

Area Committee Meeting

Monday October 2nd, 2023

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

****Minutes approved as written****

Area Officer Reports

Paola: We do have a quorum and if you are a voting member, please do not leave.

Treasurer's Report (Kimbley):

**Review of May budget*

Motion One: May Report

The Motion: Accept Treasurer's report for May

- Seconded
- Re-reading of who can vote.

Yes: 27
Abstention: 5
No: 0

Report passes.

Review of June budget

Motion Two: June Report

The Motion: Accept Treasurer's report for June

- Seconded
- Re-reading of who can vote.

Yes: 31
Abstention: 5
No: 1 (*0-corrected after discussion below)

Minority opinion:

Jim: 16667, the previous month the number was different, no I'm sorry I read the wrong line, I made a mistake,

Paola: Does that mean your vote would've changed?

Member: yes

Great.

Report passes.

Review of July budget with revision

Motion Three: July Report

The Motion: Accept Treasurer's report for July with the amended typos

- Seconded (after typos have been corrected, \$241,500 instead of 241,000)
- Re-reading of who can vote.

Yes: 27

Abstention: 6

No: 0

Report passes.

- I've been in touch with our accountant, we do get an extension, we've applied for an extension, due May 15th, we're good til November 15th.

Questions/Discussion?

Q: What's the cycle on our bank statements? When are you able to take a look at them?

A: I can look at any activity; statements are at the end of the month.

Technology Report (Ray):

- Mailings will be delayed again, there were a lot of moving parts
- Work is moving along on fixing the calendar on the website, Should be completed by the end of the year.

Questions/Discussion?

Q: Are we on for the tech committee meeting tomorrow?

A: Yes, the meeting is tomorrow, details on the calendar if anyone is interested in attending the meeting.

Chair Report (Paola):

- We did not move forward with the office space because of some things included, we will not be pursuing that office space.
- I was asked to use the translation equipment for NERASSA, I emailed for more information and want to ensure that if anything is broken that they replace it. If anyone feels we should just lend it without the guarantee you can contact me after the meeting
- I've registered for NERASSA and encourage everyone to registers, spoke a Manhattan-share-a-day

Questions/Discussion?

Q: So we're going to have another round about a new office space coming up?

A: Yes

Comment: Evaluating the need for an office space is important

Comment: I think you should get a guarantee about the equipment

Paola: technically it falls under the 10th concept. I just wanted to get a feel from the room if anyone felt strongly about it.

Alternate Delegate (Nissa):

- Went to SoberJam 2
- Attended Assemblea sept 17th
- Attended Bronx-Upper Manhattan Share-a-day
- Next meeting will be in Brooklyn at old park slope Caton
- Went to SI share-a-day
- Spoke in the bronx
- Available for inventories and have one coming up
- NYCYPAA, murder mystery party still has some places available

Questions/Discussion?

None

Delegate (JoAnn):

- YTD contributions (7 th Tradition) 6/30/2023 – \$4,839,110 (102%) of budgeted amount of \$4,725,000 \$172,538 less than last year
- AAWS Literature sales to 6/30/2023 - \$7,877,177 (108%) of budgeted amount of \$7,314,000 and \$2,112,271 (37%) more than last year purchases before price increase (April 1) and strong sales in June.
- Conference total cost (estimated) \$1,388,858
- Estimated cost per delegate (93) \$14,934
- Per conference member (133) \$10,443
- Grapevine app launched 2.99 per month, 29.99 per year
- On-line group participation questions (Virtual Sharing Session with Delegate Thursday 10-5-2023)
- Office space – negotiated terms not favorable to Area –
- Convention contract results:
 - 2024 - \$159 per night,
 - 2025 - \$169 per night,
 - 2026 - \$175 per night

