

ROCKLAND COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE OF A.A.

April 2022 Minutes-4/20/22
District 1000- SENY AREA 49

- I. **Invocation**-Opened @ 7:30 W/ Mos-Serenity Prayer-Tradition 4/GV Question 4-Concept 4/ Question 1
- II. **Rollcall/ Attendance**-DCMC, ADCMC, Treasure, Secretary, Lit. Chair, Intergroup Liaison, Broad Highway GSR, CbTB GSR, SOS GSR, SbS (TC) GSR, S GSR, SR GSR, FR GSR, FP GSR, PR GSR, WNY GSR, Y&F GSR, TMG GSR, HOP GSR. **Absent:** TCO, GV Chair, GV GSR, CW GSR, NL GSR. **Guests:** Putnam DCMC, Leo V.
{ **HISTORICAL NOTE:** As this was the meeting the Bylaws were formally adopted- We also had a "Quorum" officially for the first time under the new definition of the By-Laws}
- III. **Minutes Presentation**- Previously circulated minutes accepted without corrections.
- IV. **Treasurer's report**-

Opening Balance \$	Closing Balance \$
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A more detailed accounting report for the Spiritual Breakfast was given to the body during Ad Hoc report.
- V. **Upcoming Events**-
 - a) [SENY Public Information \(PI\) Committee 5th Edition Writing Workshop Virtual](#)
April 21 @ 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
 - b) [NYSIW Planning Committee Meeting Virtual](#)
April 21 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 - c) [ESCYPAA VIII Grateful to TIE-DIY](#)
April 23 @ 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 - d) [72nd General Service Conference](#)
April 24 @ 12:00 pm - April 30 @ 12:00 pm
 - e) [SENY Cooperation with the Professional Community \(CPC\) Committee Meeting Virtual](#)
April 25 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 - f) [SENY Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting Virtual](#)
April 26 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 - g) [ESCYPAA VIII Breaking Boundaries Hybrid](#)
April 30 @ 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
 - h) [SENY Grapevine/La Vina Committee Meeting Virtual](#)
May 4 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 - i) [Manhattan General Service \(MGSM\) Concept Meeting Virtual](#)
May 4 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 - j) [SENY Area 49 Tech Committee Meeting Virtual](#)
May 5 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
 - k) [SENY Archives Committee Meeting Virtual](#)
May 6 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 - l) [SENY Accessibilities Committee Meeting Virtual](#)
May 12 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

m) [SENY Literature Committee Meeting Virtual](#)

May 15 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

All future information can be found on the SENY Calendar @

http://events.aaseny.org/events/list/?tribe_paged=3&tribe_event_display=list

- VI. **DCMC Report-** Thanked all those that volunteered to help at the SENY Convention and extended a big thank you to those groups that supplied items to the convention as well as thanked those that participated in the workshops the that the district was asked to lead for the convention. Mentioned that we now have a permanent home in the Clarkstown Reformed Church Meeting Hall. Thank the Co-chairs of the recently passed Spiritual Breakfast for their excellent work and job well done, as well as all the GSR's who stepped up to the plate to sell the tickets.
- VII. **ADCMC Report-** currently working on "The Joy of Service" Workshop to fulfill our requirement to SENY—Reached out and formed a committee for this process—mentioned several dates for the event—Sunday August 14th is the optimal date as it does interfere with any other scheduled events. Mentioned that the Suffern group would possibly be interested in hosting. Tossed out the possibility and desire that the event be a Hybrid type. The committee will pursue all the aspects of the mechanics of the process required to make this event happen. It was decided that it should be held at The CRC due to its location to major highways. We look forward to hearing the progress on this matter at the May district meeting.
Mentioned also that there is to be a possible joint event in the late fall or so of this year with Orange County, along the lines of a **Sober-fest**- More details to follow. It is all in the concept stage at this point.
- VIII. **Standing Committee/ Ad Hoc Reports-**
Literature Chair- NNR -However, commented on the fact the GSO is still back ordering stock. Would like to update contact information for group literature reps. An email and phone number would be helpful. Info can be sent to literature@aarockland.org
Grapevine/ La Viña Chair- Absent N/R
TCO- Absent N/R- Mentioned in correspondence that it is hoped that the RCI Web issue has been settled, after having a conversation with the Web Admin.
Accessibilities- (Open Position) N/R
Archives- (Open Position) N/R
CPC- (Open Position) N/R
PI- (Open Position) N/R
Sponsorship- (Open Position) N/R
Hispanic Liaison- Leo V.-Newly elected at this meeting
Intergroup Liaison- NNR, however-- Share-A-Day will be in August at Mary Dell
By-Laws- Thanked all the committee members for their time and effort. Presented for formal approval and close of open discussion. A motion to accept as approved and seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent. By approval of the motion, the By-laws Ad hoc Committee was dissolved.
{**Historical Note:** Rockland County by the above motion to approve, now has a set of By-Laws, which took 27 years to write and implement into action.}

