; we have one new matter turfed from Assembly, announcement from the Chair of the Bill W. Dinner, an FYI report from the Spanish Community, the Ad Hoc Finance Committee, and the Archivist

Housekeeping (Quorum, Voting, Robert's Rules, Time to Speak)

Spiritual Timekeeper is Mike; Spiritual Votekeeper is Regina; Spiritual Parliamentarian is Joanne

Bill W. Dinner Chair (Burt): Requesting help for Dinner, had first meeting at 79th Street Workshop, help needed with speaker nominations, publicity, afternoon hospitality, and lottery; I've left forms if you are interested; will meet at NY Intergroup this Saturday 2 p.m.

Minutes

No corrections to minutes, approved as written

Introduction of New Trusted Servants (none)

Delegate's Report (John W.)

Summary of report given at Assembly

Alternate Delegate (Manny A.)

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 ustedes y la Area como su delegado alterno.

Summary and Highlights of My Activities Since Our Last Assembly:

4/8: NYCYPAA; Facilitated Special Elections for a Committee Chair and Co-Chair

4/15: NYCYPAA and Hispanic Districts Assembly of SENY: Reported on the upcoming GSC and my activities since the prior Asamblea

4/21: Presented at Accessibility/ Special Needs in AA Workshop

4/22: Attended General Service Conference Opening Dinner

4/23-27: General Service Conference Hospitality Committee Volunteer

4/28: Presentation on the Structure of the GSC at District 620 Service Workshop

5/5: Presented at Safety in AA Workshop

5/6: Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast followed by Orange County Joy of Service Workshop

5/7: SENY Committee Meeting

5/10: SENY Service Participation Meeting, made a brief report on the GSC, discussed other related topics, plus various SENY County concerns

5/19: Queens County Safety Workshop, made a presentation on Safety in AA – Sexual and Financial Predators

5/20: Hispanic Districts Assembly of SENY, made a summary report of our Delegate's 2018 General Services Conference Report; later that day attended NYCYPAA

I am available for: Group Inventories, Group Sharing Sessions and showing of AA videos

Chair's Report (Jane)

The next time we meet is the election assembly, where no business other than the elections is conducted. I invite you to take the summer to reflect: 1) contributions down the triangle 2) All SENY Committee members are eligible to stand for office at the elections; the Handbook purposely was printed before "summer break" for job descriptions to be reviewed. Together with the service manual, should give you an idea of what's expected, and all of the officers are available to you for questions. We never "run". We do not "run" for office. We stand if we're available. Like any commitment, we make sure we are available to do what the job is, and if so, we stand together.

At our October 1st Committee meeting, you can expect to hear KC's recommendation for a venue for the 2019 NYSIW.

Encouragement: have a robust alternate if, for some reason, you ever have two concurrent roles where both have a vote, example given from experience.

Thank you in advance to the Finance Ad Hoc Committee! More tasks have been assigned.

Everyone, have a safe and sober summer and I hope to see you around campus. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Any questions?

Treasurer's Report (Michelle)

The May Report was voted on by Assembly, so Report were for information only

Registrar's Report (Fred)

Not read

Informational Report (Spanish Community)

Letter summarized (will be translated). Starting May 26th District 614 will not meet for at least 2 months due to severe difficulties with a specific GSR. The issues started at a specific Group and spread through District; people are afraid to do service with a particular GSR, and the District has reached out to SENY for support.

During Q&A Alternate Delegate (Manny) and former DCM District 710 (Valentino), clarified. GSR has been accused of threatening other people with deportation; individual is truculent and other things have come up. The GSR tells a different version but the District would like the Group to send another GSR. SENY ask for patience from Spanish Community. The issue may or may not be an outside issue from point of view of SENY because SENY cannot tell the Spanish District how to run their meetings.

Further clarified (by Delegate, John) that 614 is not asking for solution at present but support. And, SENY is giving much attention and 100% support to what is a messy situation right now, with a lot of different versions of events being told.

Old Business

Convention Report: Assembly turfed issue of Convention Report to this body; report had misprinted line, has been corrected

Motion to Accept Report, **Seconded, Passed** after discussion

After minority opinion heard, **Motion to Reconsider Made; Seconded**

Point of Order: We are reconsidering Motion to Accept Report

Motion to Table

Point of Order: We should not table because that would require removing it from agenda and this if passed would postpone until September; **Motion to Table Withdrawn**

After discussion, **Motion to Reconsider Passed**

Discussion Reopened

2019 Convention Chair (Nisaa) clarified that we can move forward without final report

On Revote, Motion to Accept Report Defeated

Convention Chair (Mike) will work with Steve (Treasurer) and report back either in person or by proxy in September

New Business

Appointment of New Web Chair (Ray) (current Chair moving); the incoming Digital Archivist is Kathy and Bill C is a new member Archives Committee; on July 1, 2018, our new archivist will be Mary R.; this is a 6-year commitment as per Handbook

Mary R. (incoming Archivist) requested financing for National Archives Workshop, Friday-Saturday, but three nights, \$925