- Facility usage will be \$2000 – 2024, \$2500 – 2025, and \$3000 – 2026
- Thankful for John W. Panel 57 and Jane E Panel 69 for their assistance in negotiating these contacts.
- The Pamphlet “Do You Think You are Different” is being revised and updated with new stories. The submission deadline is April 30, 2024. I will have this notice posted to the Delegate page.
- There is also a call for stories for the pamphlet “AA for the Native American Alcoholic” this pamphlet is also being revised and updated. The deadline is December 31, 2023.
- NERAASA is February 22–25, 2024 Hershey Lodge 325 University Dr. Hershey, PA 17033 Deadline for registration by mail: February 14, 2024
- There is a question out there regarding NERAASA 2023. There was a shortfall due to underestimating the cost of coffee and the prudent reserve is low. In order to replenish the reserve each Area is asked to contribute \$250.00. That would make the prudent reserve flush which would allow seed money for future events. The other choice is to wait and see if NERAASA 2024 makes up the difference.
- An update on the two PAIs supported by the Area. They were both forwarded to the Trustees Committee on Literature for further review. That doesn't mean they will make it to the conference; it means it is moving along the path that a PAI follows. I will give you updates as I receive them.
- Policy and Admissions (the committee our delegate is on) is scheduled for a feedback call on October 9 from 4pm-5pm to discuss PAIs that may be assigned to our committee to get a sense of whether the items should be forwarded to the conference committee.
- There is a new system replacing the Dashboard called OnBoard. There are training sessions scheduled for tomorrow and Wednesday evening.
- Delegate received an invitation to a virtual orientation for Committee chairs and alternates on January 19, 2024 from 10:30am-4:30pm virtually.

Questions/Discussion?

Q: What was the date for the online discussion session?

A: October 5th at 7:30

Q: Is it possible to get a copy?

A: yes, i can email

Standing Committee Reports:

Matt (Service Sponsorship)

- Committee meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Pancake Breakfast in Suffolk on December 9th with Q & A and panel discussion 9 to 12, plan to be one of two western and eastern suffolk
- Will have raffle and sponsored ticket to SENY

Marty (Archives)

- 1945: The AA Grapevine is adopted as the national publication of AA with 30,000 contributors
- 1939: cleveland plaindale publishes a series which sparks mass produced sobriety in the Ohio Area
- October 28th, archives
- Article in the next link about going to archivist convention
- Will be asking for money in new business
- Aasenyhistory.org will have info,
- SENY history book.

Devin (CPC)

- Sent letter to clergy with the help of one who is a good friend of the fellowship, awaiting responses to meet at their assemblies in clusters around Queens & Brooklyn.
- Went to lawyers assistance program, to speak and was able to give a presentation
- Colorado State Convention, spoke to the Area 10 CPC chair, and talked about using our website as a landing page for professionals. Will be talking to webchair and treasurer

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
- Will be reaching out to Andrew to talk about how groups can be more accessible.
- Next Meeting Sunday, August 20th from 2pm-4pm. Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Jeanette (Public Information)

- We've been reaching out to High Schools and those invitations are still coming in
- The next 6 months we will be reaching out to EMS
- Invited to two police precinct meetings in SI and in Brooklyn
- Our meetings are the 28th of every month

Moses (Accessibility)

- Helped Nassau County Accessibility Chair to host a bilingual bingo night
- Next two workshops: Safety Workshop to make sure its safe for teenagers; December going to help Orange County Accessibility chair with a communication and using non-offensive language
- Received request

Hugo (C & T)

- Bridging the gap workshop in Texas
- GSO talking about literature
- Talked about issues arising in different areas:
 - not having active bridging the gaps, <https://www.btgww.org/>
 - Looking for non-binary and transgender people
 - Next meeting October 30th,

Steven (Office Manager)

- Still talking to 4 to 6 realtors
- Let me know if you still think we need to find a place so I can stop

Derrick (Hybrid)

- Equipment is up to date
- Need a new ride for next assembly, my previous ride can't make it
- Will have online helpers who will be trained and I am reaching out to previous in person techs.

Toby (Corrections)

- Working on a comprehensive list and who is helping to bring in meetings whether through us or local intergroups
- Very close to getting a meeting to ****Queens location****

Saadi (2024 Convention Chair)

- Getting contract, working with Joan and TCO
- Registration should be up and running for next month.

