

March 4, 2019, SENY COMMITTEE MINUTES – Approved

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. – Jerry R., **Chair**

Serenity Prayer and AA Preamble, in English and Spanish.

Quorum established; and Housekeeping (explanation of voting)

Spiritual Parliamentarian (Terry), Spiritual Vote Counter (Bob), Spiritual Timekeeper (Andy V)

No corrections to January minutes; Accepted as written

OFFICER'S REPORTS

DELEGATE'S REPORT (Jane E)

DDoS Information: At the time the date of March 16th was set, the NYC parade was set to be on the 17th. Regrettably, since then, NYC has changed the date to the 16th.

One of the standing agenda items for the Treatment/Accessibilities Conference Committee is to review: a) draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit, b) contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook and, c) review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook. The kits are on display here, and the letter from GSO to Jane E. was read out loud.

Background information on the GSC Agenda items: The full background information was sent to me, and within 48 hours I developed the questionnaire and sent the background information and invitation letters to our seven presenters. In the past two weeks, the background information has been revised three times. Fortunately, not the agenda items on the questionnaire. Because of these multiple revisions, I will wait until after the DDoS to send out full background information to the DCMCs for wider distribution. I trust that the DCMCs will make it known that it is confidential information, not to be posted on any public website, social media (including so-called secret groups), AA newsletters or published reports.

One standing committee chair asked me for the full background information, and I sent it to them and will to you, if you e-mail me, although it may be better to wait until after the DDOS for the reason of multiple revisions. Note that when you ask the following will be in my email:

"The 69th GSC Combined Agenda and Background all Committees" is confidential for AA members only and not to be posted on any publicly accessible website, social media (including "secret" groups), in newsletters, or published reports." Please do not be offended when you see that in my email; it's my job to give you that information. All of us in this room are trusted servants. As you trust me to do my job, I trust you too to make sure that the confidentiality is kept.

NERAASA Report: see our Northeast Regional Trustee's (NERT's) presentation on the bottom-left of our website's homepage. Click Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly.

Contributions: In 2018 were 82.3% self-supporting. In 2018 we are 74% self-supporting. Rationale explained (contributions flat, multiple expenses up). Reminder: AA members may contribute on a recurring basis for as little as \$5 per month but no more than \$5000 per year to help make AA self-supporting someday.

I felt wonderful about being a part of SENY. SENY members at the mic had amazing stuff to say! Delegates are not to go to the mic and are not to discuss GSC Agenda items at NERAASA, we are to listen. The Panel 68 Delegates at the Delegates' round table gave me the feeling of being a newcomer in a loving home group. Very cool.

Bill C. is our Northeast Regional Candidate

Other activities included group inventories and speaking commitments in our Area.

FAQ's regarding the 2020 International Convention, July 2-5, are online at aa.org. Registration starts late September.

NERF (May 31-June 2) at Tarrytown. Pre-registration starts online at aa.org on April 1. Hotel information is live. I made my reservation already, please know that the hotel always sells out. I was asked to do a Delegate's presentation on Saturday, at NERF.

International Convention: Detroit, Michigan, July 2-5, 2020. Registration via aa.org or mail in. Registration starts in September. There is a lottery for hotels. There are FAQ's on aa.org.

SENY Topics:

I've received a couple of emails meant for my predecessor and I've forwarded them on to him. In the event that you are receiving emails for your predecessor, and you need their contact info, reach out to me, I have all Panel 67's trusted servants contact info. Please forward any emails meant for your predecessor to them.

Last rotation, the Ad Hoc Finance Committee was asked to review and update the 2012 SENY Spending Guidelines. Last week, I requested, in consultation with the Chair and Treasurer, to consider reimbursing the Treasurer and Registrar to go to NERAASA. See the SENY Handbook for more info on requests to the AHFC.

The Treasurer and Registrar are not reimbursed for any events whatsoever, excepting assemblies and committee meetings. The guidelines were last revised in 2012. I believe NERAASA will provide the members of SENY great value of group money for all five officers to go.

