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SENY ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

**Saturday February, 11th
(10 am-3:15 PM)**

Area Officers						
Name	Position					
Paola A.	Chair					
Jo Ann M.	Delegate					
Nisaa A.	Alt Delegate					
Vicky B.	TCO					
Kimbley G.	Treasurer					

Meeting called to order 10:00 am

- Serenity Prayer; *led by Paola (chair)*
- Overview of who is able to vote (alternates only when DCMCs are not present,, officers, GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs, past delegates)

Chair: We have a parliamentarian...Jane.

Jane (Parliamentarian):

- In person participants can raise a point of order
- Online participants can send a message directly to Parliamentarian

Chair: We will now go to the treasurer's report and Budget for 2023

Treasurer's Report__Kimbley

FEBRUARY

Beginning Balance: \$110,019.69

Deposits/7th Tradition: \$8,734.18

Expenses: - \$21,369.03
(NERAASA expenses)

Ending Balance: \$97,384.93

Questions:

Q1: How does a group donate to SENY?

Answer:

- can be sent to PO BOX 571 New York 10116
- bring it to assembly,
- Or venmo

Q2: What do you consider a large surplus?

- When you have to think of ways to spend money.

Vote One

Chair as for motion to accept:

- *Motion to accept treasurer's report ; seconded*
- *In person: 45 yes; 1 abstention*
- *61 yes VR; 3 abs VR*

Budget Proposal (Kimbley)

- Budget proposed provided to assembly
- Treasurer notes last few years have been abnormal, but took into account last years budget
- Budget proposed is based on average expenses of last 4 years

- *Group count: 120,000 (average of last 4 years)*
- *4,700; 6,0000*
- *6500- each of assembly*
- *Technology services*

Questions:

Q1: Could you clarify the amount of contributions to GSO?

- We gave 50,000 in 2021 and 0 in 2022.

Q2: Was the shortfall because of the convention last year?

- Can you clarify what the shortfall was for the conventions we didn't have
- Shortfall from the convention was taken from Covid Reserve Fund.

Q3: What are the budget 'assembly costs'?

- Includes location, tech, food

**Confusion about whether the budget is final or changes still need to be made. **

Chair: Can we amend the budget if there's an amendment pending?

Jo Ann: Numbers will not change but we can add an asterisk. (line 90096)

Vote Two

Chair asks for motion to accept budget with asterisk:

- *seconded*
- *In person: 40 yes; 1 abstention*
- *Virtual: 97 yes ; 3 abstention*

Committee Chair Reports

Literature (Eric O.):

- Went to Asamblea
- 50 more books requested
- 4th Sunday of every month is literature meeting
- 4 people came to the meeting last month, can always use more volunteers

Public Information (Jeannette):

- Setting goals: would like to reach out to high schools,

Intergroup Liaison (Kristina):

- Next meeting Feb 19th
- Plan on ensuring everyone knows how to post any events
- Will discuss SENY convention service opportunities

Accessibility (Moses):

- Convention will have ASL interpreters
- next meeting wednesday on zoom
- Toby will speak on corrections committee
- Themes for each month; April (transgender committee), may (deaf *missed organizations*)

Corrections Chair (Toby):

- Looking for people to volunteer to write inmates especially spanish speakers
- CCS3 pamphlet
- Feb 18th virtual meetings (3rd Saturday)
- Going to go through to see
- Queens Borough & Edgecomb both have service opportunities

CPC (Devin):

- Cooperation with professional communities
- We've only had one meeting
- We made a decision to limit the scope this year to: getting in touch with clergy to improve relationships which have been affected by quarantine.
 - Secondly maybe Parole and probation

Service Sponsorship-Co-chair (Matt & Jess):

- Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month
- 6467012330
- Looking for service sponsorship chairs
- Attempting to wake up sleepy districts

Hybrid-Chair (Derrick):

- Right now professionals are setting up hybrid
- Budget approved to buy gear
- We need a lot of help, will also be providing hybrid for the convention
- You do not have to be a GSR to volunteer

Grapevine/La Viña (Thomas)

- Sales very good last month
- \$ 2300 order request

Convention Report (Melissa):

- March 24th to 26th
- Workshops, speaker meeting, play, banquet
- Registration: \$20; banquet \$100
- Try to balance the budget;
- obligations for rooms: 358/467 filled (February 28th)
- obligations for banquet
- You can register for the hybrid version-meetings will be webinar (so not interactive)
- Tomas will be volunteer chair-hospitality, tech,
- Service tables
- DCMCs email Gina about who is speaking

Questions:

Q1: Can I get a double room, I only saw King rooms?

