

GREATER NEW YORK REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

Minutes for March 14th, 2026

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 | - Heart of Long Island RCM: B. Rob |
| - RSC Vice Chair: Chanterelle | - Kings Bay Area RCM: Adam |
| - RSC Treasurer: Tom L. | - NYC Area RCM: Stefan |
| - RSC Helpline/BMLT Chair: Maureen | - Open Arms Area RCM: Wanda |
| - RSC Web-servant: Eugene | - Staten Island: Frank |
| - RSC PR Chair: Bob W. | - Westchester RCM: Rodney |
| - RSO BOD Chair: Jerry | - Kathleen |
| - RSO BOD Treasurer: Joel | - Gary S. (BOD Secretary) |
| - RSO Assistant BOD Treasurer: Sandra N. | - Joel (BOD) |
| - RD: Maurice | - Babette (BOD) |
| - RDA: Don | - Alphonso (BOD) |
| - Regional H&I Chair: Roy | - Roberta (BOD) |
| - Bronx RCM: Antoine | - Anna (BOD) |
| - Brooklyn Area RCM: Henry | - Les (visiting) |
| - Brooklyn Area RCMA: Lawrence J | - Jose (visiting) |
| - Eastern long Island RCM: Ashley | - Peter C. (Visting) |

Quorum: 9 RCMs

Motions need to be submitted by 10:45 am

REPORTS

Chairperson

Given by Kat.

- Nothing much to report

Vice Chairperson

Given by Chanterelle

- Nothing much to report
- Covering for Roi
- Spoke to members of SJQ Area, things moving there, planning to attend their area next month

Treasurer

Given by Tom.

- Opening Balance: \$26,083

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Chair Election—Lenny

8 Yea, 0 Nay

Congrats, Lenny!

AREA REPORTS

Bronx

Given by Antoine

- Karyn stepping down as RCM
- 65 meetings in the Bronx, 45 virtual, 20 in person
- 14 GSRs
- Filled out CAR Tally sheet
- See report for full details

Brooklyn Area Report

Given by Henry

- 10 new GSRs welcomed at area
- Thanks the RD team for their support
- See report for full details

Eastern Long Island Area Report

Given by Ashley

- 13 groups in Area
- 7 H&I presentations
- Meets first Sunday of every month
- Open positions see report

- See report for full details

Heart of Long Island Area Report

Given by B. Rob

- Need to rebuild prudent reserve
- Holding CAR Report Workshop next weekend
- See report for full details

Kings Bay Area

Given by Adam

- Held a well attended Spiritual Breakfast on February 28th
- On Thursday the RD Team held a CAR workshop
- See report for full details

Manhattan

Given by Joel (Covering for Juan)

- Many open positions
- See report for flyers
- See report for full details

New York City

Given by Stefan

- See flyer for area learning day in April
- See report for full details

Open Arms Area

Given by Wanda

- 38 groups in area
- Average of 20 groups attending area
- See report for full details

Staten Island

Given by Frank

- In process of moving locations
- See report for full details

Westchester

Given by Rodney

- \$304 donation to the region
- See report for full details.

BOD REPORTS

secretary had spotty wifi service for a this portion of reports

BOD Chair Report

Given by Jerry J.

- See report for full details

- See report for newly elected positions
- See report for insurance procedures, especially in regards to sporting events
- Impossible Dream III Convention committee is underway

Bob W: when will the board let us know how the leftover funds from the last conventions will be disbursed?

Jerry: now that all positions have been filled we will discuss it at the next board meeting.

Wanda: regarding insurance for sporting events, we have someone overseeing it who has a lot of experience but we have had everyone who participates sign a waiver as we could not get insurance for it.

Jerry: you can get a special waiver from the insurance company that will come back with some numbers.

Maurice: is there a final convention treasurer's report sent to us? We would like to know how the left over funds of approximately \$120,000 will be spent, in the past there was a lack of clarity and accountability around that and the RSO has a responsibility to the region to let us know.

BOD Treasurer's Report

Given by Joel

- See report for full details

Convention Report

Given by Peter

- It's an honor and a privilege to serve again
- We were delayed with the final total for the convention, we were waiting for the credits back from the hotel, so that held everything up.
- We sold out last time, we are going to sell out quicker the last time I think.

Tom: what is the extra \$4 fee for the convention registration? if I want to get an early registration price but you don't have the events lined up, how does that work?

Peter: it's \$60 until 1 year before convention, and then \$70 afterwards for early reg, if you purchase the full package it will be the same price. You will be able to choose the events à la cart, but right now we are still negotiating the prices of the meal and the boat ride so those aren't available yet. As for the \$4, it is a credit card fee we built in. Last time we lost about \$5,000 in when we didn't implement them in advance.

B. Rob: I know the standard is to usually order up to 3X, is it possible to create something with merchandise to do special order to be inclusive of other sizes?

Peter: We have a good foundation with last convention, our new merchandise chair has a log of experience so were going to see about doing pre-orders to be inclusive of sizing.

Bob W.: there had been some irregularities with the way the programming committee did their service, have there been things implemented to address this if it happens again in the future?

Peter: there are always comments around programming, and after every report I make an announcement to engage every area to attend the programming committee so they can have input in the convention.

Bob W.: the issue was that the programming chair was withholding the info about the speakers from the areas who were participating, is that true and if so who is the programming chair accountable to?

Peter: as far as I know there is nothing in the policy that says you have to disclose the speakers in advance. If you want to know who they are they are specified at the subcommittee.
Bob W.: what is the point of participating in the subcommittee if you aren't told who the speakers are?