The DDoS flyers and NERF information was sent to me on February 17 to be disseminated via email update. I sent the questionnaires for the email update on March 1.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate!

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT (Tom B):

Next Service Participation meeting is March 14th at the new SENY office. I will send e-mail.

Next year's NERAASA will be in Nashua, New Hampshire. I am available to facilitate Group and County Inventories, meetings or workshops on Traditions or Concepts.

CHAIR'S REPORT (Jerry R.)

International Convention:

Q Must everyone register? **A** Yes

Q How much will registration cost?

A Advanced registration for the convention between September 9, 2019 and April 14, 2020 will be \$115.00 (USD) per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 (USD) per attendee

Q Can travel agents register groups or individuals? **A** no

Q When can I reserve a hotel room? **A** Once you have registered for the convention, you can sign up for housing.

Q Where are the main hotels?

A Our Convention hotel block of over 10,000 rooms will be in five main areas, four in Michigan — downtown Detroit, Dearborn, Southfield and Romulus/Airport — and one just across the Canadian border, in Windsor, Ontario. Of those 10,000 rooms, only 3,000 are in downtown Detroit and within walking distance of the Cobo Center and the Ford Field Stadium.

Q Can members contact hotels directly?

A No. To make the process as fair as possible, all housing requests will be processed through the Convention Housing Bureau.

Q Can travel agents make room reservations?

A Room reservations can only be made in an individual's name. Rooms available through the Housing Bureau, at specially negotiated Convention rates, are not commissionable to travel agents.

We do not have an Office Manager. Pablo has card for new office. He will let people in when they want to have a meeting at the office off hours (at night or on weekends). If you would like to have a meeting there, I will give you his phone number/e-mail to make sure he is available. I also have the contact info for the man at the building. Please e-mail

him to make sure a cubicle is available before putting it on the SENY calendar. Possibly have someone to make coffee at committee meetings. Need someone to set up electronic equipment at committee meetings and assemblies.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Joanne M.) Uncategorized income: changed this account name to "Balance and Operating Account January 1st" Twenty-four people received stipend for NERAASA.

Will not be presenting Treasurer's Report at DDoS, suggest you grab extras for your GSR's to bring back to their groups.

7th TRADITION: \$172.30

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Seconded, Motion Passed

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: (Mike D.)

No update on e-mail name situation. Ray and I are working on it. I'm working on getting e-mails for new GSR's to include link to SENY handbook as well as relevant GSR pamphlets so they do not have to wait for packets from GSO. DCM's should reach out to me if new GSR'S are not receiving packets from GSO. If you are a DCM and need a list of GSR's for your district, e-mail me at registrar@asseny.org

MOTION: That we try and put out audio copies along with the digital versions of DDoS presentations

Motion was seconded; Discussion. Motion to table; Seconded; Passed

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS

CPC: (Laura G.) Attended NERAASA CPC Roundtable discussion, got list of all CPC attendees, will contact them. CPC/PI March meeting is cancelled. Next meeting is last Tuesday in April at NY Intergroup.

Grapevine La Vina: (Sherry A.) Submit your Story upcoming deadlines:

Grapevine: March 10: Getting Sober When You're Young, April 10: Accessibilities: What Helped You Get the Message of AA, June 10: Remote Communities and Holiday Stories.

La Vina: September/October issue: Spanish Language Stories, Welcoming Women in AA, Como Tratamos a las Mujeres en los Grupos.

75th Anniversary Tool Kits are available in English and Spanish. There are four Grapevine agenda items for the 69th GSC. Grapevine/La Vina committee meeting is April 7th, 11:00 – 1:00, SENY office.

