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Secretary's Notes and Minutes

May 21, 2022

Chairperson Michael V. opened the meeting.

Reports:

- **Secretary:** Irene C. read the Secretary's notes from March 19, 2022. The notes were approved.
- **Treasurer:** Michael G. reported on BIGAA revenues and expenses from March and April 2022. Written report (attached) was approved.
 - Thea asked for an explanation of "Web Charges". Michael V. explained if the Web Designer works then she is paid. If there is no work, no payments are necessary.
- **Event Coordinator:** Esther B. reported on the possible workshop "The Seven Deadly Shortcomings" may be coming to life soon.
 - 7 workshops 1 hour each with a Speaker, word games, handouts, writing on specific shortcoming and a film.
 - Pam asked if it will be virtual. Esther is not sure of all the details yet.
 - Michael V. asked if Esther needs help? Esther needs help planning the when, where, and how.
 - Thea asked to put it to a vote. Michael V. put it in the chat for a survey.
- **Communications Coordinator/Website/Directory Database:**
 - Michael V. reports new web helper is working well.
 - Adding new meetings by neighborhoods. Possibly gathering all meeting info together to create a meeting guide.
- **By-laws Committee:**
 - Michael V. reported the proposed revised by-laws are ready and we will be voting at the next business meeting.
 - If the vote is yes, we will adopt the revised by-laws immediately. If the vote is no, the by-laws committee will go back to the drawing board and present an updated version of the by-laws at a future meeting.
 - There is a process to amend the by-laws, so even if the by-laws are voted in, anyone can still make a separate motion to amend them later.
- **New Space Committee:**
 - Mike B. reported we still need office service volunteers.
 - The office might be able to use outdoor space.
 - Telephones 265 calls a month. Literature sales are slow. Group donations are growing.
 - Maybe start having get-togethers and invite GSR's.

- o Kathy Lou informed that some meetings have not found space for their meeting so that gatherings would be in person or on zoom. Report accepted.
- **Institutions Committee Chair:** Mike B. Two meetings a week at the Genesis Program: Sunday 7:00pm chaired by Weeksville and Wednesday 7:00 pm by Mike B. Maimonides Medical Center will reset the meeting with the Mental health clinic. Hoping to get more information out to schools, hospitals, etc. Report accepted.
- **Helpline Committee Chair:** Adelaide reports calls are going well and we are filling the needs. Phone slots are available. More calls are being answered because of office volunteers and Adelaide is attending to the rest. Report accepted.
- **Speaker Exchange Committee:** Michael V. A bulletin board link will be put on our website for groups who are interested in the Brooklyn Speaker Exchange. Link will be public. Report accepted.
- **SENY Rep:** Joe L. has attended 3 different AA events. For further info see attached. Report accepted.

Old Business:

- Desire for Speaker Exchange is coming.
- Mike V. asking for NEW phone volunteers.
- Web trainee doing well.

New Business:

- We should think of ways to put group information on Speaker Contact Sheet rather than personal info.
- Please consider possibilities for getting 7 Deadly Defects Workshop moving When, Where & How.
- Next meeting - Please be prepared for discussion & voting on new by-laws.
- Thea asked if we will need to make a motion to renew the office space lease in July. Michael V. said a motion to renew the office space will not be necessary. Michael V. compared it to the website hosting service, citing the fact that there is not a motion required to renew the website hosting each year.

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, June 18 @9:00 am

Meeting adjourned after a reading of the responsibility statement.

REPORT TO BIG 5/21/22

By Joe Levy – SENY / Brooklyn County Rep

1 – I attended the SENY Convention on 4/2/22, The SENY Pre-Conference Assembly on 4/9/22, and the Brooklyn County general meeting on 4/20/22

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

2 – **The SENY Convention** held in Tarrytown NY was very successful. I attended on Saturday only (April 2) via the Brooklyn County chartered coach bus. I attended 3 workshops: Sponsorship, Concepts 1,2,3; and Mental Stability in Sobriety. I also attended the Longtimers Meeting. There were hundreds of people at this meeting with approximately 150 to 200 “Longtimers” (Previously known as “Oldtimers” [25 years or more]). Several Longtimers spoke and there was a countdown. At the end of the countdown a woman with 2 days received a roaring standing ovation, and she was brought to the dais and presented with a Big Book signed by many of those in attendance.

Unofficial Statistics Regarding the Convention: 600 registrations, 250 banquet registrations (200 were required), 392 Room nights at the Westchester Marriot (300 were required).

