



Secretary's Notes and Minutes

March 18, 2023

Chairperson Miriam Opened the meeting with Serenity prayer and a reading of the 2nd Tradition.

Reports:

Secretary: Irene C. Read the secretary's notes from February 18, 2023. Approved.

Treasurer: Michael G. Reported on BIGAA revenues and expenses for February 2023. Written report was approved (see attached). Trusted servant will continue to deliver book orders over \$100.

Website Committee: Michael V. Ricky has set up a ticketing help desk that can be tracked or updated. A form can be filled out for any upcoming event Mailchimp and grasshopper accounts will be paid annually. Mike G. Will check on Hostmaster if paid annually will there be a discount.. Accepted.

Office Committee: Irene C. Office volunteers: **Irene C. Tuesday 10-3, Mike S. Wednesday 8-12, Jimmy C. Wednesday 12-4, Jimmy F. Thursday 8-12 & KathyLou Friday 8-12.** Ordered books and coins last week. Book sales are down for March but April looks better.

Communications Committee: Kathie Lou: Encouraging all Committee Chairs to create a letter of introduction. Types of fellowship service and duties or write an article for Newsletter. Would like an updated mailing list.

Institutions Committee Chair: Michael V. Michael V. Is chairing the Sunday meeting in-person. Mike B. Continues to cover the Wednesday meeting on Zoom. There are opportunities for a group or an individual to open and chair a weekly Sunday morning detox meeting in Brooklyn. We have posted a request and contact information for support on the bigaa website, so far, no take

General Service Committee / SENY reports: Joe Levy (see attached)

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Old Business: Need chairs for Institutions, Events and Directory Committees.

New Business: Joe L. We do not have a literature fund, all donations go to our 7th Tradition.

Joe L. Would like to record the original bookstore inventory balance. Also to have a true cost of inventory.

Jimmy C. On **JUNE 3RD** we will have the **Speaker Exchange** at St. Cecelia's in Greenpoint North Henry Street and Herbert Street **FROM 9am-11am**.

Charlene and Kathie Lou would like to have Flyers for the Speaker Exchange.

Miriam A. ANNOUNCED THE 7th Tradition: **PLEASE SUPPORT BIGAA!!!!**

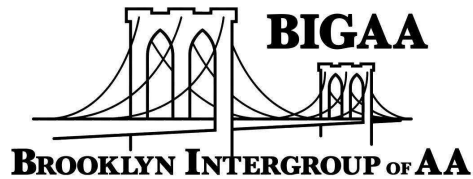
VENMO: @Brooklyn-Intergroup (Venmo verification last four digits 6622.)

PayPAL: @brooklynintergroup

The next BIGAA Business meeting will be held on Saturday May 20, 2023 at 9am.

Miriam A. Closed the meeting with the Responsibility Statement.

See Below – General Service Committee Report



General Service Committee Report to BIGAA – 3/18/23 – Chairperson – Joe Levy

Websites – AA World Services – aa.org

SENY (Southeast New York – Area 49) – aaseny.org

Brooklyn County General Services – brooklynaa.org

I attended the Brooklyn County General Service meeting 3/15/23. I am not able to attend the SENY Delegate's Day of Sharing because it is taking place today. However, there will be no Area business conducted. Presentations will be made to provide background information on the questionnaire items listed by our Delegate, Jo Ann M. This information will be available at AASENY.org, and I will review it there.

Brooklyn County General Service meeting:

1 – Treasury – Prudent Reserve - \$2,500.00, Operating funds - \$10,200.00. Brooklyn County needs financial support.

2 – Beginning on May 17, 2023 county meetings will be hybrid. The in-person location will be the First Unitarian Church at Pierrepont St and Monroe Place in Brooklyn Heights.

3 – We have a committee looking for a catering hall to hold an in-person Spiritual Breakfast in early December.

4 – Jo Ann M, our Area Delegate was the featured speaker.

5 – Brooklyn County needs a Secretary, and there are a few open standing committee chairs: Corrections, Public Information and Treatment Facilities.

6 – A committee chair does not have to be a GSR

7 – Volunteers are needed for the Brooklyn County Share A Day, including a program chair. The event will be held in June, and it will be online only.

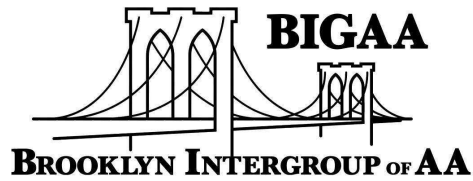
9 – Jo Ann reported that there are 1444 registered active groups in Area 49, and that last year only 247 of them responded to the Delegate's questionnaire.

10 – She also informed us that AA World Services dipped into their prudent reserve during the pandemic in the amount of 4.5 Million Dollars. They have restored 2 Million Dollars to the reserve thus far. AAWS has a prudent reserve of 7 months, and it should be 8 to 9 months. She advised us to recommend to our groups that when contributing funds to the various entities in AA, don't go by a simple pie formula, but rather direct the funds to where they are most needed.

11 – April 15 is the deadline for groups to submit the Delegate's questionnaire to Jo Ann. It can be done via mail, email (delegate@aaseny.org), Typeform online at AASENY.org, or it can be submitted in person at the SENY Pre-Conference Assembly on April 15.

12 – Jo Ann reported on a situation that is taking place at the bottom of the triangle:

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Linda Chezem, a non-alcoholic, was elected to be the Chairperson of the AA General Service Board in June 2021. The GSB has 14 alcoholic (Class B) and 7 non-alcoholic (Class A) Trustees as its members.

In February of this year Ms. Chezem was “asked” to resign by 2 other trustees. She tendered a letter of resignation. An alcoholic Trustee (Class B) also resigned because he felt that the GSB was moving too quickly to replace Linda.

There are 93 Area Delegates, of whom 73 signed a letter requesting a meeting with the General Service Board to ascertain the details of this situation. A virtual meeting was scheduled to be held this past Thursday evening, March 16, from 7:30 to 9:00PM,. All 142 members of the General Service Conference were scheduled to attend.

Ms. Chezem is waiving her right to confidentiality, but AA may have its own issues with confidentiality.

Jo Ann M, our Delegate, will try to put together an email to inform the Area of what happened at the GSB with regard to this resignation.