- You can email me, but I think what's available is available.

General Service Conference Hospitality Announcement (Rich & Sherry)

- 93 areas and
- Marriott at Brooklyn
- Looking for hospitality participants to show people around
- We do not cover your cost for any activities you do with visitors
- Meeting is tomorrow

Sherry (SENY-Agenda Chair)

- We need a lot of help
- please encourage people in your districts to do service
- Each county has a calendar and one for SENY

James for Marty (Archives)

- Wee need a lot of archive chairs, but more specifically a better representation of the districts
- 9 people on committee but should have all counties' participation

Steven (Office Manager)

- Need help finding office location

Jo Ann (Area Delegate)

- Area 49 includes 11 states
- Out of 18 districts, NY is 4
- There are opportunities for people to go to NARASA; must be pre-registered for Feb 15th
- Can participate in Lottery, put name in before break
- Will take place in Albany

DCMC Reports

Bronx (Chris)

- first meeting
- Spiritual breakfast scheduled for Oct 22nd
- Still need events chair
- Many positions open

Sullivan (Jeff)

- We have a new zoom room
- We're in need of GSRs
- We're working on the spiritual Breakfast

*Manhattan (Justin)**

- In Manhattan County, committee assignments are assigned to different districts for the entire rotation. For Panel 73, committee assignments have all been made; and each district has a committee assignment they have not had at least since Panel 59.
- Service positions available:
- The Manhattan Share A Day Planning Committee has begun. TBD
- A number of Manhattan fellows are planning to attend the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) and we hope to see you there!
- The makeup of many of our Manhattan districts is changing, both because of the creation of several new groups and the changes in physical spaces as more in-person meetings return. Groups are continuing to find and cultivate new spaces for meetings and finding ways to address the challenges of having meetings online and in-person or transitioning between the two.
- Manhattan County is looking for fellows with artistic talents, technical skills, and a host of other abilities. to do smaller, less time-intensive service projects below the group level.

Putnam (Gregg)

- We'll be updating the meeting list (putnamcountynyc.org)
- Our county meeting is hybrid and occurs every 2nd Tuesday of the month

*Suffolk (Kimberly)**

- Took suffolk county bus (3 passengers)
- Met with DCMs and committee chairs to make sure they are registered
- Open positions: Treatment, Accessibilities & Archives
- 2 DCMs last rotation, 5 this rotation
- Unity Breakfast:
 - March 5th
 - Unity Breakfast – March 5 9-1- we have already 800 signed up and are open to 1000.
 - Tickets are 40 each and can be purchased online
 - [2023 Unity Breakfast – Suffolk County General Service](#)

Rockland (Kevin)

- Rockland Spiritual Breakfast will be April 16th @ The Pearl River Hilton 9-12 tickets are \$34
- We are working to establish a more collaborative relationship with Rockland County Inter Group (formed a committee to explore the joint webmaster of the common site that's shared with intergroup.
- The County/District has budgeted for day passes for NERAASA (to help facilitate GSR attendance)
- Added a PI Chair and Hispanic Liaison to standing committee in new By-Laws
- Hispanic Liaison will attend Asambleas and report back information of interest to us
- Open Positions:
 - Accessibilities
 - Sponsorship

*Brooklyn (Charlene)**

- We had our 1 st virtual GSM in January.
- Upcoming GSM this Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:30pm, with orientation at 6:30pm
- Open Positions:
 - NYIG liaison
 - Accessibilities
 - Corrections
 - Email Administrator
 - Treatment
 - Spiritual Breakfast
- We will have an ad hoc committee to look for in person venues for GSM, Spiritual Breakfast & Share A Day
- District 411 will have a movie date for March 11 th from 1 to 4pm, at 103 Quincy Street.