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

County Reports

Putnam (Gregg, DCMC)

- Unity Breakfast: Sunday Oct 15th, We have entered the world of the spirit
- Summer jam was yesterday, dunk tank, lots of fun
- GS meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month, we have a website (putnamcountynyaa.org)

Rockland (Kevin)

- Also did Sober Jam
- Archives chair helped to update our archive
- Spiritual breakfast in April
- Standing chairs keep dropping out and lost my treasurer

- Working on alcathon for christmas eve
- Working with Rockland archives chair,

Suffolk (Kimberley, DCMC)

- Wrote an article for sept link about being a DCMC
- Had a workshop: Playing in the sandbox, with others
- Tour of GSO Office this Friday
- Conscious Study Workshop: one called "A story to tell", grief in sobriety, service
- Went to a Suffolk event with literature
- A lot of committee chair positions

Manhattan (Justin)

- Manhattan Share A Day and Hospitality Bake Off will be held on August 12, 2023, over 500; we have outgrown the space
- 626 annual dinner
- Concepts meeting this wednesday
- Writing workshop for grapevine
- 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
- In last county meeting noticed there was confusion about contributions and where they should be sent
- Working on bylaws, we have a bylaws revision committee

Hispanic District (Nelson, DCMC)

- Sunday and Sat, 4th and 5th November in Yonkers, spanish convention,
- Trying to meet with groups in Manhattan to make the districts work
- Asambleas, 15th of October in Brooklyn
- First assembly in SI november 19th,
- Workshop district 114 in Newburg NY

Brooklyn (Eddie, alt-DCMC)

- Had annual spiritual BBQ in prospect park

- Had first hybrid assembly, attendance improved, decided to make next meeting hybrid
- Getting ready for LIST which I am chairing and hopefully will start meeting to plan in November.

Nassau County (Cathy, DCMC)

- Bilingual Bingo hosted by
- Big Meeting on November 4th, Nassau GSO and Intergroup will host
- Next June, spiritual breakfast
- Having trouble getting and keeping people in positions.

Staten Island (Ronnie, alt-DCMC)

- Nov 26th, spiritual breakfast
- Chairs for Dec 25th and New Years Eve alcathon
- Still have trouble getting DCMs but slowly numbers improving

Queens (Raj)

- Had share-a-day, Sunday September 17th
- Sat October 7th, spiritual breakfast
- Will have an inventory, not assembly facilitated by John W
- Will look over our bylaws

Bronx/Upper Manhattan (Chris, DCMC)

Orange County (Camille, Alt-DCMC)

Old Business

Motion Four : Scholarship

The Motion: Delegate makes a motion that the NERAASA scholarship budget line remain on the annual area budget as a permanent expense line and that our budget guidelines be updated to include language used in determining who can participate in the lottery and other pertinent information as stated from the NERAASA scholarship for 2023.

Seconded (?)

Re-reading of who can vote.

Questions/Discussion?

Q: Who would make the changes? The Treasurer?

A: The finance committee

Q: Assuming prices go up would the scholarship go up with the cost of the event or would it stay the same?

Paola: Just note it does not say a specific amount that would be added, just that a line be added, it could be a line with \$0 for the budget that year

Delegate adds a rereading of the qualifications statement of 2023

Treasurer: It is there now.

A: Right, that was for 2023, I'm asking that we make it permanent.

Re-reading of who can vote.

Yes: 30

Abstention: 3

No: 0

Motion Passes

New Business

Motion Five : Archives Budget

Seconded

Review:

- Concerning:
 - Archives Budget 600151 \$3500.
 - I have been reimbursed \$2,818.87.
 - Balance= \$681.13..
 - I will have reimbursement for the final 4 months of 2023.

We will have our Annual Archives Workshop October 28.

In Person , light breakfast & lunch. Supplies need to be purchased. Give Holy Family Church a free will offering(no fee).

On November 18 we are going to hold a in -person Area 49 sorting day. Inviting our SENY members to come out.

Inviting SENY Past Archives Chairs & SENY Past Delegates. Again, we will need food , supplies and give a free will offering.

