

Area Committee Meeting

Monday August 7th, 2023

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

heard corrections to minutes,

Chair Report (Paola):

- Starting with Chair report since that was the controversial one last time
- The officers met to discuss the september assembly, we will be holding it hybrid without tech-12, it will put us over budget slightly by about \$200, just about
- December has not been booked, will be discussed at our next assembly
- It was mentioned that maybe we should rotate location of assembly will invite Jane to come up and speak because she has more experience as to what it takes to do those
- First, I've gotten questions about places that aren't "super districts" which have DCM positions but they are unfilled, can DCMC or alt vote in interim. It isn't an area decision, you can vote to make it a 'super district' at the county level

Jane on Rotating Assemblings

- What's involved with rotating the meeting?
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- SENY calendar, look at events, trying not to conflict. Once, date is decided, counties look for venues in the area which meet criteria
 - ADA compliant,
 - Auditorium (# of people to sit)
 - volunteers
 - Tables, tech, interpreters, officers (2 or 3)
 - Parking, for those who drive with signage
 - Access by public transportation is desired, or shuttles arranged.
 - Gender-free restrooms
 - Kitchen facilities if possible
 - Outlets
 - Eating room
 - Coffee pots
 - Staying in budget (\$3,000-\$4500)
 - contract , from DCMC or designee to delegate for review
 - Insurance, if needed
 - Signs: main entrance, parking,
 - Venue access a few hours before event
 - Tables for registration, lit, grapevine, a lot more (other committees), the link (not auditorium or eating area) - more volunteers
 - Hand sanitizer
 - 4 greeters and more for people for directions, a few runners in case (for example, we run out of food)
 - Maps, not everyone uses gps
 - Keep in mind, unity, right of participation
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- Can be very difficult for DCMs

Questions:

Paola: Derrick go over tech requirements.

Derrick:

- Ethernet connection and/or very strong wifi connection

- Screen would be great, but we have our own
- Table and outlets

Questions/Discussion?

Question: Are certain places priced out given the budget?

Answer: Jane? (Jane) I can only speak to my experience. Parking was only street parking, but public transportation was very accessible. They did go over budget. Putting it on was no small feat.

Questions: How far ahead would we know?

Answer: Chair sets the schedule by November and areas have to find a venue that works, dates can't be changed because they may conflict with other area events.

Questions: What is a super district? I don't see it in the service manual.

Answer: If you look at the SENY handbook it references super districts. Districts that don't have individual districts because there is only one district for the whole county.

Question: Would we have to adjust our budget and take it into consideration when we make it?

Answer: So, the area reimburses the county, but it could be affected by shuttles or buses. I can set the schedule earlier.

Question: We had signs in Nassau, what happened to them?

Answer: No idea where the signs went. I will ask.

Question: There was a heavy level of volunteer involvement, Jane mentioned that, will we have a problem getting them? Will we require more than what we require in Westchester, because that location does some of the set up for us.

Treasurer's Report (Kimbley):

- June:
 - Contributions, \$11,769; 7th tradition: \$1,189, literature: \$ 2,580
- July:

- Contributions: \$14, 435
- 7th traditions, \$127
- Literature: \$80

Questions/Discussion?

Question:

NERASSA stipend why is it not 10,000, it says 833?

Answer: That number is the budgeted amount, it was not used this year.

Question: What are the 'other expenses'? Where can you look for the details?

Answer: On the second page of the report there is a break down of line items from first

*We do have a quorum: NO ONE LEAVE** re-reading of voting privileges.

Any Motions?

Motion One: To accept all treasurer's report, seconded

Yes: 21

No:

Abstain: 6

Motion Passes

Technology Report (Ray):

- Major update done to committee email list,
- If you are using a service email, do NOT unsubscribe.
- Steady progress making calendar more user friendly; trying to get it done before the end of the summer
- Asked Marty K to take over postal mailing to send to members who would like to receive it. We will be making it an OPT-IN

Questions/Discussion?

None

Alternate Delegate (Nissa):

- Attended assemblea July 16th
- Went to ICYPAA prom night on Long Island
- Service participation meeting with DCMs and DCMCs, another one in August and I'll send out info
- Went to New York State informational Workshop in Buffalo(area 50)
- Next Assemblea August 20th in Hempstead, usually english translation
- Will be attending and speaking at Manhattan Share a day
- Speaking at Virtual Queens workshop
- NyCPAA has open positions and will have an open mic night at 46th street club house.

