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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, May 4, 2015 (7:30-9:30 PM)**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Paper copies are requested in the future for all surveys/forms to be completed (i.e.: Registration for NERF bus, SENY survey, etc.)
2. **LINK Articles:** Send LINK articles for June issue to [link@aaseny.org](mailto:link@aaseny.org) as soon as possible.
3. Treasurers report made with electronic presentation so that details can be seen and discussed together at Assembly and at Area Committee meeting

*(7:00pm) New DCM Orientation – Jamie S- (Nueva Orientación DCM)*

**Meeting called to order @ 7:32pm**

- Serenity Prayer Rick W., Chair
- Daily Reflection (*Reflexión Diaria*) – Anthony B, SENY Corrections Chair
- Preamble –Kathy B, SENY Agenda Chair/ Preambulo –Jose M.
- SENY Statement of Purpose (*Declaración de Propósito SENY*) Peggy, Alt DCMC Staten Island

**General Housekeeping –**

- Voting clarifications for quorum – we have a quorum
  - The body needs to decide if the representative sent from Queens for the DCMC and Alt DCMC will be permitted to vote. This will be further discussed under New Business.
- 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= 28 No= 0 Abs=6
- **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)

5/16 – *SENY PI Community Meeting Panel*  
5/17 – *Sullivan County Spiritual Breakfast*  
5/17 – *Manhattan Share-A-Day*  
5/29 – *NERF – Northeast Regional Forum*  
6/6 – *Nassau Workshop "Safety and Respect in AA"*  
6/7 – *Nassau Unity Breakfast*  
6/13 – *SENY Post Conference Assembly*

6/20 – Brooklyn Share-A Day

6/20 – Bronx-Upper Manhattan 12 Concepts Workshop

8/14 – NYS Informational Workshop

## Officer Reports (*Informes Oficial*)

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

1. A brief article is in the LINK explaining what took place at the General Service Conference, more details will be at Post Conference Assembly.
2. Grateful for family assistance to enable attending conference
3. Off and running again to group inventories and weekend activities at SENY

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

Since we last met at the April assembly:

1. I remain active with the Hispanic Districts and with the YPAAs: having attended the April Asamblea in Nassau and the NYCYPAA committee meetings. I continue to conduct group inventories and speak on the Traditions and the Concepts.
2. I participated on a panel discussion about “Safety & Respect in the Rooms” hosted by Brooklyn cluster districts 401, 403, and 411 on Quincy Street. And was on a panel entitled Service with a Smile for Manhattan District 620’s annual service workshop.
3. I had the privilege of attending the opening dinner for the GSC as Jim’s guest. It was an amazing experience. Later in the conference week I took two days off from work to be one of the many who helped with the hospitality committee. It was a real treat and I encourage everyone to consider helping next year.
4. Yesterday I had a wonderful time as a guest of Orange County General Service attending their spiritual breakfast.
5. A reminder to DCMCs and their alternates that May 14 is our next Service participation meeting.
6. NYCYPAA boat party – July 11 – tickets are \$25 through the end of June. You can buy them online at [nycypaa.org](http://nycypaa.org) and I have just a few with me tonight.
7. Lastly, a reminder to sign up for shifts at the hospitality suite in Atlanta. You can offer yourself up at [atlanta@aaseny.org](mailto:atlanta@aaseny.org). And related, during new business, Masood and I are going to seek some additional funds to have a larger run of the Link that comes out that month to make available at the suite.
8. Thank you again for the privilege to serve.