Peter: if they were there they were included.

Maureen: just a comment—be prepared for the day before and the day of, when people want to transfer their tickets, the hotline was slammed with requests for this.

Peter: we can talk about that.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RD Team Report

Given by Don

- We want to thank everyone who participated in the CAR workshops
- See report for CAR links, survey, discussion questions, and weekly workshops
- See report for full details

Helpline/BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolkit)

Given by Maureen O.

BMLT:

- 570 meetings
- 421 groups in region

Helpline:

- 507 calls between Jan & Feb
- 100% coverage all shifts all hours of the day
- 42 committee members

Calendar

- If you submitted flyers today, the event is already on the calendar

Hospitals & Institutions

Given by Roy

- Meet 2nd Wednesday of every month on zoom at 7:30
- 5 areas showed up + the mobile unit
- Approx. 75 H&I presentations
- Encourages all RCMs to let their Area H&I Chairs to attend, if they can't attend, at least please send in a report
- Trying to get some women involved in getting a women's meeting to Riker's Island

Maurice: do you know if the commitments Westchester wasn't able to fill (Bedford and Sing Sing) were filled by other areas who were willing?

Roy: unsure, it wasn't in Westchester's report this month.

Henry: how is men's at Rikers doing? What area covers Rikers?

Roy: it does good we have two meetings a month. No one covers that commitment, it is done by the Regional Mobile Unit.

Frank: are you starting from scratch for the women's Riker's meeting or do you have a day?

Roy: we don't have a day yet because we don't have people willing to do it. We need people first and then to go through the clearance process.

Rodney: in regards to Bedford & Sing Sing, to my knowledge no one is covering those meetings.

B. Rob: if someone wants to join the regional h&l committee, is it someone that gets nominated from within the committee? Or is it something where someone can come and take on the commitment?

Roy: it doesn't need to go through areas, just come.

Kathleen: if anyone wants to get involved in Riker's, it happens through the Mobile Unit.

Public Relations

Given by Bob W.

- Special week for public relations is June something
- See report for full details

Maureen: 311 is giving our helpline numbers out to anyone who asks for drug addiction help

Bob W.: I didn't know that, that's great!

Henry: how are we doing with the HIPIC for the convention?

Bob W.: that was coordinated with Jerry, but it occurs much closer to the date of the convention. It was an incredible success and they did an awesome job.

Webmaster

Given by Eugene

- Bots from Russia were trying to get into the webstore, trying to use credit cards that were probably stolen, but I put in an extra precaution and protection against that.
- Had some issues with shipping because USPS changed their platform, but that has also been sorted out.
- Time to set up the one password, especially since we have new BOD members
- See report for full details

B. Rob: who do we have a hosting package with? Do they offer an in-house package to protect against those bots?

Eugene: hosting.com. The free version I am using now seems to work. If we end up needing to pay, I will do the research to find the best one.

Treasury Report & Closing Balance

Given by Tom L.

- Closing balance: \$20,687.62
- Recommends a \$4,000 donation to NAWS
- See report for full details

Recess for members meeting at 12:09pm

Election for Lenny S. for BOD member
7 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstention

Congrats Lenny!

Members meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm

NEW BUSINESS

Frank: motion to donate \$4,000 to NAWS, Rodney seconds. Motion passes by acclamation.

Motion from Heart of Long Island Area:

Use convention profits from region to pay the insurance for all areas in the region that is stated in the policy. Intent: to make productive use of convention profits

Motion seconded by Frank.

Joel: Ed suggested we needed \$90,000 to \$100,000 to pay our bills for the conventions, also would this would interfere with what the board decides to do with the funds as we have.

Tom: Article 12 section 1 says a minimum of \$25,000, which is not a set amount. This is an RSO Board decision, they have fiduciary guidelines, and they determine what they need based off of the needs of the next convention. The way I view your motion is that *if* there are funds available to be donated to the RSC, then the RSC can determine what to do with it. But it is not initially an RSC decision. The RSO initially determines how those funds are used. I encourage the interested members to participate in guideline revisions.

Kat rules motion is out of order.

Kat: motion is out of order, if there are funds leftover donated to the RSC after the RSO allocates funds, we can discuss how to use the funds.

SHARING SESSION

Gary s.: the motion was out of order, the BOD has to decide what to do with the funds, we know already that the new convention will be even more than the \$75,000 it cost out of pocket last time. The old convention treasurer suggested we set aside 90-100k. Maybe last time they rushed too quickly to use the funds. The money is almost all used already between the convention and our operating expenses.

Maurice: a month or two ago we discussed creating the position of an RD2, we should set up an ad hoc committee with the policy chair.

Kat: now that we have a policy chair, we own't need an ad hoc we just need the policy chairperson to have a policy review meeting, you can bring it there but you need an RCM to second it.

Kathleen: do we need to bring a motion to every change? Can we bring a collective markup or can we bring an individual thing?

Lenny: so I am supposed to set up a policy review? I don't know what the procedure is for that?

Joel: the policy states that at this meeting all subcommittee chairs and the RD team were supposed to submit a 12 month budget.

B. Rob: where in the policy does it say that the bod determines how the money gets spent?

Tom: in the first paragraph of the article 12.

Tom: in relation to the new policy chair's question my suggestion to you is to choose a day and a time after people have expressed interest, the zoom link is the RSC zoom link, look for a time that is available and you send the flyer out.

Frank motion to close, Wanda seconds.

Meeting closed at 12:50pm.