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Secretary's Notes and Minutes

February 19, 2022

Chairperson Michael V. opened the meeting.

Reports:

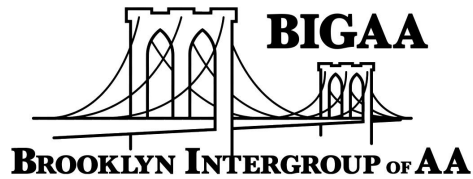
- **Secretary:** Irene C. read the Secretary notes from January 19, 2021. The notes were approved.
- **Treasurer:** Michael G. reported that BIGAA is operating in the black, due to donations. The bookstore is standing on its own. Written report (attached) was approved.
- **Event Coordinator:** Esther B. had nothing to report
- **New Space Committee:** Mike V. reported that the office is now staffed on Wednesday and Friday mornings.
- **Institutions Committee Chair:** Mike B. reported (via email) we have contacted all Brooklyn hospitals and have invited them to a workshop on AA. We emailed invitations to the Directors of Social Services, Discharge Planning and explained our goal. Our goal is to assure that the institution has our best contact information and understands what AA does and does not do. The Workshop is scheduled for March 15th at 11am. The presentation is a PowerPoint program that was developed by AA World Services. So far we have only received a few verbal confirmations but it is early. In the worst case scenario (a low response) they will now know that we exist, they will have our contact information and they will understand we are ready to help. We will be following up. The two detox meetings that we support each week are doing very well.
- **SENY Rep:** Written report (attached) was approved.

Old Business:

- All AA groups have their own Zoom Accounts.
- Our TD bank does not offer Zelle for business accounts.
- The bookstore has its own checking account and book sales are automatically posted there.

New Business:

- Discussion of creation of Google sheet to list speaking opportunities and people interested in speaking.
- Discussion of how to sign up for the BIGAA newsletter - sign up is located at the bottom of the BIGAA.org home page.
- Discussion of possible ideas for future workshops.
- Motion made to record the audio of business meetings for archival purposes. Motion failed.



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Michael V. announced the 7th Tradition: Please support BIGAA!

- Venmo: @Brooklyn-Intergroup
 - Venmo verification last four digits: 6622
- PayPal: @brooklynintergoup

Next BIGAA monthly meeting: Saturday, March 19th @9:00 am

Meeting adjourned after a reading of the responsibility statement.

REPORT TO BIGAA 2/19/22

By Joe Levy – SENY / Brooklyn County Rep

1 – I attended The SENY assembly on 1/23/22 and the special Brooklyn County meeting on 2/2/22. Both were virtual.

Websites – SENY – AASENY.org
Brooklyn County – BrooklynAA.org
General Services – AA.org

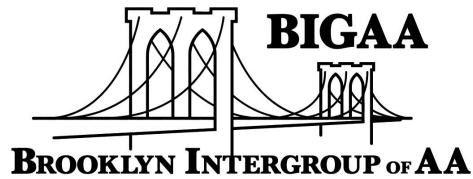
Brooklyn County met to decide whether to hire a coach bus to transport people to the SENY Convention on April 2, 2022. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the motion to hire the bus. Tickets will be \$25.00 each. The bus will depart from the Brooklyn Academy of Music at 7:00AM and return at 5:45PM

SENY Assembly –

These are the steps involved with our delegate, Tom Bracken, attending and participating in the General Services Conference:

A – He will prepare a questionnaire containing questions on some of the issues that he will be considering at the Conference. It should be available to download from the SENY website on or about February 24. The purpose of the questionnaire is for the GSRs to discuss the questions with their respective groups and provide Tom with a sense of their groups positions on various issues. Our delegate can then better represent Area 49 (SENY) while simultaneously representing the broader interests of AA as a whole.

B – The Delegates Day of Sharing will be held on March 5 at which background information on the questionnaire items will be presented to the GSRs and other attendees. There will be no debate at this assembly.



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C – The GSRs may then meet with their groups to discuss and vote on some or all of these items.

D – The Pre-conference Assembly will be held on April 9 at which the GSRs will report to the assembly and the delegate the sense of their groups on the questionnaire items. There will be debate at this assembly.

E – The 72nd General Services Conference will be held from April 24 to April 30 at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott.

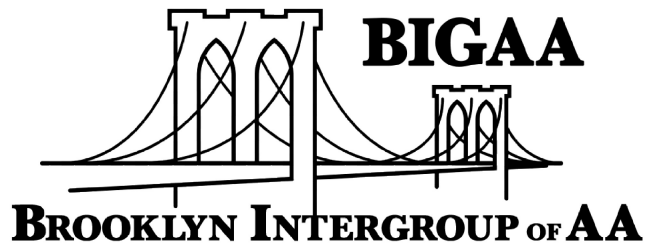
F – The Post-conference assembly will be held on June 4 (venue to be determined) at which our delegate will report to the assembly the results of the General Service Conference.

2 – Volunteers are needed for hospitality at the General Services Conference, and volunteers are needed for the SENY Convention in Tarrytown.

3 – AA World Services is doing well financially, and is recovering nicely. The Prudent Reserve is at 8½ months of expenses, with the optimal level being 9-12 months.

4 – Southeast New York (SENY – Area 49) is likewise doing well financially. In 2021, contributions were up 24% over 2020. SENY has \$89,000.00 in cash and a \$127,000.00 Prudent Reserve.

5 – Brooklyn County still has many service positions open including treasurer and several standing committee chairs.



Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the Period Beginning January 1st through January 31st, 2022

REVENUES & DEPOSITS

Donations			
Cash & Check Deposits	\$	1,002.25	
Venmo	\$	168.55	
Paypal	\$	818.90	
Bookstore sales (before establishment of separate acct.)	\$	129.94	
Interest	\$	0.07	
Total Revenues & Deposits			\$ 2,119.71

EXPENSES & EXPENDITURES

Rent January '22	\$	1,500.00	
Utilities	\$	0.00	
Inventory	\$	0.00	
Office supplies	\$	0.00	
Telephone Grasshopper	\$	39.98	
Professional services Computer Web Services	\$	0.00	
Dues and subscriptions	\$	0.00	
Zoom Meetings and conferences	\$	0.00	
Communications	\$	0.00	
Insurance	\$	0.00	
Banking fees	\$	0.00	
BIGAA Purchases for Sale	\$	0.00	
Donations	\$	0.00	
Taxes	\$	0.00	
Transfer (Balance of original bookstore funding)	\$	292.41	
Total expenses			1,832.39

Excess of revenues & deposits over expenses & expenditures \$ 287.32

Opening Balance Checking	\$	8,724.61
Plus Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$	287.32
Closing Balance Checking 01/31/2022	\$	9,011.93
Opening Balance Reserve	\$	5,000.42
Less Transfers to Bookstore Account (to establish free acct.)	\$	3,000.00
Plus Interest	\$	0.07
Closing Balance Reserve	\$	2,000.49