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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, March 2, 2015 (7:30-9:30 PM)**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Bus For NERF – needs to be discussed and voted on at the April Assembly
2. **LINK Articles:** Send LINK articles for April issue to [link@aaseny.org](mailto:link@aaseny.org) as soon as possible.

(7:00pm) *New DCM Orientation – Kevin McH.* - (Nueva Orientación DCM)

**Meeting called to order @ 7:33 pm**

- Serenity Prayer Rick W., Chair
- Daily Reflection (*Reflexión Diaria*) – Jim M., DCM Suffolk
- Preamble – Masood B. – LINK Editor / Preambulo - Manny A., SENY Treasurer
- SENY Statement of Purpose (*Declaración de Propósito SENY*) Rick W., SENY Chair

**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=36      No= 0      Abs=2
- **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)

- Delegate's Day of Sharing (March 28, 2015, PS40, 320 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY )
- 47th Area 49 SENY Convention (March 20-22, 2015, Tarrytown, NY)
- Pre-Conference Assembly (April 11, 2015, Pearl River Middle School - Rockland County)

**Officer Reports** (*Informes Oficial*)

**Delegate: Jim W.,** [delegate@aaseny.org](mailto:delegate@aaseny.org) 718-829-7287

1. Some group inventories that were scheduled in February got cancelled due to weather
2. Conference materials were received on Feb 16. Delegate's questionnaire was created and sent out. Mailing went out this past weekend
3. Will set up a table at convention to answer questions about questionnaire
4. Presenters for Day of Sharing have materials to prepare presentation.
5. NERF will take place 5/29-31 to register go online to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Hotel reservations are available online as well.

6. NERAASA was two weekends ago
7. This weekend will be attending Northeast Regional Delegates Conference in Rhode Island
8. Will be available at SENY Convention to answer questions about delegates questionnaire and Pre-Conference Assembly is 3/28
9. Last day to receive Delegate's questionnaire is Weds. 4/15 since the conference begins 5/18, send to SENY office (address on questionnaire) or email at [seny65direct@gmail.com](mailto:seny65direct@gmail.com)

**Alternate Delegate: John W., [altdelegate@aaseny.org](mailto:altdelegate@aaseny.org) 646-413-3830**

1. I've attend all of NYCYPAA's bi-monthly meetings that have occurred since this rotation began.
2. I attended the January Asamblea in Westchester and the February Asamblea in Rockland County. And will be at the March Asamblea in Suffolk.
3. We had our first Service Participation meeting on January 22, with 8 DCMCs and 5 alternate-DCMCs in attendance. The meeting is an opportunity DCMCs to share experience and best practices on topics related to increasing participation in their respective counties.
4. I've been conducting just about one group inventory a week and wrote about it in the last Link.
5. Attended NERAASA and will be attending NERD and the SENY convention in March.
6. My goal for the coming rotation is to be visible and available. Please let me know how I may be of service.

**Chair: Rick W., [chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org) 917-698-0722**

1. GSR University at first Assembly was very successful and has generated a request for future activities
2. Attended Suffolk County Unity Breakfast. It was wonderful and thank you to all
3. Attended NERAASA and it was wonderful.
4. Enjoyed the fellowship at SENY mailing
  - a. Question about who receives mailing? Approximately 1000 people receive snail mail of reports from SENY still.
5. Delegates questionnaire can be downloaded from [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org)

**Treasurer: Manny A., [treasurer@aaseny.org](mailto:treasurer@aaseny.org) 917-406-4783**

1. Preliminary end of year financial report presented for January-December 2014  
 Motion to accept the 2014 financials as written  
 Y = 34      N = 0      Abs = 8  
**Motion carries**
2. Budget presented for 2015
  - a. Question regarding budget line item for Literature?
    - i. Lower budget for 2015 due to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Book purchase.
3. Motion made and seconded to accept proposed report for January and February 2015  
 Y = 38      N = 0      Abs = 3  
**Motion carries**
4. 7th Tradition passed - \$116.75

**Registrar: Laura C., [registrar@aaseny.org](mailto:registrar@aaseny.org) 347-882-1830**

1. Thank Gill and Amanda for standing in during needed
2. Mailing was done at NY Intergroup at 10:00am and will always be done at that time and place
3. March 14 will be the next mailing at NY Intergroup at 10:00am to mail the minutes for the February Assembly

**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.
- If you have a set of SENY Office keys, please email Rick
- DCMC's – please send current email address to [chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org)



Events by 3/31/15 50% - Work on the form is in progress. Roll out planned concurrently with the new website.

I am grateful to have had the privilege to participate in the Website Roundtable on Friday and Saturday nights at NERAASA. It was productive in that we developed and submitted two recommendations for action by the Trustees' PI committee: to declare Website an official Internet subcommittee of PI and to create a Website workbook similar to the Treatment or Corrections Workbooks.

#### **4. PI Chair:**

##### **Goal 1: Exhibit at a minimum of four (4) community events in the Area to share PI related information**

-Feb 28-March 1 members of the SENY PI and CPC and NYCYPAA committee staffed an AA booth at the LGBT expo.

##### **Goal 2: Donate a minimum of 26 PI workbooks annually to groups in a variety of Counties/Districts**

-I've given 4 PI workbooks to committee members in various counties to help them with starting PI projects and ideas.

-I've directed the DCM of district 412 to an [aa.org](http://aa.org) copy of the PI workbook because we are thinking of having a community workshop with the goal of informing the local community about What AA is and is not.

##### **Goal 3: Develop and execute a minimum of one (1) service workshop with the CPC Committee**

-The CPC and PI committees have agreed to meet every other month for a joint committee meeting.

