

Oct 2023 Agenda
Area 49 District 1000
SENY RCGSC-Panel 73
10/18/23

I. Invocation- **Opened @** 7:30 followed by M.o.s./ Serenity Prayer. GSR Preamble read by West Nyack GSR. **Tradition Ten:** Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. **Checklist question 6:** Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways? **Concept Ten:** Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined. **Checklist Question 2:** Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority”?

II. Rollcall/ Attendance/Special Guests- Quorum established @ 7:37

Present: **Eboard:** Dcmc, Treasurer secretary, TCO. **Committee chairpersons:** Grapevine rep, Intergroup Liaison, Archives, Literature, Public Info (zoom), Alcathon co chairs, Spiritual Breakfast Chairperson. **GSR's:** Live and let live, Pearl River, Sunrise, Sunrise Alt, Fellowship rd, G.V, West Nyack, Young and free, Any lengths, Hour of Power, Thruway Mens (zoom), SOS (zoom) Suffern (Zoom). **Absent:** Step by Step, Footprints, Naurashaun, I.G. SENY rep, Hisp Liaison. **Open Positions:** Alt DCMC, Service sponsor chairperson, Accessibilities Chairperson, C.P.C. chairperson

III. Minutes- Sept minutes sent out 10/2 for corrections.

-1 correction so far Footprints Group report wasn't included in September minutes - now it is included (*Footprints had 12 September celebrants. One 1 year, One 90 day, and One 49 years*). No other corrections - Motion Second, unanimous consent.

IV. Treasurer's Report V. Upcoming Events:

-Thursday Nights -  **CONTRA study** (Concepts, traditions, Service manual) on zoom <https://www.aaseny.org/new-events-1/2023/7/28/8jkcpdlnba86tjkufpogbgkzkulqf9-n2jwx>
-10/21  **Suffern Group Anniversary** - 77th year! Theme: walking through time <https://rocklandnyaa.org/event/walking-through-time/>
-10/22   **7 PM Rockland Virtual Committee Presents: A Progressive Pamphlet study: Sponsorship** <https://rocklandnyaa.org/event/a-progressive-pamphlet-study-sponsorship/>
-10/28   **SENY Archives Event Bronx** - Our Great Responsibility and AA comes of Age <https://www.aaseny.org/new-events-1/2023/10/28/8hreqfzv3tgm6mtq2s4u35cepmh>
-11/6  **RCGSC Alcathon Committee Planning Meeting** Hogan's Diner in Orangeburg 7 PM
-11/11   **SENY Assembly** <https://www.aaseny.org/list-of-seny-area-49-assembly-and-committee-meetings-for-2023>
-11/19   **Fuente de Vida Group Anniversary** - Spring Valley 1:30 PM- 15th year <https://rocklandnyaa.org/event/fuente-de-vida-15avo-aniversario/>

-October link Issue (SENY Newsletter) : <https://www.aaseny.org/the-link>

-Box 459 - (GSO newsletter) <https://www.aa.org/box-459>

VI. DCMC Report Discussed Treasurer transition - Welcomed New GSRs - Clarified Committee chairs should be attending corresponding SENY Committee meetings - and should include doings in their RCGSC reports. Reviewed Grapevine App - \$XXXX/month - has Grapevine archived materials, sobriety counter, Aa checklists : What did I do for AA today? What did I do for my sobriety today? Reviewed the SENY Delegate passing info on about : AA pamphlets- call for stories: "The Native North American Alcoholic", and "So you think you're Different"? Info can be found here at the "from the Delegate" link here ... <https://www.aaseny.org/news-from-your-delegate> Discussed Preliminary Action Items for next conference. 117 Items (This can also be found at same "From the delegate" link)

-**Addressed AA legacy: Unity.** Need to reach out to Groups without GSR's also known as silent groups. We know who they are - RCGSC members need to reach out to these groups. Address issues like: Does your group have a voice in AA? Without a GSR - County has no idea what your group is doing. - Addressed Group closures, and a call for spreading the word on groups who could use support/ groups that are struggling - to be announced at other meetings.

-**Discussed AA Preamble "Old version and New version"** Newer AA conference approved version is supposed to support the Unity of AA. (History of Preamble Handout provided on table.) New version is Conference approved at the 72nd conference. Stressed importance of using AA Preamble. There is only one preamble and it contains the word People. All other openings should be referred to as some other name of the groups choosing. Stated in the fashion above it would be in accordance with Tradition Four, as it would be an Autonomous act that when stated with the group's wishes would tell

those that are listening that this is a conscience choice and in no way reflects on AA as a whole.



-**Did a straw poll** - which groups are saying People? Which groups are still saying Men and women? **7 groups say people, 5 groups say men and women.** DCMC read a section from book: "AA's Great Responsibility" pg 62 From "AA is nothing" until pg 63 "Just the same" in reference to the importance of Group Conscience and Aa growth as it pertains to the Preamble.

