



ROCKLAND COUNTY INTERGROUP

MINUTES FROM February 3, 2009

Group Representatives present: Any Lengths, Airmont, Congers by the Book, Fellowship Road, Grapevine, Live & Let Live, New City, Nyack, Promises (Piermont), Sunrise, Three-In-One Thruway Men's, West Nyack.

Meeting was opened by Joe at 8:00 pm. Preamble was read. Tradition 2 was read.

All persons in attendance introduced themselves.

The Secretary determined that a quorum for the transaction of business was present in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, Section 5 of the By-Laws of Rockland County Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Reports:

Secretary - Minutes from the January 6, 2009 meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report – The opening Working Balance was \$2,037.06. Monies received during January of 2009 totaled \$ 669.72. Of this total, \$ 574.72 came from contributing groups and \$ 95.00 from Meeting List sales. The Treasurer read the list of contributing groups
Paid expenses in the amount of \$ 1,535.61 were listed and described.
The RCIAAA checking account has been reconciled.
The closing Working Balance is \$ 1,171.17
Copy of the Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

Funding requests:

PI requested \$80, passed.

SENY Liaison–Bob attended the most recent meeting of the Rockland County General Services Organization. The major subject discussed was the progress of the work being done for the creation of the Digital Archives. The next Rockland County General Services Organization meeting is set for 7:30 P.M. on February 18, 2009 at Elim Alliance Church, 40 Lake Road in Valley Cottage. Also, Rockland County General Services Organization will be holding the Fifth Annual Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast on Sunday March 1, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Suffern.



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The next quarterly Intergroup Liaison meeting will be held on February 7, 2009, commencing at 12:00 noon at Nassau County Intergroup Association, 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead, NY 11552

The SENY Translation Committee will be meeting on February 11, 2009 at the offices of New York Intergroup, 307 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

The SENY CPC Meeting (for convention planning) will be on February 15, 2009 at the SENY Office, 199 Lincoln Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly will be held from Friday, February 20, 2009 to Sunday February 22, 2009 at the Holiday Inn By The Bay in Portland, Maine.

The SENY Accessibility/Special Needs Committee will be meeting on February 28, 2009 at the SENY Office, 199 Lincoln Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The SENY Convention Planning Meeting will be on February 28, 2009 at the Westchester Marriott Hotel, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York.

Rockland County General Services conducted a Third Step Workshop on Saturday, 1/24/09, from 9:30 A.m. to 3:00 P.M. at the Suffern Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 81 Washington Avenue, Suffern, New York.

Answering Service- Rich could not make the meeting but Joe had spoken with him and everything was operating well.

GSR Liaison – Bob also gave the GSR Liaison report which was the same as his report as the SENY Liaison. All were grateful for his incredible brevity.

H&I – Bob also spoke for Eric, the new H&I Chairperson, who was unable to attend. Bob read a list of the groups (12) that had attended the last H&I bookers meeting (January 2009). A chairperson is still needed for Blaisdell (Bldg. 57) for the Thursday 8:00 P.M. meeting there. All commitments are filled but H&I continues to look for back-up chairpersons and speakers. Donated literature (new or used is still in demand, so please keep giving.

Meeting Lists – Trish, the new Meeting List Chairperson, advised that the entire print run of the most current meeting list (November 2008) has been sold or dis-



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tributed. A new printing will be done during February, with the new lists being available in March of 2009. Any groups with changes should contact Trish so they can be incorporated into this next printing.

Corrections – Roger reported that book and literature supplies have been replenished at the Rockland County Jail with the funds approved last month. The Chairperson position for the Men’s Meeting at the Rockland County Jail on Wednesday evenings has been filled. An issue was raised with Roger by the RCJ administration concerning one group that was sending AAs over to RCJ unannounced, the RCJ wants to have only one AA contact to clear visitors with for purposes of security. Roger will speak with that group to coordinate. Joe spoke for Doreen, the Women’s Corrections Chairperson. Women’s corrections has an open commitment at RCJ for alternating Monday evenings, anyone interested should have at least one year of sobriety, should have no outstanding charges or warrants and should contact Doreen for more information.

Bookers Exchange – Next Bookers’ Exchange is set for March 3, 2009.