Questions/Discussion?

none

Delegate (JoAnn):

- Website has been updated with agenda items form
- August 19th sharing sessions on submitting agenda items- anyone who wants to submit an item with our area support must first submit it to JoAnn who will submit it for you.
- New position for non-trustee director
- AA for the native north american pamphlet, opening on working group
- Opening for staff at GSO office
- 74th General Service Conference, Rich and Sherry will be hospitality chairs.
- Attended assemblea to give conference report to the hispanic districts
- As chair of the policy and admissions committee I met with the chair of the equitable distribution of workload subcommittee to discuss Sept 15th deadline.
- Board approved a digital option be included in the next conference
- Unable to reserve March 24th, room requirement extended over 3 days. 137 last room cost, 160, 175, 185 (2024,2025,2026). Requirement for room minimum will be reduced 25% each year.

Questions/Discussion?

- When are we getting the digital final report of the conference?
A: end of August, hopefully hard copies by end of September. Put in for 900 copies (english and spanish)

County Reports

Suffolk (Kimberley,)

- trip to GSO offices
- Concepts, traditions and service manual study every thursday until Nov 12th
- Workshop on Spet 23rd, Christine D, on topics: 'grief in sobriety
- Unity breakfast comittee commenced.

Brooklyn (Charlene, DCMC)

- Brooklyn is starting up the AA Historical Book Club again, running weekly as of July 16 th at 7pm on Zoom.
 - ID: 961 9888 5103
 - PC: 069497
- Reading "Writing the Big Book"
- Sept 4th, labor day alcathon, in person at queen of all saints church from 9-3 pm
- Brooklyn spiritual picnic, 9th street entrance, Sept 30th. 3 speaker meeting, a potluck
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Queens (Raj)

- Date for manhattan share a day Sunday September 17th from Bishop Malloy High School
- Sat October 7th, spiritual breakfast
- Will have an inventory

Manhattan (Justin)

- Manhattan Share A Day and Hospitality Bake Off will be held on August 12, 2023, themed AA's Three Legacies Our Common Solution.
- In addition to the big meetings at the beginning and end of the day, there are 28 topic workshops, with speakers from all over Manhattan as well and AI-Anon.
- First and last meetings will have a virtual or at least audio set up
- The county has also scheduled its first county-wide Potluck Picnic for 10/8 with a rain date of 10/15. The purpose of the event is connecting trusted servants, many who have never met and inviting un-represented or under-represented groups for fellowship and fun below the group level. The potluck picnic will be in the Pinetum in Central Park

Rockland (Kevin)

- In negotiations about Sober Jam (October 1st)
- Share-a-day yesterday
- Currently going over bylaws and amending
- New accessibility chair
- Lost CPC chair, still need sponsorship,
- Working on a proper storage space for archives and digital equipment to start scanning it
- October 1st Sober Jam at 50 west broad street

Nassau County (Cathy, DCMC)

- Webmaster had to step down and we're having issues with it; really need someone with knowledge of it to help
- Big meeting november 4th, Nassau intergroup and General service
- Trying to reach out all the groups and increase participation
- Went to upstate informational workshop

Staten Island (Dan, DCMC)

- Share-a-day August 20th
- Sept 9th, 3rd annual barbecue
- Nov 26th, spiritual breakfast
- Hospitality chair for the upcoming SENY convention if anyone interested in volunteering

Bronx/Upper Manhattan (Chris, DCMC)

- Sat sept 23rd, Holy Family Church all day
- Spiritual breakfast 22nd october

Hispanic District (Nelson, DCMC)

- Visiting the groups to emphasize importance of participation
- Planning assemblea in Staten Island in November, need to confirm with SI groups
- Hempstead 20th August

Orange County (Camille, Alt-DCMC)

- Open Positions:
 - Accessibility
 - Corrections
 - CPC
- Participating in sober jam planning (October 1st)
- Share a day earlier this month

Standing Committee Reports:

Jeanette (Public Information Chair)

- Next 6th months will focus on EMS, fire & police departments
- Encourage people to contact police departments in your area
- Have a panel with CPC chair at Manhattan Share a day

*** Paola: Please no one leave we have business to vote on ****

Kristina (Intergroup liaison):

- Invited Group Relations from GSO to educate Intergroup representatives of the difference between GSO and Intergroup as there is a lot that people do not know and need/want to be informed of. (Karina)- still waiting to hear back
- Found intergroup liaison in Rockland County
- Next Meeting Sunday, August 20th from 2pm-4pm. Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Devin (CPC)

- Meeting is last Wednesday of every month
- Attendance is low during summer. If county's have a CPC have them contact Devin
- In on SENY website Calendar (6pm), got a recurring event
- Currently working on reaching out to churches, to foster positive relationships—reached out to Catholic Parish in Queens & Brooklyn
- Fall, going to need volunteers for increased information panels to do presentations; can be reached at cpc@aaseny.org