Spiritual Breakfast- Thanked everyone for an excellent event. Explained the financials of the event. Recommended as the previous body had decided that we release all of the unclaimed funds from the previously cancelled event to AAWS. Motion to approve transfer/ Seconded and passed unanimously. Suggested that we book our date for next year as soon as possible as the Venue informed the committee that dates for 2023 were filling fast. The outgoing Chair said that he would contact the Hotel and bring possible dates back to the body.

IX. **Group Reports-**

FR- Fellowship 1 90 day. Lots of celebrants.

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Answers to questions submitted

S- NNR

SOS- Thursday meetings continue at the manse house in Tappan and they will not be returning to the barn until July at the latest—They are currently residing at the Knights of Columbus on Erie Street—No 90 days

SR- Attendance at meetings is good. We are still on our 5 day a week format as before, meeting at 7:30- We completed and sent in the Delegates questionnaire on time—We had good attendance at the S/B (4 Tables)—8 Celebrants w/ 2 90 Dayers

PR- - Our group continues to meet twice on Friday night and once on Sunday night. Last month, we held an additional business meeting to discuss the Delegate's Questionnaire. The meeting was extremely productive and the answers on the questionnaire were able to adequately reflect our group conscience.

SbS(TC)- We have no 90 day celebrants this month. We have 3 celebrants for the month of April. Our positions are filled with the exception of an Intergroup rep. We are still announcing that need at our meetings. We are serving coffee and cookies!!

HOP- There are three Hour of Power meetings daily. A Daily Reflections meeting at 8:00 AM, a Step Meeting at noon, and a Beginner's Meeting at 6:00 PM. We attended the Spiritual Breakfast, selling two tables. Our service positions will be rotating in/out at the end of May. Our group meeting about the delegate's questionnaire was civil, orderly, and pleasant. It was nice to pass our info down the triangle. We have 16 celebrants in the Month of April ranging from 1 year to 49 years. We have no 90 day celebrants

CbTB- Fellowship 1 90 day. Lots of celebrants. Meetings up and running well. Could use some support on Thursday Step Meeting
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Y & F- Attendance is still going very well for both meetings. Beginners/Speaker/Topic meeting Wednesday night at 8:00pm and Big Book meeting Saturday night at 8:30pm. Nothing official yet but the group is discussing adding another meeting prior to the Saturday night meeting. Two 90 day celebrants.

BH- Meets Fridays @ 7:30 at the Clarkstown Reformed Church-No 90 Celebrants-The group could use some support for its meeting

FP- 7 Celebrants-No 90 dayers

WNy- 1 90 Dayer—Chairs meeting Tuesday nights at Nyack hospital—They are back to their usual meeting schedule

TMG- 3 -90 dayers- 7 Celebrants total

NL- Nothing major to report, in March we had a 90- day celebrant and a 31 year celebrant. In April so far, we have at least 1 90- day celebrant, possibly 2.