Share A Day- Mason indicated that the Share A Day Committee had hoped to be able to report that Rockland Community College had confirmed for August 22, 2009 but they are still waiting to hear back from the contact at the College.

Volunteerism Committee – Bill sends his regrets at being unable to attend due to health reasons but hopes to be with us at the March 2009 meeting to discuss new ideas for this Committee. The Volunteerism Committee needs additional assistance from Group Members in discharging its functions

Public Information – Eric, the PI Chairperson, reported that 9 of the 18 libraries in the County are presently being covered, with the literature racks there being filled as necessary. It is anticipated that this coverage will expand as more Groups participate in the work of the PI Committee. The PI Committee would like to have more Groups participate in the work of the PI Committee by sending representatives to the PI Committee’s regular meetings on the third Wednesday of every month. PI also remains ready, willing and able to visit Groups to explain what PI does and the importance of PI.

The Webmaster, James, introduced the new RCIAA Webmaster, Jared, and provided his quarterly report concerning the status and operation of the Website. James has turned over the necessary Website materials (discs, passwords, etc.) to Jared.



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James indicated that the Website will be three years old in April of 2009. The number of “hits’ on the site nearly reached 5,000 during the preceding month, with 4,996 “hits” being recorded. The use of certain pages on the Website has declined, while views of other pages have remained fairly constant. The “Bulletin Board” feature on the RCI Website has had very little use, If Groups are having special events or the like that they wish to announce, they are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity provided by the “Bulletin Board” by communicating with the Webmaster to post a notice of the event.

The Website still has available on line all of the documentation that is required for Answering Service. In the past, there had been, on average, 50 “hits” a month there but of late usage has declined to 15 “hits”. The Website has information concerning the General Services Organization, group service structures, links to other AA sites and driving directions to local Rockland County Group meetings.

The new Webmaster will be starting the project of converting (translating) pages on the Website into Spanish. The SENY Area 49 Translation Committee team is willing to assist with this very exciting project. (And we still need Spanish speaking AAs for responding to calls receive by the Answering Service).

James will be finishing up the tutorials for the Website. All of the voice-overs for the tutorials have been completed. James also wants to improve imaging for the Website using the Photo Shop® program.

James expressed his gratitude to AA and RCIAA for having had the opportunity to do service for AA as Webmaster and with the PI Committee, recounting how access to the the Website was able to help an elderly man from Great Britain with 90 days sobriety who was concerned that he might drink when he came to the United States for a social occasion and how through the Website nursing students could be efficiently directed to open meetings at AA Groups throughout the County.

Old Business

Artie made a presentation for purposes of initiating a review of the proposed revisions to Article VII of the current By-Laws (to be re-designated as Article IX) which were introduced at the December 2, 2008 RCI meeting and have been posted on the RCI Website. There was some discussion about functions and changes in the definition of those functions as set forth in the revised article. The matter was tabled for further consideration, discussion and another review at the March 2009 meeting. Artie also indicated he was working on proposed revisions to Articles IX, X and XI.

New Business

Stefanie, the RCIAA/RCYPAA Liaison, reported that she had attended several NYCYPAA meetings in New York City. Stefanie had receive various suggestions from AAs at those meetings, such as, for example, starting a YPAA meeting in Rockland County and, out of that meeting, forming an organizing committee or committees that would hold events for young people in AA, including social and entertainment activities, and become involved in setting up a clubhouse with a coffee shop and a separate meeting room for AA meetings. With respect to a YPAA meeting in Rockland County, Stefanie had spoken with the Rockland Council on Alcoholism which offered to provide space at their offices in Nanuet for use for a YPAA meeting. The YPAA meeting would make an appropriate contribution to the Council for being allowed to use their meeting room. Mason suggested that the clubhouse needed to be kept as a private entity and operation, separate and distinct from AA at all times and that any meetings at the clubhouse had to pay their own way in accordance with the Seventh Tradition. James also suggested that there were General Service Guidelines concerning clubhouses that would need to be followed. There was also a brief discussion about creating a link from the RCIAA Website (or a new Website for a RCYPAA) to the NYCYPAA Website..

A motion to close the meeting was unanimously passed.

