

GREATER NEW YORK REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

Minutes for

READINGS

- Serenity Prayer: meeting opened by Kat at 10 am.
- Readings: 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts
- Opening Prayer: NA Service Prayer

ROLE CALL & QUORUM

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| - RSC Chair: Kat | - Kings Bay Area RCM: Martha |
| - RSC Vice Chair: Chanti | - Manhattan Area RCM: Joel |
| - RSC Secretary: Ella | - NYC Area RCM: Stephan |
| - RSC Treasurer: Not Present | - Open Arms Area RCM: Aisha |
| - RSC RD: Maurice | - Rockland RCM: Caleb |
| - RSC RDA: Don | - Rockland RCMA: Max |
| - RSC Helpline/BMLT Chair: Maureen | - Staten Island RCM: Frankie |
| - RSC Webservant: Eugene S. | - Eastern Long Island RCM: Ashley L |
| - RSC Public Relations Chair: Bob W. | - Westchester RCM: Rodney |
| - RSC H&I Chair: Roy W. | - Dennis (NEZF FD Chair) |
| - RSO BOD Chair: Al | - Peter H (Visiting) |
| - RSO BOD Treasurer: Sandra | - Babette (BOD Member) |
| - Convention Chair: Peter C | - Jose C (Visiting) |
| - Convention Graphics: Gary | - Kim M. (Visiting Bronx) |
| - Brooklyn RCM: Melvina (BK Chair) | - Prodigy (Visiting Bronx) |
| - Heart of Long Island RCM: Marty | - Sarah (Convention Registration Vice Chair) |

Quorum: 10 RCMs

Last months minutes were accepted with one correction to old business. We corrected RCM to RDA where needed, will be resent.

Motions need to be submitted by 10:45 am

REPORTS

Chairperson

Given by Kat.

- Elected Don as new RDA
- Quorum of 10 participating areas

Vice Chairperson

Given by Chanterelle

- Attended convention committee in jan not in feb scheduling issue has been resolved and will attend the rest
- Will be giving treasurers report for tom

Treasurer

Given by Chanti

- Opening Balance: 30,122.80

OLD BUSINESS

Motion:

To have the GNYRSO inform all areas of literature pricing changes at least two months in advance via the GNYRSC.

Votes in favor: 7 votes

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes

AREA REPORTS

Bronx

Given By: Kim

Created an ADHOC committee to do a 40 year anniversary for the bronx area

No complaints bronx area looking strong

Heart of Long Island

Given by: Marty

- Did not vote on motion for GNYRSO did not think he was eligible to vote
- Double checking if he is eligible to vote
- Has open area commitments such as
 - Alternate RCM
 - ASSISTANT TREASURER
- Open Bingo Night United Methodist Church
- Will wait for open forum to comment on abstaining

Kings Bay Area

Given by: Martha

- Lost one group; Sunday step meeting
- Still will make 100\$ donation
- Kings bay events and activity speaker jam based on 12 principles on may 17th
- Did a presentation on consensus based decision making
- Maurice delivered an interim car workshop
- Having free annual anniversary picnic on Manhattan beach flier to come

Brooklyn

Given by: Melvina

- has someone running for RCM but wont know till next saturday at the. Area meeting
- Want to get an alternate as well
- Trying to get Brooklyn area structure back in place
- RCM is not yet
- Person got position hybrid

Manhattan

Given by: Joel

- Doing well
- This upcoming month have a learning day on 3/29
 - Attached to report and on website via maureen
 - Going over all the aspects of service in Harlem
- Flier for nomination and elections
 - Nominations go out in April elections in may
- Insurance Balance of 300, complete one more payment and then will be complete

New York City

Given by: Stefan

- Meet third Sunday of every month at 2pm
- Vice chair, alternate treasurer, RCM alternate, etc.
- Accepting all nominations in may will begin in June
- Moment to approve H&I
- Will be having learning day on sat April 5th at LGBT Center
- 809.09
- FEB: 894.72
- Paid entire balance for insurance

Open Arms Area

Given by: Aisha

- Meet first Thursday of each month last one was march 6th
- Meet at 33 park place in goshen NY
- Currently have 30 groups in the area and 29 in person meetings
- 18 RCM's were present
- For H&I will forward info has 1 person nominated for H&I chair will be elected next month
- Exchange speaker, outreach, cosecretary open positions
- Our PO Box is going to be closed as everything is now done electronically
- Has asst treasurer elected (Babette)

Rockland

Given by: Caleb

- 14 meetings 3 virtual 17 total
- Bowling event on march 28th at 9pm at new city bowl