We filled out the delegates questionnaire and I will be applying it to the website as the instructions state. Our Wednesday night Big Book Study meeting is growing slowly but we could do with support for that meeting which runs from 7:30pm-8:30pm at the Central Presbyterian Church on Hudson Avenue, Haverstraw

X. **Old Business-** Once again restated outstanding Open Positions: Accessibilities, Archives, PI, CPC, Sponsorship, Hispanic Liaison
Treasurer reported that money had been sent as a contribution to the Haverstraw Center for the use of their facilities during the recent RCGSC Alcathon for 2021

XI. **New Business-** At this point, our guest , Leo V. requested to stand for the position of Hispanic Liaison—After the details of the position were read- He stepped up with a brief AA resumé, during which he mentioned that he had been asked on a few occasions by the RCI Answering Service to handle the Spanish Language calls and it was for this reason that he wished to stand for the position. A vote was taken and it was by unanimous consent that Leo V. became the First Hispanic Liaison for RCGSC.
Outgoing S/B Chair suggested that we pencil in some dates with the Venue for our future breakfast of 2023 and recommended that a committee be formed to start addressing the logistics of that event.
It was mentioned that the Alcathon Committee for 2022 should start to form and plan the event, more to be said at the next district meeting
Discussed at greater lengths the “Joy of Service “ workshop as well as the previously circulated document by the Secretary for the formation of a Workshop committee as an on Going Ad Hoc-(See appendix to minutes for the detailed proposal)
Introduced at a concept level the idea of a joint venture with orange county and perhaps others for an event that we are calling temporarily “Sober-fest”-Details to be worked out

XII. **Valediction-** Meeting closed @ Approx. 9PM w/ the Responsibility Statement

Appendix:
4/20/22

RCGSC WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

THE PURPOSE:

The purpose of the workshop committee is to present an ongoing series of workshops that will serve the needs of Alcoholics Anonymous in Rockland County. The hope is that the committee will foster ideas for the development of a stronger AA program in Rockland by showing and explaining topics as related to AA. Further, it is hoped that the various groups of Rockland will act as support for the facilitating of these workshops by providing their meeting spaces and personal and topics for the workshops.

The Goal:

The desired effect of the workshops will be to show what the various service positions do and how they relate to the General Service Structure of AA and Rockland's part in it. To demonstrate and explain in simple language how the structure of AA helps on the local level. To demystify some of the rhetoric surrounding the General Service Structure, such as nomenclature and the function of service positions. The whole of this is to enlighten the district groups and show how we can better serve the next "sick and suffering Alcoholic" in Rockland and the world at large.

Workshop Examples:

Examples of Workshops that would facilitate this goal are such things as "The Joy of Service" Workshop that we are going to present in August. Workshops on topics of interest to the groups and Service oriented workshops such as a workshop that explains to all who are interested the newly printed "The AA Service Manual and the Twelve Concepts of Service by Bill W." Perhaps, a Grapevine writing workshop, especially since they always are looking for member articles. These are but a few of the many ideas and more that can be done as workshop to help all the sober AA's better serve those around them and those in need.

Committee Structure:

The Committee would have AD Hoc status with a Chair reporting back to the body on the progress of the workshops. Ideally, the committee would be composed of three or more GSR's from various groups and a Chair to lead the discussion. The GSR's would act in their duly appointed capacity as facilitators in bringing the message of their groups to the District Committee and helping to implement those group ideas for the benefit of the whole county. The workshop themselves would be just about anything that comes to the committee as a topic of interest. They could range in scope from a One hour workshop to an All-day setting if the topic requires it and be as simple or complex in nature as the subject dictates.

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In the past this was tried to some success but lack of a committee to guide the project along caused it to die out. It is hoped that by establishing such a Standing Ad Hoc Committee that they will act as a guide and support structure to nurture the whole project

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