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# Secretary Notes - Minutes

September 18, 2021

## Chair:

1. Michael V. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and read the second tradition.

## Secretary Notes:

1. Hennessy W. read secretary notes and they were approved.

## Treasurer:

1. Michael G. read the treasurer report for July and August and the report was approved.  
See treasurer report.

## Event Coordinator:

1. Esther spoke about web page design workshop Sat. Oct 9th at 8am and we saw the flyer that was to be distributed. Joe mentioned that the workshop will be recorded and that will be announced afterward, to encourage participation.

## Communications Coordinator/Website/Directory Database:

1. All groups are encouraged to make a BIGaa.org webpage or get their already-built page linked. You can list all meeting information, scripts for different meetings, links to documents, pdfs and literature, venmo information, meeting lists, etc.
2. Joe mentioned the 'region' column on the bigaa.org site says "New York" and is confusing. Michael V. mentioned Sharon and he would look into it.
3. Michael G mentioned that the visible district-separations in the boroughs are very helpful and both Michaels will look into it.

## New Space Committee Report

1. Mike B. announced we got an apple computer in the office for \$200. Eventually we will have more work to do and having regular volunteers here will be beneficial soon.
2. BIGAA needs donations and people are encouraged to spread the word. Their Venmo is

located on BIGAA.org.

3. So far, we don't have regular hours at the Windsor Terrace Brooklyn Intergroup but Mike B can be called for a tour.

### **Telephone Committee Report:**

1. Mike B. said NY Intergroup stops their phone line at 1 or 2am. There is a report that was analyzed stating that phone calls stop mostly after 10pm regarding Brooklyn Intergroup phone calls. There is a voicemail setup that we check. See old business.

**Speaker Exchange Committee Report:** Nothing new to report. See new business.

**Outreach Committee Report:** Nothing new to report.

**SENY Rep:** See Attached.

### **Old Business**

1. Esther volunteered to be the new Phones Chair.
2. Mike B. let us know that some detox meetings are happening
  - a. A new detox meeting chair is needed for 7pm on Wednesday nights.
  - b. Sunday night detox at 7pm needs speakers.
  - c. Tuesdays at 6pm detox meeting is at a mental facility and more focused on the educational - telling people about AA.
  - d. Call Mike B. for service positions.

### **New Business**

1. Speaker exchange:
  - a. Michael G. needs us to count how many people are in live meetings. If we have 10 open groups wanting to participate then it makes sense to continue speaker exchange.
  - b. Call to action: Reach out to groups and ask if they'd like to participate in speaker exchange for the first 3 months of 2022.
  - c. Email [info@bigaa.org](mailto:info@bigaa.org)
2. Michael G. made a motion to move everything that's above our prudent reserve (5,000) into checking. Motion passed.

## **SENY REPORT TO BIG 9/18/21**

By Joe Levy – SENY / Brooklyn County Rep

1 – I attended The SENY assembly on 9/11/21 and the Brooklyn County meeting on 9/15/21. Both were virtual.

2 – Websites – SENY – AASENY.org  
Brooklyn County – BrooklynAA.org

### **3 – SENY assembly –**

- A) The main order of business was consideration of 5 motions proposed by members and groups. These were all motions to have SENY present items to the upcoming General Services Conference for consideration as agenda items. Only 1 motion passed – To add a paragraph to the pamphlet “Faith Leaders Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous”. The purpose of the paragraph is to include as the target audience spiritual leaders who are not affiliated with religious organizations. SENY will make this proposal to the Conference.
- B) SENY is doing well financially
- C) SENY is trying to clean up the database that lists the groups in our Area (#49). They are also trying to reconcile the listing with the database held at the General Services Office.
- D) SENY will be virtual through January '22.
- E) The General Services Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriot from April 24 – 30, 2022. This is not open to the public.
- F) The SENY Convention will be held in person from April 1 – 3, 2022 in Tarrytown, NY. Members can volunteer to be part of the planning committee.
- G) NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) – NERAASA.org Will be held in person from Feb 25 – 27, 2022 in Pittsburg, PA.

### **4 - Brooklyn County Meeting –**

- A) The Brooklyn County Spiritual Breakfast will be virtual, and it will take place on Dec 5, 2021.
- B) The SENY Registrar appeared and stressed the importance of groups registering with SENY. Groups that are strictly virtual can register as long as they have a postal address with a Zip Code.
- C) Brooklyn County is doing well financially.
- D) They have several open service positions including Treasurer and a number of Standing Committee Chairs.