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

1. **September 2015 Assembly Date Change:** The September Assembly date has been changed due to scheduling conflicts from Saturday, September 12, 2015 to Sunday, September 27, 2015. This Assembly will be hosted by Sullivan County and will be located at Fallsburg H.S. in Fallsburg, NY. Thanks to William D., DCMC for all of your assistance in making this change happen.
2. **Assembly Locations Selected:** All Assembly locations for the remainder of 2015 have been identified and the majority of them have been secured. Check our Events calendar on our website for details on those locations. (June 13th - Staten Island / Sept. 27th - Sullivan County /November 7 (area Inventory) - Westchester County).
3. **Area Survey:** As many of you are already aware, we are about to launch an online survey for ALL Area 49 trusted servants to see how we can better meet the needs of our groups in Area 49. In addition, the survey will touch on various committees we have at SENY and on Sunday, April 26th, an email went out to all Standing and two Ad Hoc Committee Chairs asking them if they would be interested in adding a single question to this survey about their committee. If you would like to have a question about your committee added to the survey

and have not sent it to me yet, please get it to me before you leave tonight. The survey is auto-scheduled to be emailed out at 10:00am on May 11th and will stay open for responses through June 11th at 5:00pm. This survey will be completely anonymous and respondents will only identify themselves if they wish to be contacted regarding their responses. We will be sharing the complete results of the survey with everyone at the June 13th Post Conference Assembly.

(Survey: <https://docs.google.com/a/aaseny.org/forms/d/12e2IDzilE7A3BseycglEWZoWCNuUG8Xsn-uRa4YXYPY/viewform> )

4. **Email Distribution to the Area:** We are wrapping our arms around how to deliver information out to the Area digitally via email. We are settling into a process that will that will look like this:
  1. Once a month on the 1st of the month - ALL SENY will receive a general news & updates email called "In The Know." If you have something you wish to be included in that email, please send it to [chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org) at least 72 hours prior to the first of the month.
  2. We will send out a reminder for each Area committee meeting and or Area assembly that will contain information about that meeting, including download links for the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting.
  3. From time to time, there may be *Special Announcements* that are time-sensitive and important that may go out separate from the above-mentioned email campaigns.
  4. Our goal is to minimize the amount of email the Area gets while still effectively communicating the information the body needs - to conduct the business of the Area.
5. **NERF Bus Online Signup Form:** We have created and sent out already an online signup form for seats on the NERF Bus that SENY will be providing. As a reminder, the bus is open to any member of A.A. who wishes to attend NERF (and not just GSR's or DCMs). If you wish to ride the bus, please fill out that form as that will be the only way we are communicating details to those riding the bus. If you need the link to the online signup form, email me at [chair@aaseny.org](mailto:chair@aaseny.org) and I will be happy to send it to you. The bus seats 55 passengers and as of today, we currently have only 1/4 of the seats reserved.

(Signup Form: [https://docs.google.com/a/aaseny.org/forms/d/1CY0J9kzN4x1\\_fDuGIY6AohlVo6-mmIlaS8kmQWfaKEw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/aaseny.org/forms/d/1CY0J9kzN4x1_fDuGIY6AohlVo6-mmIlaS8kmQWfaKEw/viewform))

6. **LINK Editor Resignation:** It is with great sadness that I have to announce that we have accepted the resignation of our **LINK Editor**, Masood B. as he has taken a new job that will take him to San Francisco. Masood will not be able to fulfill the entire rotation for the position, but has agreed to produce and execute the LINK through the end of the year, so we have accepted his resignation effective December 31, 2015. That said, we are looking for a replacement for him and I am accepting interest for people who would like to make themselves available ASAP. In addition, because Masood will be executing the LINK virtually from San Francisco through the end of the year, so we will be creating a new position on that Committee called **LINK Distribution Coordinator** who will be in charge of the physical distribution of the LINK at all of our Area events in Masood's absence. If you know of anyone who might be willing to make themselves available for that position as well, please have them reach out to either me or Masood ASAP. Masood, thank you so much for all you have done to take our LINK to all new heights. It's been a pleasure serving with you.
7. **Attended:**
  - o March 18th - Brooklyn General Service Meeting
  - o April 19th - Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast
  - o April 28th - Independence Group (Bronx)
  - o April 29th - Group Inventory at Oakland Gardens (Queens)
  - o May 2nd - Staten Island Service Workshop
  - o May 3rd - Orange County Spiritual Breakfast

**Will Be Attending:**

- o May 14th - Service Participation Meeting
- o May 16th - SENY PI Panel Meeting (Brooklyn)
- o May 17th - Manhattan Share-A-Day
- o May 23rd - SENY Convention Exploratory Committee Meeting
- o May 27th - A/SN Committee Meeting

**That's it for me - Questions????**

- How many people are NOT getting the emails? 4 people. Please see me after the meeting to make sure we have the correct email address to ensure you are getting the emails
- Can we have printed versions of forms like the registration for the bus? Will be taken under consideration for the future.

