

Rockland County AA General Service

August's 2020 Minutes District 1000 of SENY - Area 49

I.) Open @7:30pm; Moment of silence for the sick and suffering alcoholic followed by the Serenity Prayer via Zoom

II.) Attendance: Treasurer, SENY Treatment Chair, Alt. DCMC, GSR Liaison, Literature, Accessibility, Conger's Women, Sunrise, Suffern, Footprint, Alt. Footprint, Airmont, Alt. Grapevine, Pearl River, W. Nyack, Fellowship, Men Thruway, Conger By the Book, SOS, Back to Basic, 3-in-1, Piermont Unity, Alt. Suffern, Suffern, Co-Chair Spiritual Breakfast, Young & Free, Alt. Young & Free, New Light, Key of Sobriety, WORCYPAA, Area 49 Chair, H&I, DCMC

III.) Last month's minutes - accepted

IV.) District Treasury Report: *Opening Balance:* \$ *Closing Balance:* \$

V.) DCMC: Planning committee for Seny Convention 2021 September 14, 2020 7pm-9pm. Seny Election 9/12 @ 8:30am-3:15pm. Joy of Service 9/19 10am-2pm. Login information under Events.aaseny.org. October 21st Rockland GSR elections. World Service will be virtual for the conference. No NERSAA. Conference report is on the delegate page of the website. Hard copy will be provided once out. Defunding of medical plan for employees' workers of GSO. Saving 2.5 million in expenses. Literature sales down 50%. \$125,000 a month lost due to sale of literature. \$400,000 less per month in donations World Service withdrawal of \$3 million of Prudent reserve in April. Take back to groups to support World Service. Service manual page S-12: help keep AA going. For the Seny election on 9/12, email was sent to registered GSRs. 1st area to do a virtual election. Area 49 will be used as guideline for other areas. Please let DCMC know if alternate is voting. DCMC emailed again the tech position guidelines. Will discuss under old business. Rockland GSR will begin submitting minutes on website. Financial will be omitted. Spiritual Breakfast update will be under old business. Will need to resolve financial next month. Will continue workshops?. Consider having a virtual workshop on how to handle with what we have, for the newcomers and what can be done in Rockland via Zoom. Grapevine books drop the price from \$11 to \$10.

VI.) ADCMC: Intergroup will have workshop beginning of October on service. Rockland will keep adjusting the new tech position. Elections for positions for RCGS in October. Reach out to Alt.

DCMC for any questions on positions.

VII.) Standing Committee Reports

a) Literature – no activity for the past two months. GSR continues to be able to accept orders but we have had only one order submitted. That order is being held since we need a total of \$500 to avoid shipping charges. If any groups would like to place an order,

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please contact through phone number or Rockland County website (click on General Service and then Literature).

b) Accessibility – Rockland County Accessibilities Committee hosted a multi-Area wide Zoom workshop on Sunday July 12, 2020 from 9:00 am until 11:45 am. 32 attendees were present from Area 49 and other several Areas. The workshop was informative and full of wonderful presentations by Jane E, Delegate Area 49 and Sally B, Accessibilities Chair for Area 49. Notes were taken and distributed among all participants and resources were shared as well. The next Rockland County Accessibilities Meeting is being scheduled for September 2020. Time and date to follow.

c) Intergroup Liaison: Virtual committee has met. Seny Liaison position is available. October will be Intergroup's workshop on service. More will be announced. Looking for suggestions on Alchoton.

e) Grapevine: Literature available. Drop price from \$11.50 to \$10. Rockland can meet individuals or groups to personally deliver literature.

VIII.) Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a) **WORCYPAA**- Not much to report. Committee considering doing an inventory. Events have been cancelled. WORCYPAA host a celebration meeting. All information on meetings can be found in website. Workypaa.org
- b) **Spiritual Breakfast** – Added to the guidelines for the chair position. State only allows max of 50 people. Hotel will give deposit back or we can put it towards next year. Refunds will be honored? Suggestion to donate to World Service. Bring back to group. November 22nd was originally. Would we consider doing it virtual?

IX.) Group GSR Reports

Grapevine – All meetings posted online. Same meeting times pre-virtual.

Conger Women – Monday business meeting to discuss on parking lot meeting, group conscience will hold a beginners' meeting on Friday's 12pm on Lake Rd. in Congers. Bring chair. Will be asking for 7th tradition during Friday's parking lot meeting. All Zoom meetings to be published.

Thruway Men's – Increased face to face meeting M-F @6pm in field next to church. Zoom 8pm meetings will continue as well.

Footprints – Voted to have 2 meeting outdoors and 2 Zoom meetings. Intergroup rep needed. 1 90 day celebrant.

W.Nyack – Meeting behind the school. Sunday face to face at 7pm. Bring mask. Zoom on Monday and Saturday hybrid at 8pm. Paying church rent. Group will revisit COVID precautions that Church is requiring.

Pearl River – No 90 days or August celebrants. 3 hybrid meetings a week.

Step/Tradition meeting Friday nights at 6:45pm and Beginner's meeting at 8pm. Sunday night the group holds a speaker meeting at 7pm. Meetings are held simultaneously in the Good Shepherd parking lot at 112 North Main Street, Pearl River and virtually. No decision has been made as to how long the parking lot meetings will continue. Factors to consider are CDC guidelines, government policies, church re-openings, shorter daylight hours and cooler weather. Group has created its own account with Zoom in July. The

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group also established a Venmo account. See @pearlrivergroup to make 7th tradition contribution. Group made contributions on August 16th, 2020 to Rockland GSR and Rockland Intergroup.

New Light – Sunday and Wednesday’s meeting face to face in big room. Bring mask and beverages.

Suffern – Newcomer coming to Zoom. 7th tradition collected via online.

Sunrise – Ad hoc committee started. Document put together. Church does not want more than 40 people. Group also isn’t comfortable with reopening. Plans on developing contact tracing. Considering renegotiating the lease.

X.) Old Business –

- Tech officer to be voted on and discussed. Motion: Create Tech Officer position for Rockland County to assist with technical aspect of RCGS and the county. Motion second and passed.
- Seny Election: contact DCMC if planning on voting.
- Spiritual Breakfast: If refunded, General Service would need to cover lost if breakfast held. Donations to be considered to all areas if groups decide to donate ticket cost to area. Table number and ticket are needed to refund.

Input from GSRs:

- i. Having multiple options will make complicate it.
- ii. Keep it to one or two options.
- iii. Not have option available to where to donate too.
- iv. Set another date for the breakfast.
- v. Cancel the event and refund all.

XI.) New Business – Bring back to group all options presented today for the breakfast.

Discussion on where to go with Spiritual Breakfast will be established in September.

XII.) Motion to close @ 9:22pm with Declaration of Unity.