The motion to ask the body for \$1000.00 to add to the Archives Chair Budget , line 600151

Questions/Discussion?

Q: Are you asking if you can go over budget?

A: yes

Q: We aren't going to amend the budget, just asking to go over?

A ; Yes

Re-reading of who can vote.

The Motion: Asking the body if the archives can go \$600.00 over budget

Yes: 30

Abstention: 2

No: 1

Minority opinion: none

Motion passes

Motion Six: Draft treasurer report

Review of Motion from 613:

To improve financial reporting so that we may make better-informed decisions, we move that the Area Treasurer provide draft reports to the Southeast New York Area 49 (SENY) body at least five days in advance of each SENY Assembly and each SENY Committee meeting via each email/postal mail announcement. The word "Draft" is to be noted on reports.

Seconded

Questions/Discussion?

Comment: Snail mail isn't always so accurate.

Comment: Depending on when the meeting falls it may or may not be possible if the meeting

Q: Email is better, postal may take more time.

A: I guess it could be postmarked 5 days before the committee meeting.

Q: Did the motion state email or mail?

A: Right now you have to opt-in to get mail.

Q: Is this doable? Can we get input from Kim?

A: I have no problem sending out a draft each month, but I'd prefer it be by email. Paper mail is more difficult because we also send out receipts.

Paola: The mailing out would not be Kimberley's responsibility?

Kimberly: Who would it be sent to?

Group rep: I'm not sure, I wasn't there.

Comment: I'd be in favor if it was email; mailing, I am opposed

Paola: Ray? Can you chime in on the mailing situation?

Ray: According to guidelines for postal mailing, the only thing that must be mailed are the assembly minutes if they have been opted for; committee meetings don't get sent out. Sometimes other things will be included.

Past mailing coordinator: Sending out treasurer report will usually be outdated by the time

Paola: You can amend and ask if it'll be seconded.

Sally: I can amend it to email it only.

****amended motion seconded****

Paola: any discussion regarding the amended motion.

Amended Motion from 614-A:

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Seconded

Any discussion? No.

Re-reading of who can vote.

Yes: 27

Abstention: 6

No: 0

Motion passes

We have exactly the amount we need for a quorum.

Motion Seven: Structure of Report

Review of Motion from 614-B:

To improve financial reporting to the Body so that we may make better informed decisions, we move that the Area Treasurer reports, and draft reports, include the following six columns:

- a. Current Month Actual
- b. Current Month Budget
- c. Current Month's Variance from the budget
- d. Year to Date Actual
- e. Year to Date Budget
- f. Year to Date Variance from the budget.

Seconded

Questions/Discussion?

Q: Can Kimbley tell us if this is feasible?

A: I can do it, but I'm concerned that it wouldn't add value and that it would be confusing to a lot of people.

Comment:

The objective of the treasurer is to present the financial situation to the body.

I'm concerned that it will be hard to fill the position if we put such a huge technical burden, too many stipulations on these reports. Not that many people stand for these positions.

Q: Can you give us background on why we need this?

A: I don't know. I'm just the messenger from the district.

Q: Is it possible to postpone this motion so that we can be provided with the information?

Paola: We could vote to postpone this until we get more information. Are you making that motion?

Motion to postpone to get more information

Motion Eight: Postpone Vote

Motion to postpone to December Committee Meeting:

Yes: 31

No: 1

Abstain: 3

Minority?

Motion is postponed to December.

Comment: I just feel enough time was spent discussing.

Does that change anyone votes?

Yes, I think we should vote we might not even have a quorum.

Is there a motion to reconsider? No.

Motion passes to be postponed to December.

Motion Nine: Handbook update

Review of Motion from 614-C:

To provide continuity for the future of Southeast New York Area 49 (SENY) and its trusted servants, we move that the passed motion(s) be added to the SENY Handbook under the description of the Area Treasurer's duties.

Q: Do we need to vote on this?

A: no, just talk to Rich, the editor

****motion does not have a second.**

Motion Fails

Do we have a motion to close?

We do

****declaration of unity****