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

1. Preliminary end of year financial report presented for April 2015

**Questions:**

- a. A request for more detailed information regarding big ticket items that checks were written for.
  - i. Not sure if it is practical to itemize it all
- b. Can we sum all of it together?
  - i. Not sure eliminating report will be practical either
- c. Discrepancy between uncleared checks total and actual totals on the report.
  - i. Will look into
- d. Journal entry question, what is that?
  - i. Update for prudent reserve
- e. Typo on prudent reserve, should say 7.66 months not \$7.66

Motion to accept the April 2015 financials as adjusted

Y = 20    N = 9    Abs = 4

**Motion carries****Minority Opinion:**

1. **We continue to approve treasurer reports that we don't understand, but without the clarity we are setting ourselves up for failure by continuing. Suggestion: To have not just the report up online, but to also have QuickBooks open so that everyone can see what each item means**
  2. **We should either make this meaningful and have items fixed and addressed then approve when it is fixed.**
  3. **There are too many anomalies in this report**
  4. **I still do not understand the explanation about the journal entry.**
2. 7th Tradition passed - \$106.10

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

1. May 8<sup>th</sup> is deadline for GSO for updating entries
2. We will be sending out 750 snail mail, so more people are moving over to email
3. Next mailing is 10am-1pm at NY Intergroup 5/16

**Old Business (Asuntos Pendientes)**

- No old business

**New Business (Asuntos Nuevos)**

1. Web Chair is requesting \$500 to attend the national AA Tech Workshop in St Louis 10/2-104. It is where lots of information is available to help me to do my commitment better. I also believe I will be able to learn a lot and bring value back to SENY. Online Contributions, From Webservant to Technologist, etc

**Motion is made and seconded**

**Discussion:** This can't be a special events budget line, it should be in web budget line. You should be asking for an increase in your budget line. Find the cheapest flight and hotel and come to the body and ask for the amount based on that.

**Motion adjusted:** Request to increase website committee budget line by \$700 for a one time attendance at the National AA Tech Workshop.

**Discussion:** We should be supporting technology and support the committee and fred in these endeavors to bring SENY into today

It is important he gets all the input he can to build our website

Y = 40 N = 0 A = 0

**Motion made and seconded**

2. Accessibility and special needs chair – requesting funding to go to NERF. It is budgeted for \$500 and I will report on what I learn. Want to explore and learn more to bring information back to SENY

**Motion made and seconded**

**Discussion:** Where is this money coming from? This particular item will be in the Special Events Line Item

Y = 33 N = 0 A = 3

**Motion Carries**

3. Do we need the August 3<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting?
  - a. July and August is traditionally off, we need a bit of a break.
  - b. There has been precedent set in the past, I think we might need to have a meeting for the hosting of the NYIWS.
    - i. The Informational Workshop seems to be not as heavy a burden, not sure it will be needed for SENY Committee meeting, but rather the host committee meeting
  - c. Point was brought up pertaining to the Treasury report, but if this is not held, we would have many months of treasurers reports from
  - d. My understanding is we may have difficulty in getting a quorum
  - e. With the International Convention in July and the Informational Workshop in August, we need a break

Motion to cancel meeting made and seconded:

Y = 26 N = 12 A = 3

**Motion carries**

**Minority Opinion:** None

4. Edwin I. will begin serving as Translation Chair. Alfredo will also continue with the conversation about assisting in translating
5. **Motion:** Subs cannot be allowed to vote for absent people at committee meetings and assemblies. Motion seconded.