3 – **SENY Pre-Conference Assembly**: The purpose of the Pre-Conference Assembly was for the GSR’s to report to our Delegate, Tom Bracken, the sense of their respective groups on the agenda items on the questionnaire which had been distributed to the groups by Tom. By listening to the voices in the assembly and compiling the answers in the questionnaire, Tom was able to carry the conscience of Area 49 (SENY) to the General Services Conference, which was held at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott in Brooklyn from April 24 to 30.

The Post Conference Assembly will be held on June 4 at which our Delegate, Tom Bracken, will report to the Area the details of what transpired at the General Services Conference.

Treasury - As of the end of March, 2022, SENY had \$105,000.00 in its operating account and \$127,000.00 in its Prudent Reserve.

The New York State Informational Workshop will be held online from July 29-30.

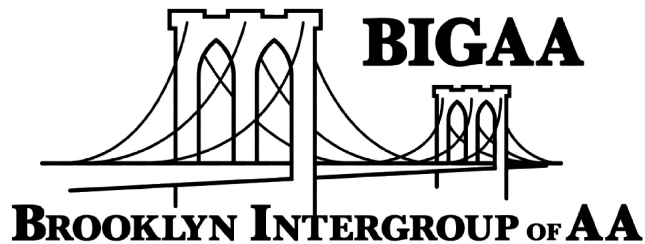
4– **Brooklyn County** –

Only one standing committee chair is filled (Corrections). All other chairs are vacant.

Treasury – As of the end of March, 2022, Cash Balance - \$11,649.00, Prudent Reserve - \$2,500.00

The chartered bus from Brooklyn to the SENY Convention was filled to 90% of capacity.

On 5/21/22 I was not yet aware of plans for a Brooklyn County Share-A-Day, but it has since been planned for June 18 to be held as a virtual event.



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

REVENUES & DEPOSITS

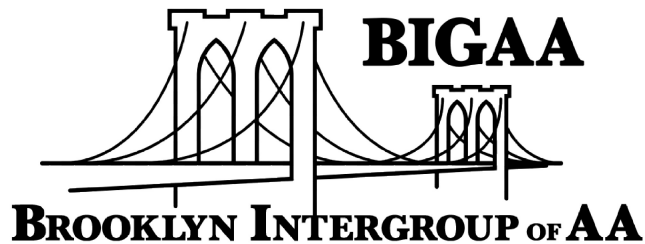
Donations			
Cash & Check Deposits	\$	788.10	
Venmo	\$	422.00	
Paypal	\$	5.68	
Interest	\$	0.07	
Total Revenues & Deposits			\$ 1,215.85

EXPENSES & EXPENDITURES

Rent March '22	\$	1,500.00	
Utilities	\$	0.00	
Office supplies	\$	0.00	
Telephone Grasshopper	\$	39.98	
Professional services Computer Web Services	\$	150.00	
Zoom Meetings and conferences	\$	125.75	
Communications	\$	0.00	
Insurance	\$	0.00	
Banking fees	\$	0.00	
Donations	\$	0.00	
Taxes	\$	0.00	
Total expenses			1,815.73

Excess of revenues & deposits over expenses & expenditures \$ (599.88)

Opening Balance Checking	\$	8,652.07
Less Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$	(599.88)
Closing Balance Checking 03/31/2022	\$	8,052.19
Opening Balance Reserve	\$	2,500.52
Plus Interest 03/31	\$	0.05
Closing Balance Reserve	\$	2,500.57



Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the Period Beginning April 1st through April 30, 2022

REVENUES & DEPOSITS

Donations			
Cash & Check Deposits	\$	710.00	
Venmo	\$	0.00	
Paypal	\$	215.00	
Interest	\$	0.06	
Total Revenues & Deposits			\$ 925.06

EXPENSES & EXPENDITURES

Rent March '22	\$	1,500.00	
Utilities	\$	0.00	
Office supplies	\$	0.00	
Telephone Grasshopper	\$	39.98	
Professional services Computer Web Services	\$	0.00	
Zoom Meetings and conferences	\$	0.00	
Communications	\$	0.00	
Insurance	\$	0.00	
Banking fees	\$	0.00	
Donations	\$	0.00	
Taxes	\$	0.00	
Total expenses			1,539.98

Excess of revenues & deposits over expenses & expenditures \$ (614.92)

Opening Balance Checking	\$	8,052.19	
Less Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$	(614.92)	
Closing Balance Checking 04/29/2022	\$	7,437.48	
Opening Balance Reserve	\$	2,500.57	
Plus Interest 03/31	\$	0.04	
Closing Balance Reserve	\$	2,500.61	