VII. ADCMC Report

VIII. Group reports (NNR means Nothing New to report)

Any lengths - NNR	Y&F - one 1 year celebrant
W Nyack - 2 90 day celebrants	G.V. NNR
Sunrise two 90 day celebrants, two 1 year celebrants. Going through November Group position rotations	Fellowship Rd One 90 day celebrant, One 1 year celebrant. Having Workshop on April 25th: Principles of AA
P.R. Had Group Anniversary- Good turnout, food and fellowship. No celebrants	Live and let Live - Two 30 day celebrants
Suffern - Having Group Anniversary on Oct 21st One 1 year celebrant	Thruway - NNR - XXXXXX is Thruway GSR
Footprints - One 50 year celebrant	Hour of Power - Having Group Inventory in November. Worked on Whittling down/re-wording/creating questions Three 90 day celebrants, Three 30+ year celebrants.
SOS -XXXXX is New SOS GSR	

IX. Standing Committee/Ad Hoc Reports

<p>Spirit Breakfast - Spiritual Breakfast will be April 14th, 2024 at Pearl River Hilton. We signed contract for 2024. Negotiated price down to \$XXXX/person. XXXX from Suffern Group & XXXXX from Pearl River Group are co-chairs. XXXXXXXXXXXX Is a circuit speaker from N.J...</p>	<p>Archives - Attended Sober Jam..had table with lots of visitors. Attended Pearl River Group Anniversary. Speaker XXX gave permission to record her Exp, str, hope. Arch chair might not be able to attend Suffern Group Anniversary. Sending someone in place, for table. Preparing for Bronx Archives event on : "AA comes of Age" and "Our Great Responsibility" Rockland Chair is presenting/speaking. Attended SENY Archives meeting - Preparing for Bronx Event. Carpool is an option - leaving around 8:30 AM. Discussed Unity of GSO archives. Encourages groups to go to AA.org for Group information form updates. Make sure formats/time changes/contact info , GSR info are up to date, and archived. Such paperwork led to info about SOS group history background</p> 
<p>Lit - from now to Nov 3rd - A.A.W.S. having a deal on 1st edition BB and Our Great Responsibility....\$X each plus shipping. Shipping discounted if buying in bulk. RCGS lit chair provided pamphlets on the RCGSC table: "Where money and spirituality Mix", "Let's be Friendly with our friends". Discussed Rockland Virtual Committee Pamphlet study on Sponsorship (See upcoming events section of minutes) https://rocklandnyaa.org/event/a-progressive-pamphlet-study-sponsorship/ No county Literature order since July. Have partial order totalling \$XXX, H & I order might bring us above \$XXX for bulk shipping</p>	<p>Public Information - put together Literature packets for Police and EMS Distribution. Looking for anyone who wants to assist and join the Public Information Committee. Clarified: aim is towards police and EMS workers, not the criminals and patients.</p> <p>Sober Jam - No Final Financial Accounting yet. Was a zero sum event - so it was a wash - any extra funds to be distributed amongst 3 counties. It was a building event - 2nd year of it- SENY liked that it was a AA 3 county Unified event</p>
<p>- G.V - NNR -Spanish Liaison - NNR -WORCYPAA - NNR</p>	<p>-TCO - email group list was updated</p> 

X. Old Business- Sober Jam Report & Holiday Alcahthon Update

XI. New business

- Literature Stock Advisory discussion:** Motion made by Literature Chairperson "to have \$600 budget for the Literature Committee of Rockland AA to stock literature for the county"

Seconded Discussion : Current Literature Budget is \$XXX dollars. We Have more money in our coffers than we normally have. Should we place a bigger order?--Prices tend to go up. Is \$XXX enough? Should we do this quarterly? There has been No Rockland Literature table at : Sober Jam, Share A day, Spiritual Breakfast - relied on SENY - Is it unfair to SENY? The Money

will replenish itself. We have the Storage Facility , Personnel, Finances now.

Motion to Amend original Motion Now stating “to have \$XXX budget for the Literature Committee of Rockland AA to stock literature for the county” Motion Ok'd by original motion maker . **Seconded**
Vote: 16 yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain **Motion passed**

- **Discussion: Rockland County Alcathon:** XXXXXX and XXXXXXXX to co chair - December 24th and 25th- Have draft of a flyer. (Passed around)
<https://rocklandnyaa.org/event/2023-rockland-county-alcathon/>

-**Question: do we do Virtual?** - Several groups did not feel qualified to run Virtual Meeting. It would require additional personnel.

- **2 hour blocks per group** - One Hour for meeting, 1 hr for fellowship. **Personnel required per group= 4 people per group** ...1 Chairperson, 2 speakers, 1 person for security. GSR's encouraged to be security person. Question arose - do we do Gym only, or Gym And classroom?

-**Discussion: Bilingual Event? Do we invite Spanish Groups?** DCMC will speak to Spanish Liasion - Do they want a time slot? Should they be treated as same ? (Name in hat for time slot.) Should they be given a special time slot? Can we have a Spanish speaking meeting in the classroom?

-**Alvathon Planning meeting:** Alcathon Planning committee will be having their first meeting at Hogan's Diner in Orangeburg Nov 6th at 7 PM.

-**Budget is \$XXXXX.** Half will go towards rent. Insurance is not needed - falls under our policy. Snacks, beverages, coffee, water provided by AA - Individuals to bring food. Haverstraw center had issues with power strips last year with Coffee - tripped . Agreed to spread out amongst sockets. County has one 40 cup coffee Pot -DCMC has another for hot water. Do we have meeting rundown paperwork from last year? - Answered no - will have to be created, include How it works, Preamble, Promises , etc

XII. Valediction- Closed @ 9:10 PM