**Discussion:**

1. I think there is a difference between an officer of a county subbing in and a random person
2. Are there any bylaws?
  - a. It is in our bylaws as to who can and cannot vote.
  - b. It is not in our bylaws who can vote, only which county can be represented
3. It is a violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> concept to restrict right of participation for a county
4. It is entirely possible that other people can load up buses of people to attend assemblies to change things
5. District is allowing it, can we really be telling the district what to do.

6. Prior to the committee meetings, something is read of who can vote, can that be read: Eligibility to vote: All Chairs, Past Delegates, DCMC's and DCM's or their alternates and their standing committee chairs
7. With regard to the concept: Maybe the person gets to participate but not to vote. We come with a level of participation, not necessarily the right to vote.
8. This goes back to traditions, the group should be able to come to a group conscience about who is taking their information back. It's all in the traditions
9. The Concept says we can participate, does not say anything about voting

Call to vote:

Y = 23          N = 8          A = 8

**Motion carries**

**Minority Opinion:**

- We do not have enough people participating as it is, how can we be all inclusive by limiting others to service. Participation is less than 10%. Voting the conscience of DCMC.

## **Standing Committee Reports (Informes del Comité Permanente)**

### **1. SENY Convention:**

#### **a. 2015 SENY Convention Final Report**

- i. We had a great time and definitely met the goal of having workshops and meetings, and most of all, providing a place for fun and fellowship. We did not meet the goal of self-support: the Convention is unable to return \$1620.98 of the \$3000 seed money from SENY. The causes are: cancellations for room nights, they dropped from a high of 510 reservations on March 11 to 449 room nights due to cancellations, incurring charges amounting to \$3750-; the other element was that 219 Banquets sold, and we were contracted for 250, incurring another payment of \$2146 from Convention coffers. The Final budget report has been submitted.
- ii. Although they have looked the other way in the past, the Marriot has made it clear that moving forward, we are to serve light snacks to include cookies/desserts, soda, coffee, tea, chips and dips *only* and specifically said *no bagels*.
- iii. We have saved much information in electronic format for future Committees to use, and will be submitting information to the Exploratory Committee for their consideration.
- iv. Evaluations: 124 surveys were returned and *every single first timer* who answered looks forward to coming again next year! The complete evaluation summary is being passed on, here are some highlights: Many people liked the "new" format for the Old Timer's Meeting, many comments that we need more space in workshops for seating and that there could be *fewer* choices for workshops. Registration evaluations were overall good, but please have last names on registration packets next year. Banquet (vegan choice was wonderful), hospitality (need more chips and dips), publicity and entertainment had overall good ratings.
- v. Save the date! The 2016 SENY Convention will be held March 18-20, 2016 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown.
- vi. Thank you for this amazing opportunity; it's been a privilege to serve.

#### **b. Questions?**

- i. Committee states it was an honor and privilege to serve with Jane

**Motion to accept final report**

Y = 41          N = 0    A = 0

**Motion Carries report is accepted**

**2016 Convention Chair Appointment:** It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment for the 2016 SENY Convention Chair position of Jarrett D., from Suffolk County. Jarrett has a long service resume including 8 commitments at the group level including Alt. GSR & GSR, at the County level - 6 commitments including Alt. DCMC and DCMC, at the Area level as 2014 Convention Secretary and the 2015 Convention Treasurer. He has also held service positions at the state and northeast regional level. Jarrett wasn't able to join us tonight due to a previous commitment but he wanted me to share with you that he is honored to have this opportunity to serve Area 49 and looks forward to working along side and leading the 2016 Convention committee. He also wanted me to let everyone know that the first 2016 Convention committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the SENY Offices in the Bronx. Thank you Jarrett! On a side note, I would also like to thank those trusted servants that made themselves available for consideration for this position.

