



Secretary's Notes and Minutes

March 23rd 9am

Format: Zoom

Acting Chairperson: Joe L. Serenity Prayer and 2nd Tradition/Statement regarding voting rights at BIGAA monthly meetings

Reports:

- Secretary: Kara W read the secretary notes from February 17th 2024, edits made by Mike V. accepted as amended.
- Treasurer: Michael G. provided February Reports, discussed Venmo/Paypal transfers, two phone charges from February and bookstore approved balance transfer. Motion and Approved
- Communications Committee Chair: OPEN
- Event Committee Chair: Saber discussed
- Website Committee Chair: Michael V. No major updates.
- Office Committee Chair: Irene C. Discussion surrounding \$1000 transfer from February, and request for price lists of bookstore material printed and PDF. *Report Tabled.*
- Institutions Committee Chair: Kara W. stepping down from commitment, request for Natalie to be installed on New business.
- Helpline Committee Chair: Adelaide. Not present
- Speaker Exchange Committee Chair: Michael G. discussion surrounding change of location to St. Pats
- Directory Chair: Jimmy F, Spring 2024 Directory will be available this month
- General Service Committee/SENY Chair: Joe L. See notes attached

OLD BUSINESS: Appointment for open Standing Committee Chairs are, DIRECTORY, EVENTS, COMMUNICATIONS.

Saber appointed as Events Chair.

Jimmy appointed Directory Chair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe appointed Chair of BIGAA

Vice Chair OPEN

Natalie appointed Institutions Chair

7TH TRADITION- Please donate to BIGAA!

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PAYPAL: info@bigaa.org

NEXT BIGAA BUSINESS MEETING April 20th 9 am

Meeting adjourned with the RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT:

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am

Detailed Notes:

Michael G. -Treasury

- There was previously a lot of money in Venmo/Paypal that was not moved over timely, therefore large donations at this time/decent deposits a little skewed.
- If you were to look at month of February compared to what usually comes in, there is a big difference, that is why.
- Expenses transferred to bookstore
- Two phone bill month of February none for March (thats why)
- Closing balance \$8925.13
- 1000 transferred to the bookstore.
- Saber asked if donations were clear on Venmo for the Old Timers meeting. Discussion of individual donations without notation.

Saber

Old Timers Meeting, went great,
Report was tabled.

**Without objection tabling this to next meeting as the math did not compute at this time, Saber will discuss next month. **

Irene found an old Flyer from 1988, this would be a 55 year anniversary of BIGAA. That states Brooklyn intergroup started in 1969.

Saber is discussing a 55th Anniversary Dance Party, which will be discussed further.

Mike V. Website

No new updates or changes with the website

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Irene-Office/bookstore

Still have spaces Monday 10-3 if anyone is interested in taking on a responsible commitment. Thursday 12-3. This requires keys and come in on your own.

Worked with people who ordered things online, coordinated so they did not have to come in, in person.

Michael G - why is \$1000 noted where it is, Irene agreed to move it to funds from previous month (revenue from last month)

Karen- Asked for PDF of inventory for virtual meeting

Michael Y- Suggest full page spread in directory

Taylor- Request for Price List

-Michael G- prices would need to be stabilized to print

Kara Institutions

Kara stepped down from the institutions committee, Natalie to be appointed in New business.

Adelaide-Helpline

Not present

Michael G- Speaker Exchange

Plan is Michael G will take over for Jimmy

Looking at going back to St. Pats in Bay Ridge, it has a bus stop near', R Train and a parking lot.

No setup (other meeting set up) probably end up donating for coffee

Wish it was more centrally located, the goal is to get the most groups and be accessible

Saber- How will people know about this transfer for the next speaker exchange re: transition

Michael G- there is no date for next speaker exchange posted yet therefore when people look for next date on website they will see new location as well.

Joe- statement not to have it on the same day as NY Intergroup

Jimmy F Directory Chair

Jimmy first time officially reporting

No new news at this time

Michael V added there is a Spring 2024 Directory Proof (reviewed by Michael V)

64 pages of all of our meetings, will be approved today and new directories in by end of next week. I will send out blast email to inform all. Cost \$2

Name and price will have to be adjusted in our bookstore

250 copies to be printed

Michael G- the cost is technically a profit at \$2



Irene- I rounded it off

Joe L-GSR Chair

See Attached Detailed Notes

New Business

Chairperson position is open as Miriam has had to step down

Joe- I need to appoint someone to be the chairperson, then the body is able to confirm this.

Joe- If no one is willing to stand for it, Joe stated willingness to continue as chair subject to nomination and election

Joe- is anyone willing to stand

Joe- No one stood, Joe appointed himself as chair, election held and approved as Chair.

Joe - Is anyone willing to stand for Vice Chair, no one stood

Communications Chair is OPEN

Institution Committee Chair is OPEN

Natalie is appointed Institutions Committee Chair, no objections

Close: with the responsibility statement 10:09 am

General Services Committee Report to BIGAA: 3-23-24

Committee Chairperson – Joe Levy

Websites – AA World Services – aa.org

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

Brooklyn Count General Services – brooklynaa.org

I attended the following:

A – SENY Delegates Day of Sharing 3/2/24

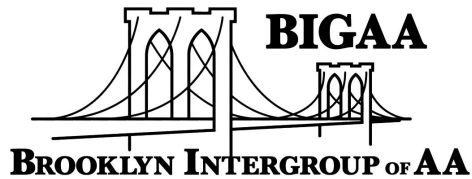
B – SENY Convention 3/16/24

C – Brooklyn County General Service meeting 3/20/24

A message to BIGAA Reps – Don't be a silent group. If your group does not have a GSR, please urge your group to elect one.