##### **Goal 4: Develop a letter campaign for distribution in a minimum of four (4) Counties/Districts**

-The PI committee has successfully mailed out an additional 280 letters to Brooklyn, Staten Island, Bronx, and Queens county Public High schools. This is an addition to the 147 letters that were sent in 2014. We have received responses and requests for pamphlets since sending the letters out last week.

-We are working with nycypaa's CPC/PI chair of NYCYPAA to begin a campaign for Private HS.

#### **5. CPC:**

Difference between PI and CPC: They are basically the same but have different audiences. Had first committee meeting on 2/11. Will be reaching out to Lawyers, clergy, EAP's to let them know what AA is and what it isn't. Will conduct some type of training for June for specific audience. LGBT Expo with CPC was wonderful and a great opportunity to reach many different people. Attended NERAASA and sat in on CPC round table and Corrections round table. Next meeting is Weds 4/8 at SENY office.

**6. NYSIW Chair:** Fliers available for Save the Date 8/14-16, but revised fliers will be done again online. Attended NERAASA and served as recorder and it was wonderful. Committee meeting tomorrow.

**7. Office Manager** – New coffee pots. If you are available to be a Service Chef, please contact Kevin at [office@aaseny.org](mailto:office@aaseny.org) if you need to get in the office email or call at (516) 384-6517 Fliers are available for Nassau County Unity Breakfast.

#### **8. Literature and Grapevine:**

Trying to get a committee combined to get a workshop going. No one is listed from Putnam, Rockland or

Available to attend county meetings if needed. Invited to speak at Saturday March 7 10am-1pm at Sacred Heart in Yonkers about

## 9. Corrections:

Two meetings have been held so far at the SENY offices. Has had one request filled for the pre-release program. Numerous other requests still working on. This is an important commitment. Made a presentation at Nassau County to try to get a Nassau County Chair. Is available to make presentations at other counties. Reaching out to counties that are dark with Corrections committee members.

**10. Link Editor:** Thanks for submitting articles! Please send more! Send to [link@aaseny.org](mailto:link@aaseny.org)  
Ironing out kinks in system but is working well. Publications review committee will take over the editing of articles. Schedule for due dates will be updated, more time will be needed. For events, please email Kathy and cc Link.

## 11. SENY Convention -

Banquets sold: 125, need 250 to break even. Jim is accepting Banquet and registration sales here tonight.

Last year we had sold 236 banquets 3 days before the event itself.

Hotel rooms booked: 477 as of this morning. Need 500 to break even.

The Program will go on the web soon.

Goals:

1) To have meetings and workshops on Recovery, Unity and Service, but most of all to provide an atmosphere for fun and fellowship. That goal will be met.

2) To be self-supporting. Whether or not we meet that goal is up to the people of SENY.

Please see Jim S. tonight and purchase registration and banquet tickets.

## 12. Treatment Facilities –

- Will visit Nassau and Westchester County General Service meetings in March
- Will also visit District 602 in Manhattan this week for their District meeting
- Next SENY Treatment Facilities Committee meeting to be held at NY Intergroup, March 12, 2015 7-9pm, 307 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, NYC 10001
- Will have table at the SENY Convention
- Will present at panel at SENY Convention
- Am available to speak (briefly!) at any County or District meeting and will be asking for invitations

**13. Accessibility and Special Needs** – A/SN will have a presence at the 2015 Convention and several members of the committee will attempt to come for the day on Saturday. Our next committee meeting will be March 25th at 7PM at New York Intergroup, 307 7th Avenue 2nd Floor. At present the weather has prohibited me to visit dark counties, but once spring hits the New York Area I will be out and about! Thank you for allowing me to serve

## Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Los informes del Comité Especial)

- Finance Committee: Regarding service workshops: who can ask? How much can be asked? What can they ask it for?
  - Who? A voting member of SENY Area, DCM, DCMC based on if the county does not have a budget for a workshop or is experiencing financial hardship
  - How much? \$300 but will be asked what will it be used for
  - How was number arrived at? It was an increase from \$250 based on 5 workshops
  - This should be based on need not based on incentive to have a workshop. First stop should be at County

- How do you determine if a County is undergoing financial hardship? Trusted servants should be assumed they cannot get from county and are coming to SENY
- Are we earmarking the money as it can only be used for something specific? The committee felt it should go to provide place, not food
- Should this workshop be based on need – rent and refreshments are part of putting on a workshop. This criteria feels very restricting It is defeating the purpose of the budget line.
- Would it be limited to once a year? This question was not addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee and should be addressed by SENY Committee
- Does this mean money is going down the triangle? It seems that the Area would be giving money back to districts. This does not make sense. District and County needs to get money from within district to get money from dark groups.
- Request to soften language about how money can be used, let right of decision prevail
- How many times was budget line used in 2014? 2 times @ \$250 for \$500 total
- Can DCM's come and ask for funds or do they have to go to County first? DCM's can ask, but they do need to go to Counties first
- Is it possible for each entity to have an opportunity to ask for money once in 2 year rotation? The Ad Hoc Committee felt it should be based on need
- Service Workshop is an antiquated line item based on an old model of SENY going to counties to bring committees to county to find out what SENY does Publications Committee will come back with the recommendation of what a service work shop is. It is for SENY workshop chairs to share.
- Recommend to postpone additional discussion at next committee meeting to vote on this item

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

- Orange County Spiritual Breakfast – May 3<sup>rd</sup> tickets are \$20
- April 15, Young People in AA host (Luis)
- April 25, St Philips church 9th annual service workshop
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast

Motion to Close

**Meeting adjourned 9:44 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, 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