2. **Sponsorship Chair** – Handbook is still in the process of being updated, but we are making the changes and updating it and will get them ordered. I am available to go to each county for any GSR Orientations if you would like.
3. **Archives** –SENY Convention was our big exploration event. We have gone to other events also. We are going to have preservation meetings from 10am0-3pm 6/6, 9/19 and 11/21. We will also have committee meetings 5/14, 6/18, and 8/20 at NY Intergroup
4. **Accessibility and Special Needs** – Workshop in Westchester County, many people attended, went well. Attended Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast. Will reach out once again to counties that are still dark.
5. **CPC** – Current issue of Grapevine is on CPC! See article in Link. Next meeting is Tues 5/12 with PI at NY Intergroup. Discussion will be about workshop on 5/16 in Park Slope and working on the agenda for the BIG workshop in late Sept, early Oct. I will be going to the NERF and Manhattan Share A Day and the Nassau Unity Breakfast. If you are interested in this service consider the GSR Boot camp for June Assembly. And will be at the Brooklyn County Share-A Day 6/20.
6. **PI** – Went to the PI Panel on May 16<sup>th</sup> open to community as well as professionals to give idea of who we are. We are sending out the letters to the 5 boroughs private high schools. Want to put out more info to counties without PI Chairs. If anyone would like some business cards that have the SENY logo on them please see me. We are looking for PI committee members to have an official email that can be forwarded to the next committee
7. **NYSIW** – Fliers and registration forms are on the table. We are trying to promote online registration.
8. **NYCYPAA** – Memorial Day weekend – bidding for area to host February 2016. June 20<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance at Mt Carmel \$5. July 11<sup>th</sup> – boat cruise around Manhattan preceded by panels. August 21-23 in Rochester is the Empire State YPAA Convention.
9. **LINK** – Grateful to have had this commitment. Nothing will change right now, please continue to submit articles. We would like to print an extra 1000 copies of the Link to give to the SENY Hospitality Room at the International Convention. This will be about \$200.

Y = 36      N = 0      A = 1

#### **Motion carries**

10. **Treatment** – 5/17<sup>th</sup> at 10am at NY Intergroup. Please attend we will be starting to address Bridging the Gap. Need to get more counties involved

#### **11. Web –**

1. The committee is still engaged in a vendor selection process for an email provider. The committee was more or less evenly split on my recommendation to use Google Apps, so we are now evaluating hosting companies with email packages. I think it's likely the committee will reach substantial unanimity for one of them, in which case I will spearhead the changeover of our email provider. If we don't achieve substantial unanimity, I will refer the matter to the SENY Committee. Until we reach an outcome, we will continue to use Google Apps.

2. We continue to make substantial progress in creating a new Area website. We've gotten far enough that I can give you a sense of some of what you can expect.

The working title for one of our main pages is "What's My Job?" We'll be launching with at least GSRs covered with the intention of adding other positions over time. If you're a new GSR, it will be a one-stop shop for everything you need to know - what's expected of you, literature you might refer to, the calendar for your entire rotation, information about service sponsorship.

Another main page will be service opportunities - we've laid it out in a way that I think will over time make a real difference in demystifying general service and encouraging greater participation.

3. I'm thrilled to be able to say participation in the Web Committee continues to increase. We have 25 members, over half of whom are active. It's a lot by AA standards, but we're still missing key skill sets that we'll need to make an amazing website. I need your help outreaching - our priority is web designers, but we have a lot of other needs as well.

12. Events seem to be in conflict, please check the website to try to schedule things without other events going on.  
GSR's and DCMs should be aware that they should not be holding more than one service commitment

**Ad Hoc – no reports**

**County Reports**

1. **Suffolk** – LICYPAA Dance in Massapequa this Friday. July 12<sup>th</sup> LICYPAA is having a Luau at Robert Moses State park Beach
2. **Nassau** – Unity Breakfast tickets are available, See Kevin Mch.

Motion to Close

**Meeting adjourned 9:41 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, June 1, 2015 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm**  
Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall  
2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472-5402

**NEXT AREA 49 ASSEMBLY**

**Post Conference Assembly**  
**Saturday, June 13, 2015 – 9:00am – 3:00pm**  
**[HOST: STATEN ISLAND]** PS 48 William C Wilcox, 1050  
Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304