Motion that Area Reimburse the Archivist up to \$925 to attend National Archives Workshop, **Seconded**; after discussion, **Passed**

Finance Ad Hoc Committee Chair (Mike):

Report and recommendation (4 handouts) explained; Committee asked us to look into using debit card, especially as people are using their own; fairness and opportunity for people w/o cards to serves. Recommendation was to obtain one debit card that would be linked to the operating account (as set out in Committee's Report and Recommendation). Committee thanked (by Chair)

Motion to Accept Recommendation from SENY Ad Hoc of Finance Committee Area Debit Card, **Seconded**. Discussion clarified that TD Bank seems to be best; there will be 1 debit card held by treasurer linked to account for use by officers for recurring operating expenses that cannot be paid by check or other means, such as QuickBooks and JotForm; there will be a 2-signature protocol. Manhattan County has used debit card, very successful; limit is \$1200, which could be less but

would be very difficult for treasurer. Concern expressed about theft, but only officers can use card and our protection is to choose officers wisely. **Motion Passed.** A copy of the Ad Hoc Committee's Recommendation is attached.

7th Tradition is \$174.26

Motion that all SENY bank accounts be listed on the Treasurer's Report each month, if not in detail then as a memo listing the book balance as of the end of the prior month;
Seconded. Motion Passed without discussion.

County Reports

Queens (Joanne): Reminder of Spiritual Breakfast, looking into Spanish Safety Workshop Aug/Sept.; District 708 is having its Spring Sober Dance this Saturday 708

Putnam (Rob): Upcoming Movie Night and Unity Breakfast

Sullivan (John): Since starting in rotation, we have 2 new GSRs and I am working on visiting dark groups; we have received contract for location for Assembly in November, have met with caterer, flyer is being completed

LISS (Kathy): Will take place 9/22 in Brooklyn, 9:30-3:30, our Chair will be the keynote speaker, have flyers

SI (Jerry): County Meeting 6/10, Elections in September; Share-an-Evening on 9/29 and Traditions Workshop on 12/1, and we will host the February 2019 Assembly

Nassau (Regina): Next in Concepts Series will be on 7/16 at Nassau IG, will cover Concepts 7 and 8; had our Spiritual Breakfast yesterday, great success

Suffolk (Tom): County Meeting on 6/15, John W, no July meeting so next meeting will be August

District 620 (Royce): Announcing 3rd Annual District 620 Gratitude Cookout, have flyers, info should be in Link

Hispanic (Consuela): Invite you to Hispanic Share-a-Day next Sunday 8 am – 10 pm in Yonkers; \$10

Brooklyn (Mel): County Inventory at next meetings, Share-A-Day, plus LISS event

Westchester (Emma): Thanks to attendees at Saturday Assembly, end of June will have Pathway to Power Spiritual Sponsorship, BBQ early July; 8/3 will be a Legacy Workshop, Day of Sharing of Beginnings, mid-October will be Share-a-Day

Sponsorship (Sally): Distributing new handbook to officers and chairs; handbook is being translated and will be distributed before elections

Link (Domi): move to 6-page Link rather than 8, probably five 6-page issues and five 8-page issues

Literature (Brendan): Will be a Brooklyn Share-a-Day, please let me know re: events

Grapevine (Laura): Attending Nassau County Breakfast, will be at Brooklyn Share-a-Day, NYSIW (7/27), got good suggestions re: Rabbit Walks into Bar

Kathy (Treatment): Thanks for Grapevines and La Vinas, very needed and useful; NY Intergroup does not bring meetings into day programs (only tells people that they can form own meeting), so when people contact GSO, GSO calls SENY. We will discuss how to proceed at next meeting on 6/24; have registered for NYSIW

Al-Anon (John by Ray): Discovery Convention 8/24-26 at Renaissance Hotel, \$20 early registration, John will be reaching out to DCMCs for speakers, more info please contact John

Archives (Richard): Next planning meeting 9/1, look forward to working w/ Mary and Kathy and digitalizing, thanks to SENY for allowing me to participate in Archives Convention

Accessibility/Special Needs (Nellie): Have met this week, will meet again in September, have been asked to come to some County meetings, available to speak

Intergroup (Gene): July, hope to have meeting in July, may be reaching out to DCMC re: different Intergroups

Postal (Saadi): Like to apologize: questionnaire went well, but there were issues with minutes and USPS-system, it's more complicated and missed small step, and by the time it was sorted out it was too late to send (would arrive late)

CPC/PI (Ritchie): GSO thanks us for APA attendance

Jeanne (Agenda): Calendar updated, including events announced here (remember, we do not post Group events, only SENY)

Recording Secretary (Mike): Owe apology; got minutes in late to Postal (Saadi) which contributed to his delay; working on number of copies for distribution so that we do not have excess and control costs

Office (Ritchie): If you need help, please contact me; helpful to have 6 weeks' notice to allow short

Motion to Close, Seconded

9:30 p.m., Meeting Closed with Unity Statement