Staten Island

Given by: Frank

- Currently have 80% of groups attending area service
- Have a few open commitments: homebound chair and RCMA
- Learning day on the 25th
- April 12th breakfast
- Double group anniversary at April 16th at 12pm
- Insurance is paid up
- Last donation to region was 1,000.90

Westchester

Given by: Rodney

- Met on 2/15/25
- 34 groups in the area 43 meetings total
- Proposing a change to change the meeting location to a more centralized location

Eastern Long Island

Given by: Ashley

- march 9th having an H&I Day with fellowship and speaker
- Had some group purchases and H&I Allocation
 - Totalled 504.95
 - Ending balance of -131.63
- Open commitments on RCM website under public information
- All is well
- Number and email: 6316603125,
- Roy: asked about H&I Learning day time
 - Time is 1-4pm

BOD REPORTS

Recess for BOD Members Meeting at 11 am

BOD Members Adjourned at 11:30 am

BOD Chair Report

Given by: Al

- On the 11th of January had elected board officers voted back in as chair vice chair is ed
- Asst treasurer is Tammy
- Ed was voted in as convention treasurer
- Sarah used to be board director but is now stepping down
- At least 5 years clean for board director unsure of regional experience
- If you have computer financial or legal skills it will benefit the. Corporation
- Made payment on remaining balance to Hilton
- Did walkthrough with audiovisual reps to see what was needed
 - Peter jerry Anna al are all board members
 - Had Peter doing audiovisual
 - Spoke to aspects that would be helpful
- Doing convention in nyc prices are 300 a night for rooms single double and 400 for triple and quarter great prices
- New office manager has been achieving new records of cooperation

- Getting rid of papers making space more accessible
- New treasurer is looking over finances to save money
- For a few months it seemed like there was two boards, acknowledged need to lead and create structure
- When there are issues of misuse of finances it is their responsibility to report it
- There was misuse of funds via credit card
- Will address issues and bringing measures to structure of corporations
- Have reviewed the policy and creating more flow in board meeting
- Contemplating stepping down from the board but wants to reassure body that the board is on the come up with new members
- Want to thank RSC Kat and Irving for providing assistance
- Board would like to set up a members meeting asap
- Right now there are some questions but will continue and discuss it in open shares would rather discuss in members meeting
- If you have any meetings that use gray book as literature do not insure that meeting
 - The gray book is not approved narcotics anonymous literature
- Printed out fliers from maureen and are on the table outside, please send more so we can supply them to the people and in orders
- Questions:
 - Joel: difficult report copy and paste that email into a document and make it easier to read
 - Text message of the BOD member who resigned is it policy to submit a letter?
 - Al: when you submit resignation it must be in form of a letter
- Frank: mentioned fliers, if we send you fliers you will send them out to other areas w/ literature?
 - Al: yes we have brochures for the convention
- Bob: two questions, in the report mentioned that there has been a financial impropriety, cliffhanger to not provide details, what was the impropriety? Please provide clarity
 - Al: we will deal with these issues and be transparent. We are not discussing this at this time. We can discuss at the members meeting
 - Bob: under what authority does the BOD have the power to remove the group from insurance?
 - Al: I did not say to remove them from the group it is a suggestion to not put the gray book people on your websites as it is not NA approved literature
 - Bob: what gives the board the right to make a statement on what is an NA group
 - Al: Board does the insurance
 - Bob: it seems that you are stepping out beyond your responsibilities
 - Al: We will not insure if an AA message was going into the meeting, it is the same thing
 - Bob: there is nothing in your report that states how you make a statement
- Don: If a group decides a group as an NA meeting then it is an NA meeting, and is insured. The region cannot decide if it is not or is a narcotics anonymous meeting. I understand the statement about the literature, but who decides a gray book meeting is a gray book meeting? Steps over the line to the anonymity of the group
 - Al: what we will do is look further into it. I may have stepped out of line. Will call world and will find out
- Aisha: Thank you for that clarity from everyone. This gray book issue was a major issue in their area, they didn't only have the gray book but hazleton literature and other literature outside of NA. This opened the door to a major lawsuit because a man died when the group told him he shouldn't take his psych meds. We all need to read the same literature. Anyone can have any meeting they want but are not under our area due to discrepancies and misalignment in the literature and overall purpose
 - Al: we really appreciate that
- Maurice: as the RD and previous member I understand Al and understand the other constituents. The RSO insures meetings at the. Behest of the region. I think Aisha clarified

that if the area takes a meeting off of their list then it should not be insured, but a meeting wants to be taken off the list it is at the behest of the region.