Staten Island (Dan)

- Had first county meeting, doing it virtual only
- Plan on have a dance March 17th

*Nassau (Kathy)**

- First GSR meeting on February 20th. (hybrid)
- Participants virtually and in-person
- Virtual workshop scheduled on March 20th.
- Share a Day on April 22nd at the Garden City Community church
- Unity Breakfast: Sunday, June 25,
- Tickets available: aanassaugs-ny.org
- Still have open standing committee positions to fill

Queens (Raj)

- Queens County Assembly Meeting February 27th
- Meeting Location: Mary Gate of Heaven Church; 103-12 101st Avenue, Ozone Park, NY 11416 (Basement).
- All positions have been filled
- We now have zelle and venmo for donations

Hispanic District (Nelson)

- Attempting to register all GSR
- Next meeting February 19th
- Con. in November no date yet but usually the first weekend.
- Working on finding a location.

Orange County (Dan)

- Orange County held its first meeting on Tuesday, January 17.
- Open positions:
 - Secretary
 - Corrections
 - Accessibilities
 - PI

- CPC
- Working on a spiritual breakfast (probably in May)
- DCMC and Alternate will be attending NERAASA and the SENY convention

Westchester (Peter-paul)

- District Committee is 3rd Wed of the month
- Meeting next Wednesday
- Open chair positions filled
- Spiritual Breakfast date as of now August 26th.

TCO Report (Vicky)

- Looking for an area registrar (needs filling ASAP)
- GSR, DCM, and Alt day registration; please fill out postal address for groups
- Standing committee chairs contact me if you have any questions about zoom accounts
- Anyone who is not trained reach out to (email) to get trained
- Calendar-
 - Sherry and Vicky can come and train people on how to enter events in calendar
 - We are looking into merging all counties

Questions:

Q1: Who are forms for?

- For GSRs and DCMs

some members express concerns about having a list of all GSRs names

- I cannot in good faith encourage GSR to register if they feel uncomfortable doing so.

Q2: What was wrong with the old calendar?

- The old calendar was on word press, because of a problem with the update we changed to wordpress. Sherry - we are considering merging all the calendars into one calendar so it will be more like the old calendar. Come to the next tech meeting to discuss the calendar.

Chair Report (Paola)*

Chair addresses SENY handbook updates:

- The SENY handbook editor: (Rich)
- Looking to update the service book—any notes to offer email him.
- Looking for new office space where we can host workshops
- New ad hoc committee to look at the tech committee because members have been overwhelmed.
- We have a new archives chair (Marty) who will be here next time.
- Speaking at Suffolk Spiritual Breakfast

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Nisaa (Alt Delegate)

- Service Participation Meeting every month there isn't an assembly
 - Encourage
- NERD meeting
- NERAASA, will be attending
- Went to Assamblea
- YPAA liaison- today is "for the love of service); March 17th—keepin it Green, NYCYPAA-reforming a basic service committee-focusing on inclusivity and reconstituting group
- Alt-Del is available for group inventories

Jo Ann (Delegate)

- Conference committee is policy and admissions
- Final agenda item is out and was posted to our website last night
- 85 over the 13 conference committee
- Delegates Questionnaire

- Delegates Day of Sharing March 18th 2023- GSR will learn about agenda items and take back to groups to get the group conscience
- Items to note:
- What to do in the event of a coronavirus outbreak since last time was a super spreader event, we want to make sure everyone gets a chance to participate; last time quarantined members could view but not participate.
- 40,000 added expense (305.85 for each additional)
- 9,600
- Plain language Big Book
 - Plan to have a room for each attendee (scheduled) to read through a sample of the first 5 chapters of the draft
- Will have 3 area photos and took one of assembly for conference
- Another photo of members (five women of color)

Questions:

Q1: When and how will they receive the delegates questionnaire?