PI: (Mike D.) We connected interested members to County PI's. Finalized workshop format, table setup and volunteers. (Misael C.) Hispanic District PI: Participated with Lourdes at White Plains DMV's ongoing program. We were contacted by NY I/G concerning being listed on NYCWell

(Antonio G) Queens CPC/ PI: Buddy System now on aaseny.org. Will ask five districts in Queens to donate a Big Book in order to supply Queens libraries. Will continue process into other three districts until completed.

Bill C. presented the Doctor's Program (PAAT) Information

Convention: (Nisaa A.) Registration as of March 3rd: 442 pre-registration in total. Of that 442 we have 257 banquets. Pre-registration has been extended. Mail in forms must be postmarked by 3/9. On line registration until March 16th. Hotel room nights as of March 1st is 530, commitment to the hotel is 467.

Agenda: (Malini M.) If you have an event for the calendar e-mail agenda@aaseny.org. Please include name of event, date, time, location, image (PDF preferable) or j-peg.

Service Sponsorship: (Richie N.) Has service manuals and SENY handbooks in Spanish and English

Archives: (John M.) Two workshops at convention: Saturday at 10:15 and 2:30

Accessibilities: (Sally B.) Meeting is at the SENY office, Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

Link Editor: (Jim S.) Who can write for Link: DCM's, DCMC's, SENY Officers, Group Chairs, Past Delegates. Articles should be 300-350 words. Submit in word document. Send flyer submissions for events to link@aaseny.org. Deadlines: 3/14 for 4/1 committee meeting, 4/18 for 5/4 publication at pre-conference assembly, 5/16 for 6/2 committee meeting. Changes: Accessibilities/Special Needs committee will be at the SENY office, not NY Intergroup. Grapevine and Agenda e-mails are wrong. Use agenda@aaseny.org, grapevine@aaseny.org

Corrections: (Eddie D.) Currently we are receiving pre-release forms at the P.O. Box. Want to find out which counties have lists of volunteers. Missing Nassau and Suffolk corrections chairs. Received request from someone being released from Westbury. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know.

LISTS 2019 Publicity Chair: (Rob DCM 119) LISTS July 14th. Putting together workshops and programs. Want all service entities to get involved. For more info e-mail lists@aasuffolks-ny.org

Web: (Ray W.) Delegates Questionnaire in English and Spanish is up. Flyer with directions on how to get to DDoS is up. Full list of conference agenda items is on there, not in Spanish, but will probably be up tomorrow. Online questionnaire to submit answers is not up yet but will be before DDoS. Shortly after DDoS all power point presentations will be posted.

Nassau: (Marty, Alternate DCMC) LISTS meeting March 19th, 7:30, Nassau Intergroup Office. Nassau County is hosting opening meeting at convention. Unity Breakfast June 2nd, Long Island Marriott. Movie Night "Bill's Story" and 2004 AA 15 minute Short Film, March 18th.

Suffolk: (Chris D.) Bus to assembly will stop in Queens – see Frank for info

Queens: (Frank G.) Breakfast in October. GSR Bootcamp on the 11th.

Hispanic Districts: (Raina, Alternate DCMC) May Pre-Conference Assembly will be at Cross Hill Academy, Yonkers,

DCM District 305: (Power) District is putting on History of BB workshop and video presentation of SENY archives. Second part "Who We Are, What We Do", three speaker panel: CPC, PI, Corrections, March 30th in Richmond Hill at St. Mary's Gate of Heaven.

Westchester: (Rich S.) Saturday March 9th, 12:00 – 1:00 Safety Workshop, Armonk.
Working on first spiritual breakfast (sometime in spring, hopefully). Third annual spiritual BBQ 8/24

Manhattan: (Vicky B.) Workshop "The Rent for Meeting Space is Too Darn High", 6/26 at Seafarers, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Orange: (Patrick, Alternate DCMC) Spiritual breakfast June 30th, Kuhl's Island House, Middletown.

Next Area Assembly: Delegate's Day of Sharing, Saturday, March 16th, Bronx

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, April 1st

Close with AA's Declaration of Unity – 9:32 p.m.