BOD Treasurer's Report

Given by: Sandra

- First time giving the report
- As of march 6th, beginning jan 28th
- Cutting unnecessary spending, reducing fees
- Maurice: We have another meeting coming up, request to have a report on the finances
 - Sandra: cutting back on spending on the last two months, some unauthorized spending that was done when I was treasurer so will decide how to tackle that. Will revise spending from the past year as well
- Joel: that sheet was not attached to the minutes. There was no treasury's report
- Maureen: do we have in policy for financial audits?
- Sandra: At the end of the year we have inventory, will be auditing myself

Convention Chair Report

Given by: Peter

- Sent convention report to secretary
- Convention is coming up, cut off point for report is when the BOD meets (last week)
- Balance was 23,805
- Currently 689 registrants
- 600 boatrike tickets, (this thursday march 13th) 33 are sold
- No plans of selling them at the dock, want to sell them in advance
- For sponsorship pasta event it is limited to 300 people
- Comedy show have sold 30 tickets out of approx. 300
- Planning on sending out an email blast with updates on the events
- Have permit for event in times sq
- When we do boat ride suggested to pull a permit to light up empire state building basic text blue
- Trying to get discounted rate for the boat ride
- Got a contact to do one more fundraiser before convention, but need people who are liaisons to the location

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy

- THIS POSITION IS VACANT PLEASE LET YOUR AREAS KNOW

Treasury Report & Closing Balance

Given by Chanti

- 21,272.80 closing balance
- Can push back deadline for subcommittees and refer them to our policy on minutes
- Can also just pass the PR budget and have subcommittees come and submit receipts far enough in advance
- Because PR sent budget we should send ours out
- Maureen: helpline has a budget of \$300, are voice zoom and trullio outside of the budget?
- Chanti: not entirely sure but I believe so
- Frankie: is 3,000 typical amount for donation to NA world
- Chanti: someone make a motion to make typical amount 5,000

- Maurice: did you say the budget we have is the only one that will be submitted?
- Chanti: we said we can push back the deadlines or submit expenses directly
- Maurice: reapproved 1,000 donation
- Please have areas ready to approve budget for regional public relations
 - Purchasing of literature
 - Events fee for participation that NA must pay

RD Team Report

Given by Don

- Report given
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Helpline/BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolkit)

Given by Maureen O.

Helpline:

- Following Australia NA, implementing a chatline

Calendar

- Noticing duplicate entries on the calendar
 - If you want something added to the calendar please send it to the calendar do not send copy to the RSO
- If the RSO gets a request for a service meeting send it to me (maureen)
- Saw bobs meetings will place them on there in the day or two
- BOD meeting clarified to be the last Monday of the month

BMLT:

- GOT 558 meetings in the region
- Changed the heading on the website to say either in person or virtual
- Asked to clean up unpublished meeting list
- With the BMLT there is a virtual meeting called lower Hudson valley but there is no longer lower Hudson valley, looking for leaders of that meeting
- Helpline received a call about a meeting with covid restrictions, if you have a meeting with covid restrictions please remove them where applicable
- Rodney: Westchester is supposed to be absorbed into lower Hudson, will welcome any meeting willing to come into us

Hospitals & Institutions

Given by Roy

- Report given by secretary
- Thanking all for 170.60

Public Information

Given by Bob

- Report given by secretary
- Nothing in the report form that we get direct contact information related to the area
- How to facilitate communication and allow people doing service to communicate amongst each other
- Bob: treasurers report should include updates on budgets
 - Should change the acronym to public relations (PR) instead of public information (PI)
- Martha: compromise of using just an email and no telephone numbers
- Joel: add PR subcommittee meeting to the calendar

Webmaster

Given by Eugene

- Website updates so there is in person communication and automated responses
- Reaching out to
- Looking into Wordpress themes to modernize it
- Will send written details on this
- Bob: had issue with dating access into public relations
- Eugene: waiting for Chris to get back to him regarding payment on the website
- Maureen: emphasis on data security
- Kat: come back next session with a motion

NEW BUSINESS

- Frankie made motion to donate 5,000 to NAWS
 - Martha seconds
 - No opposed
 - Motion passes no acclimation

SHARING SESSION

Caleb: I want clarification on insurance for meetings, what is the enforcement of insurance/ what does that look like?

Kat: there is no enforcement of insurance, we did agree as a fellowship to use approved NA literature but every group is autonomous

Peter: the bottom line is the groups are autonomous whether it is about NA literature, key tags, medallions, the office sells specialty key tags that are not NAWS approved. There has been controversy on narcan at our meetings. Groups make decisions for themselves

Kim: our tradition states **Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.** No-one should be governing any home group. If the literature has been approved just because we don't use it anymore does not mean it is not NA approved

Don: in the group booklet it states what literature is approved to use in NA meetings. Anything approved by NA fellowship is approved literature.

Bob: FYI the gray book was a reviewed copy of the original basic text that was sent out to the regions to review and make suggestions about changes. The gray book was never approved

Meeting closed at 12:35 pm