SENY Delegates Day of Sharing

A – We met as a SENY Assembly during which our Delegate, JoAnn M, had several members conduct presentations of background information relating to the various items on this year's Delegate's Questionnaire.



B – One of the items is whether to publish the plain language translation of the Big Book. The General Service Conference members will be presented with a manuscript at this year's Conference, which will take place in Brooklyn for one week in April.

C – Tour guide volunteers are needed to escort Conference attendees throughout the New York area. Personal expenses will not be reimbursed.

D – April 6 is the deadline for submitting answers to the questionnaire. On that day SENY will hold the Pre-Conference Assembly. At that event, GSR's will have the opportunity to report their respective group consciences on the questionnaire items.

E – The presentations of background information is available at AASENY.org under "From the Delegate".

F – 2 Trustees attended the Delegates Day of Sharing. They gave an overview of AA's finances at the bottom of the upside down triangle (General Service Board, AA World Services, Grapevine/La Vina). In 2023 the General Service Board received record contributions (\$10.8 million dollars). The prudent reserve is currently at 6 months typical expenses. It should be at 9 to 12 months. During the pandemic and in the recovery period immediately thereafter, monies were withdrawn from the prudent reserve to sustain AA's operations. They are just now starting to break even or going ahead. Any surplus funds will be returned to the reserve. In 2025 Grapevine / La Vina is expected to have positive cash flow. Those funds will be directed to the reserve.

Brooklyn County General Service

A – Brooklyn County General Service expresses its gratitude to the groups and members for their continued support.

B – The County is in good financial shape

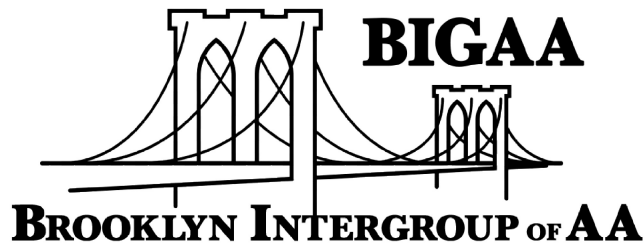
C – They need a newsletter (Junction) editor.

D – Brooklyn has 14 districts, but there are only 4 DCM's (District Committee Members).

E – On May 11, 2024 from 9AM to 4PM Brooklyn will host LISTS (Long Island Spirituality Through Service) at St Francis De Sales School For the Deaf on Eastern Parkway. This event is conducted yearly by the 4 counties on our island (Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk).

Hosting responsibilities is rotated among the 4 counties. Volunteers are needed.

F – On June 15, 2024 Brooklyn County General Service will conduct the first in-person Brooklyn County Share-A-Day since 2019. It will take place also at St Francis De Sales School. The County is asking Brooklyn's groups for a suggested contribution of \$50.00 each to fund the event.



Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the Period Beginning March 1 through March 31, 2024

REVENUES & DEPOSITS

Donations			
Cash & Check Deposits Note 1	\$	1,845.50	
Venmo March Note 2	\$	0.00	
Paypal March Note 2	\$	0.00	
Misc.	\$	0.00	
Interest	\$	0.34	
Total Revenues & Deposits			\$ 1,845.84

EXPENSES & EXPENDITURES

Rent March '24	\$	1,500.00	
Purchases Park Slope Printing (Spring '24 Directories) Note 3	\$	450.00	
Web Hostmonster	\$	65.27	
Telephone Grasshopper (Annual Payment)	\$	589.55	
Professional services Computer Web Services	\$	0.00	
Zoom Meetings and conferences (Annual Payment)	\$	163.75	
Communications Mailchimp	\$	28.85	
Cell Service Simple Mobile	\$	27.47	
Speaker Exchange Rental	\$	0.00	
Park Mobile Note 4	\$	21.40	
Total expenses			2,846.29

Excess of revenues & deposits over expenses & expenditures \$ (1,000.45)

Opening Balance Checking	\$	8,925.13
Plus Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$	<u>(1,000.45)</u>
Closing Balance Checking 03/31/2024	\$	7,924.68

Opening Balance Prudent Reserve (Savings)	\$	2,541.54
Plus Interest 03/31/2024	\$	<u>0.04</u>
Closing Balance Prudent Reserve *	\$	2,541.58 *

* Our prudent reserve is \$5,000.00 plus interest. It includes the Closing Balance (Savings) shown above and \$2,500.00 that is held in the Bookstore Account to fund free checking for that account.

NOTE 1: Includes \$594.50 Old Timers Event; Door Donations, 7th Tradition Contributions & 50/50 on 3/924.

NOTE 2: Paypal & Venmo transfers commenced 3/30/24 completed 4/01/24 (\$865.96 to be reported April).

NOTE 3: Should be reflected on BIGAA Bookstore account as an increase in inventory.

NOTE 4: Inadvertent charge through Google Pay to be reimbursed next month by Web Developer.