

Rockland County AA General Service

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

I.) Open @7:34pm; Serenity Prayer followed by moment of silence of sick and suffering alcoholic

II.) Attendance: Sunrise, Suffern, Pearl River, Grapevine, Thurway, Suffern Alt., Spiritual Breakfast Co-Chairs, Congers Women, Liaison, Alt. DCMC, Fellowship, Conger by the Book, 3-in-1, Key to Sobriety, WORCYPAA, Footprint, W. Nyack, Treasurer

III.) Last month's minutes - Correction on Sunrise's report on statement of lease.

IV.) District Treasury Report:

V.) DCMC: Mentioning of September's Area events along with RCGS elections in October. Description is on Rockland's website on all positions. Use AA.org for link on ordering literature and contributions. Video put out by Class A trustee on what is going on with contribution money. 3 points of interest Contribution Letter. DCMC send email out on questions about Zoom; do we want to set up a workshop? New 2021 SENY positions: Tom B. (Delegate), Joann M. (Alt. Delegate), Nissa A. (SENY Chair), Richie S. (Treasurer), Mike O. (Technology & Communication). Explanation of outside company bought in to help with the running of election. 2021 Convention is being established virtually. RCAD will start meeting in door. GSR will stay on Zoom platform. Conference report on website and hard copies are available. DCMC can meet in person to deliver or mail. Would like to resolve Spiritual Breakfast tonight with a vote under old business. 3 minutes to each rep to express group conscience. Funding distribution will need time and will be able to release by November with final report in December. Following tradition 9 long form principles. *Motion was made by body to discuss old business now. Passed*
Sunrise: cancel event and refund. **3-in-1:** cancel event and start fresh. A couple of members would like refund. Group can decide on how much. **Thurway:** Cancel, refund, restart fresh. **West Nyack:** Donate the money. **Grapevine:** all money refunded. **Footprint:** cancel and refund. **Conger by the book:** cancel and refund. **Suffern:** postpone for next year. **Key to Sobriety:** cancel and donate. **Pearl River:** cancel and GSR will distribute to member for refund or donate individually. **Congers Women:** cancel and refund. *Poll was created virtually. Motion "Cancel event and refund". All was in favor. Motion passed.* GSRs will gather once check and GSRs will distribute accordingly to group.

VI.) Alt DCMC: Would like to have a workshop sponsored by Rockland County GS mid-November with tips for surviving the holidays possibly 11/11 at 7:30pm. Just an hour or hour and half virtual meeting loosely based on the grapevine flyer 12 tips for the Holidays. Available to speak to anyone interested in taking a service commitment in general service. Elections are next month. We are still hoping to have a service workshop early October. Please speak to your sponsors and your HP and consider standing for one of the many positions that will be opening. I

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regret that I will not be standing for DCMC My work schedule does not give me the flexibility I would need to be of maximum service to the county.

VII.) Standing Committee Reports

- a) **Literature** – There has been no activity in the Literature Committee since we met last month. If anyone has any question please contact me through the Rockland County Intergroup website. Get involved - General Service - Literature Committee.
- b) **Accessibility** – Rockland County Accessibilities Committee held a Virtual meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 7pm until 8pm. We discussed the upcoming election in RCGS in October 2020. All committee members were asked to spread the word about the election coming up and to announce that the Accessibilities Chair position is up for election in October 2020. Accessibility Chair outlined tasks accomplished in the past two years and encouraged all Committee members to either consider standing for the position or to let others know so that another AA member may have the opportunity to serve as Accessibilities Chair. At this juncture, Accessibilities Chair will remain available to share her experience strength and hope with the next Chair elect.
- c) **Intergroup Liaison** : Rockland website has guideline for face to face meeting gatherings. Intergroup has virtual committee now. Looking for servants in fulling commitments. Share a day needs a Co-chair. Answering service asked to pass along the message of not calling in to check in. H&I needs chairperson for institution. Booker no more for the rest of year.
- d) **Grapevine**: 50 books left in inventory.

VIII.) Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a) **WORCYPAA**- Monthly New York State-Wide YPAA meeting-virtual every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:30pm. Log in information on rocklandnypaa.org/event
- b) **Spiritual Breakfast** – Are groups willing to have virtual meeting on November? Just meeting with just the 2 speakers that were originally going to share.

IX.) Group GSR Reports

Footprint: Pastor is having outside meetings therefore group cannot meet on those times. Group will discuss on sending to WS. Monday night will be hybrid, Thursdays will be two meetings, one in parking lot, the other on Zoom.

Pearl River: The Pearl River Group has no Ninety Day Celebrants. We have agreed to continue with three simultaneous virtual and parking lot meetings until we are permitted to resume indoor meetings. The group is in conversion with Good Shepherd Church to see what is required to allow access. Group will continue with virtual meetings once the indoor schedule restarts. The group has established a Venmo presence. This provides the

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ability to have an electronic basket for the 7th Tradition. The selection of group GSA and alternate will take place in December.

Thurway: Using contact tracing system, taking temperatures of all entrants, maintaining social distancing, and requiring mask on at all times.

Sunrise: Chair spoke to the new minister and he said he would not feel comfortable with more than 60 people. Only 50 non-congregants are allowed by law. Ad hoc committee is working on a plan to present to the group about all the new commitment needed for safety. 1 90 day. Meetings have been well attended and monitored.

Suffern: We have had more beginners at meetings but still no 90 day celebrants who have joined the group. Our landlord church is opening their doors on 10/1 and we've started talking about what we would need to do to start doing in-person meeting indoors. We don't anticipate that starting until at least early November, if at all but we are going thru our due diligence. At this point, we are still well attended on our virtual meetings using the Zoom platform. We are discussing ways to get newcomers literature and newcomer's packets with numbers on them while we stay virtual.

Congers Women: We continue to meet via conference call three times a week - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 - just to note that these meetings are NOT publicized through Intergroup, but are open to any women who wish to join - word of mouth has been the way to pass this information along; and we usually have between 15 and 25 people at each meeting. On Wednesdays we have a Zoom meeting at 11 and on Fridays at noon we have an outdoors meeting in the field behind the parking lot at the VFW Hall on Lake Road. Both of those meetings are publicized through Intergroup. We had a business meeting on Monday 9/13 to discuss a variety of things. We will be making a contribution of \$100 each to Intergroup and General Services. We will continue all of our meetings 'as is' for now; but had a lengthy discussion about bringing meetings back inside, as soon as the landlord at the Hall will allow. We will probably start with one inside meeting, possibly beginning in October; but no definite decision made as yet.

X.) Motion to close @ 9:11pm with I am responsible statement