Marty (Archives)

- 184, presentation (recorded) for 4th edition
- Setting up an archives table for Manhattan Share-a-day
- Any counties with archives should come to the meeting on August 10th.
- Sorting party, 9 people showed up to go through archives
- Will be at Manhattan share a day speaker and a table

Moses (Accessibility)

- Last month had a virtual safety workshop, will be another in person meeting, centered around the language we use
- Still have monthly meeting –Andrew will be speaking this month
- Will be speaking at Manhattan Share-a-day
- Looking into pamphlets for non-binary and transgender people

*** Surprise New Business–time sensitive ***

New Business/Old Business (surprise new business)

Steven (Office Manager)

- 33-01 38th Ave Long Island City
- Abatement of 250

Questions/Discussion?

Question:

How many sq feet?

Answer:

- A) 1761 755 square feet
- B) 1843 790 square feet

Question:

What happened to the Bronx space?

Answer:

The space was rented by the time we are able to get quorum.

Question:

How are we budgeting ? How will we budget going forward? Will we have to take up an approve more for the rent?

Answer:

1500 a month for last office
15,000 is left in the budget line - increase in rent would be taken into account,
It would be rolled into budget when the budget is made

Comment:

nice location, we have insurance and its a \$250 abatement, also that does not include wifi or electricity

Question:

Will there be room for archives and the tech stuff?

Answer:

Yes, we can use it how we wish. 100-200 sq feet for archives.

Question:

How much are we above our prudent reserve; i'm concerned about hoarding money? (if the worry is do we have the money

Answer:

amount 127,154, how much extra

Hybrid Chair:

We need the space and we will not be using tech 12 (which will save us money). Does it have 24 hour security? Do they provide wifi or we have to find our own?

Answer:

It has a key fob and code. We have to find our own wifi provider.

Question:

Will we still need storage for archives? Will that be less of a cost?

Answer:

Marty, we'll still need storage while we are sorting.

Question:

Do we need that much space? And there is no parking? Also some things from archives will have to stay in storage which is temperature controlled.

Answer:

It's street parking. There is garage parking, but we'd be on a waiting list. These are the locations I've found, most were bigger. Once we find a

****is there any motion on the table****

Motion: Rent space (A) at 33-01 38th Ave Long Island City.

****ONLY new discussion****

Question:

Is there a contract?

Answer:

It will be a 3 to 5 year lease. Lease will be signed by the delegate?

Question:

Are both spaces in the basement? Is there a flooding concern?

Answer:

It's a new building. According to them it hasn't happened yet.

Camille wants to amend the motion to give Steven and the delegate the ability to try for the smaller and if it's not available go ahead and get a bigger room.
Amendment accepted by Derrick.

Later: Jim (seconded) accepts change to motion

Question:

Is it ready for Sept 1st? Also no furniture.

Answer:

It's still available. Didn't ask to hold the space without money down.

****We still have a quorum ***

Motion One:

Rent space (B) at 33-01 38th Ave Long Island City for a term of 3-5 years, and give Steven and delegate leave to try for alternate space if the smaller space is not available.

Yes: 26,

Abstentions: 4

No: 7

Minority opinion:

Delegate:

3-5 year contract, if we don't like it we're stuck there

Minority opinion:

Concerned about the basement, it is always possible to flood.

Does the minority opinion change any votes?

Motion passes.

Motion to extend by 10 mins (Marty) - motion seconded

Yes (21) - (16)abstentions

JoAnn (Delegate)

- Would like comments on space at the marriott and wanted to get a feel from the room o

We have to end in 3 minutes unless someone makes a motion to extend meeting

Motion : Extend meeting for 10 meetings

Yes: 21

No:

Abstain: 16

Motion Passes, meeting will be extended.

Questions/Discussion?

Comment

- As someone who has arranged it before sounds like a good deal.

Comment:

- Tried changing it a few years ago, but it was not well received.

Comment:

- It's a little expensive, but things have gone up i think Joann should book this, it's a little expensive but dates are booking quickly

Comment:

- Most hotels are going up to recoup for the last 3 years, in favor of going ahead with the contract

Question:

- Have they finished their construction?

JoAnn:

They should be finished in October. New construction is part of the reason they do not want to lower their price.

Question:

- Have they finished their construction?

We do not need a motion;

postponing Nerassa scholarship

Dan Motion to close

AA declaration of unity.

Emailed Reports?:

Suffolk County (alt-DCMC, Regina)

Westchester (Peter-paul)

Sullivan (Jeff)

Putnam (Greg)