- Can be submitted electronically; hopefully by next weekend
- Due Date: April 15th in person or online or emailing

Q2: You talked about admissions but what is the policy?

- Read my February report

Q3: will there be delegate participation?

- Yes

Q4: Can the delegate's day of sharing be recorded?

- Usually share slides, will be available in a day or so?

Q5: Will a hard copy be mailed to the groups?

- Make sure the group's address is up to date with SENY.
- We should and will.

Old Business : none

New Business

Chair brings up a motion proposed accessibilities agenda item for 2024 GSC

New Motion (Andrew)

Motion: Translate certain literature into ASL including Big Book stories;

Andrew:

- There is a deficit in reading comprehension of deaf AA members.
- ASL can be as different from English as Spanish is.
- The basic literature (164) has been translated, but not the stories
- The first part already have support in Texas & West Coast

Questions:

Q1: The motion says there will be more information added, where is there more information?

- I hope there is enough information in the proposal, followed the guidelines to submit the proposal.

Q2: How many groups on the East Coast are in need of ASL translation?

- I don't know, I don't know that we keep track of that but it would be interesting to know.

Q3: Does ASL include spanish? Why not SSL?

- *Alene (from west coast)* : We will continue to add letters of support from professionals, the language of motion will not change.
- There have not been enough people trained in Mexican sign language. Most people who are in the US are instructed

Q4: What sign language is spoken in ASL?

- Majority of of Canada uses ASL; LSQ is quebecoise.

Q5: Why would we not? (rhetorical question)

Q6: It says, "critical literature" and it lists examples. Why isn't it all in ASL?

- This is a priority list and not an exhaustive list.
- This was based on a survey of AAs deaf community members.

Q7: Why aren't we doing the translation in 3 main languages?

- Area 58, we were told to propose on one topic and we did not get any request from any deaf members

Q8: (statement): Other countries have their own GSO.

Q9(statement): It's silly to pick apart a proposal that is directly related to our primary purpose. Can we vote?

Re-read motion and called vote, vote seconded:

Vote Three

Chair asks for motion to accept proposal as written :

- *seconded*
- *In person: 40 yes; 0 abstention*
- *Virtual: 69 yes ; 1 abstention*
- *Motion passes*

Ask-it Basket

Q: Why can't we list all virtual meetings on NYintergroup's website?

Kristina: I wasn't aware of this and can address this at the upcoming meeting as liaison.

Q: Virtual meetings are distorting our language. Is there any way to address this?

A: Hybrid chair can give potential guidelines as to use of language in virtual meetings

Q: dates for spiritual bbq?

A: August 26th at VHMacy park ardsley.

Q: Will there be a transcript?

A: Minutes will be provided

Attendance:

Q: Many people come once and never again, any suggestions for improvement?

Answers:

- A: People who are meant to stay will stay
- Any way to finance buses?
- Suffolk stops in Nassau and Queens, maybe manhattan can stop in Bronx
- Can we rotate to include Long Island counties
- Also its confusing and intimidating
- Virtual has made a big difference; service sponsorship
- GSRs should bring their alternates so they have a better understanding of the assembly;
- It's confusing, and long, but i'm grateful to be here, my sponsor invited me and i plan on coming back
- Have a slide with a motion on screen- have the bullet points that can be shared.
- In meetings state what GSR and Intergroup Rep means–maybe add a blurb; also maybe focus less on groups and
- Should we keep track of attendance– so we know

Q: How do we help with ASL at the convention?

A: Moses and Andrew are working to contract with an organization and it really isn't needed unless they speak ASL. Outreach let them know

Q: Any information about the resignation of the board member?

A: Jo Ann will have information hopefully by delegates day if not attend the next assembly.

Raffle

Joseph W

Jane H.

Liz H.

Harold B.

Robert J.

Jose P.

Tom F.

Germain R

Veronica L.

Steven W

Paul G.

Nicholas C.

Zoe S

Maritza P

Mary Lou R.