

Rockland County AA General Service

MAY 2021 MINUTES- 5/19/21

DISTRICT 1000- SENY AREA 49

- I. **Invocation**- Meeting opened MOS/ followed by Serenity Prayer@ 7:30 PM-This was followed by Tradition Five-Primary Purpose w/ GV Question 4 and Concept Five-“Right of Appeal” w/ GV Question 1
- II. **Rollcall/Attendance**-DCMC, Treasurer, Secretary, Archives Chair, GV/ La VINA Chair, Intergroup Liaison , W Ny GSR, ALT GSR GV, Y&F GSR, FR GSR, SR GSR, CW GSR, PR GSR, TMG GSR, C by B GSR, S GSR , GUEST (RCI Web Administrator). EXCUSED: RCGSC Literature Chair, RCGSC TCO, NL GSR, FP GSR
- III. **Minutes**: Previous month’s minutes presented and approved
- IV. **Treasurer Report:**

Opening Balance: \$	Income: 7 Tradition \$
Closing Balance: \$	Group Literature
	Interest earned \$
	Total Income: \$

Expenses:

NERAASA Registration Fees \$
SENY Convention Registration Fees \$
7th Tradition to AAWS \$
Group Literature \$
GSO literature \$
Bank Fees \$
Total Expenses: \$

We have maintained our Prudent Reserve and maintain a positive operating budget. Spoke with group Treasurers for W Ny, FR and Y&F regarding the transfer of 7th Tradition Monies to Our account.

- V. **Upcoming Events:**
 - May 20th SENY PI
 - May 23rd SENY Sponsorship
 - May 23rd SENY T&F
 - May 29th District 620 virtual workshop- *Gateway to Growth*
 - June 4-6 NERF (Virtual)-Register on the SENY website
 - June 12th Post Conference Assembly
 - For other June events check the SENY Calendar

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VI. DCMC Report:

71ST GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- It was supposed to run from April 18th -24th but it went over a day due to all that had to be worked out
- 49 Conference Advisory Actions- A record number and all were Approved
- 45 Committee Actions and 4 Floor Actions
- Approved 5th Edition of the Big Book w/ first 164 to remain the same
- Approved 4th Edition of the Big Book in Spanish
- Approved a plain language Edition of the Big Book based on the current 4th Edition
- Approved Podcasts
- Approved that Virtual Groups will become part of the General Service Structure
- Preamble question was settled with the GV Board Approving the term **PEOPLE** for the phrase *MEN & WOMEN* in the current Preamble

Also mentioned the **UNITY in Service Conference** coming up on June 9th till June 11th

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

Archives- N/R

Literature- TCO has set-up the order form that was requested that would calculate the total cost of the order. That new order form is up and running. Nothing else new to report.

Grapevine/ La Vina- still trying to work down the book inventory, which is hard during the pandemic. Has reached out to the past chair for suggestions. Still getting settled into the position.

Intergroup Liaison- The hospitals in Rockland are back to F-2-F meetings in house. The Intergroup Bookers were going to meet virtually to start feeding speakers back into the county system now that more meetings are opening F-2-F.

TCO- Has set-up the form requested by the Literature chair and it is running currently. Will be attending the National AA technical workshop virtually. Restated the on going ability to help any and all groups with any technical issues.

VIII. Group Reports:

FR- No 90 days-meeting 6 days a week- attendance has been dropping- still under restrictions from the Landlord to follow Covid Protocol

S- Meetings are going well—Rotational elections for Trusted servants coming up in June—No 90 days

CW- Congers Women's group is still operating with two in person meetings per week - Wednesdays at 11 is a Daily Reflection discussion meeting and Fridays at noon is a beginners meeting. We also have a Monday morning 10:30 conference call Step meeting. No recent business meetings and no 90-day celebrants.

PR- We have transitioned this month from hybrid meetings to fully in-person meetings. Our beginner's meeting on Fridays at 9 PM needs support. There are no 90 days celebrants, but one of our members is celebrating over 30 years.

SR- During our business meeting we focused on the reopening efforts. Group conscience decided that the best way to practice Tradition 5 is to accept the terms of the church and continue to carry the message to still sick and suffering. As of May 19th, Sunrise has reopened. Pastor stated to us that we must

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wear mask, keep 6 feet apart and use contact tracing when signing in. We held our first meeting successfully along with making it a hybrid meeting. We'll continue to trail hybrid as agreed on during our last business meeting. Should any adjustments occur, we'll update the county.

C by B- Congers by The Book just went hybrid with 2 of our meetings: our Monday night Women's Meeting and our Thursday night Step Meeting. The webmaster has been notified and the updates can be seen and accessed through our county website. Pending discussion at our upcoming business meeting in early June we will decide as a group whether or not to proceed with going hybrid with our remaining two meetings (Tuesday Big Book/Wednesday Beginners).

Y&F-In-person attendance is going well for both meetings. Not too many people are logging in for the hybrid portion. Our treasurer spoke with Robert regarding similar issues that the county is having with setting up a bank account. Trying to figure out how to donate money to General Service without a bank account. One 90-day celebrant

GV- Grapevine is going to have in person meeting starting first with sat 6:30 beginners. It will be hybrid. Beginning June 5th. Other meetings will remain on zoom.

TMG- No 90 Days

We started in person outdoor meetings this Monday. Meetings are M-F 6 pm at the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church weather permitting. Chairs and refreshments are BYO. We are maintaining our online meetings for the foreseeable future (7 days a week at 8pm).

W Ny- Meeting outside in St. Anthony's School parking lot now mon & sat nights at 7 pm- Weather permitting-inclement weather they will meet in the basement as per their usual set-up.

IX. **Old Business:** We still need to fill the missing Chair positions: Accessibilities, ADCMC, CPC, Sponsorship—all were reminded to keep asking their groups if anyone would be interested in filling these service positions.

The June 12th date for the Hybrid workshop was postponed due to a conflict with the Post Conference Assembly—discussion continues as to what this workshop will entail. DCMC mentioned that he had distributed to the Ad Hoc By-Laws committee several examples of By-Laws from various AA entities—discussion on this issue will continue thru the summer as we work on establishing our By-Laws.

The Budget was presented in its revised and final form and approved for the year.

X. **New Business:**

Need to set a meeting date for the Ad Hoc Committee for the By-Laws.

Began the discussion for the Spiritual Breakfast(S/B)—The previous event was cancelled due to the Pandemic and there are still unclaimed funds in the Treasury—Do we want to try and have one before the year end or push the whole event off until the spring of 2022 as it may be too late to plan it for this year—Questioned raised about the cancelled event-Did we lose our deposit? The answer was NO- we received our full Deposit back, the only thing we lost was the cost of printing the tickets—The lead time for a spring event would have to begin in September—Previous Chair of the cancelled S/B was asked if he would be interested in Chairing

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or perhaps Co-Chairing the new event, since he Chaired the cancelled event and the planning was going well so well—and he has an idea of what is necessary—further discussion of this topic will continue at the June meeting.

Alcoholthon- the discussion was what if any and what type it would be—Decided to start the preliminaries at the June meeting—Perhaps ask groups what they would like and where to host it—There was some discussion that having at the Haverstraw Center it is to removed from the rest of Rockland would it be possible to have it more centrally located. Discussion will carry over to the June meeting.

XI. **Closing Statements /Prayer:** Meeting Adjourned @ 8:27 PM W/ the Responsibility Statement