

GREATER NEW YORK REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Jan 10 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 | - Regional H&I Chair: Roy |
| - RSC Vice Chair: Chanterelle | - Eastern Long Island RCM: Ashley |
| - RSC Secretary: Roi | - Heart of Long Island: Rob |
| - RSC Treasurer: Tom L. | - Kings Bay Area RCM: Adam |
| - RSC Helpline/BMLT Chair: Maureen | - Manhattan Area RCM: Juan |
| - RSC Webservant: Eugene | - Brooklyn Area RCM: Henry |
| - RSC PR Chair: Bob W. | - NYC Area RCM: Stefan |
| - H&I Chair: Roy | - NYC Area RCMA: Fern |
| - RSO BOD Chair: Jerry | - Open Arms Area RCM: Wanda |
| - RSO BOD Treasurer: Joel | - Rockland RCM: Caleb |
| - BOD Secretary: Gary | - Westchester RCM: Jose |
| - BOD Member: Babette | - Staten Island RCM: Frankie |
| - RDA Nominee: Kathleen | - Staten Island RCMA: Les |
| - RD: Don | - Policy Chair: Lenny |
| - Convention Chair: Peter C | - Visiting: Jonathan H, Maceo, Lawrence |
| - Convention Treasurer: Alphonso | (Brooklyn) |
| - BOD Member : Babette | |

Quorum: 8 RCMs

Motions need to be submitted by 10:45 am

REPORTS

Chairperson

Given by Kat.

- Chanti dealing with family stuff.
- Policy committee up & running

Secretary

Given by Roi

- Updated the body about the paid MailChimp account.

Vice Chairperson

Given by Chanterelle

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Treasurer

Given by Tom.

- **Opening Balance: \$27,956.58**

OLD BUSINESS

- Kathleen's RDA resume went out. Discussion/questions.
 - Tom asks: members in Westchester distributing unapproved literature - old version of Basic Text free to newcomers and sold cheaper.
 - Kathleen answer: I support the current literature.
- Maurice re-running for RD.
 - Ready and willing to serve, take over for Don.
 - Tom asks: Your plan is to resign after a year and a half / halfway into the term?
 - Maurice: Depends on how it goes / what's needed, if it ends up making sense for me to stay for the whole 3 years I will, I wanted to leave it open in the spirit of rotation.

AREA REPORTS

Bronx Area Report

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Brooklyn Area Report

Given by Henry

- 45 Groups represented with 2 new GSRs.
- June 13 - Fathers Day Speaker Jam and Dance - 21 Claver Place.
- Aug 15 - annual picnic at Highland Park.
- Aug 28-30 - Area Convention - Melville Hilton.

Eastern Island Area Report

Given by Ashley

- 13 Groups, 28 Virtual.

- 7 H&I Presentations.
- Open Area commitments - RCMA, PI & Website.

Heart of Long Island Area Report

Given by Rob

- 27 meetings IRL, 3 virtual
- Problem trying to get insurance for new groups. Can email list to secretary.
- May 31st - Bowling Event - Unlimited bowling and pizza for \$5.
- Will make a donation once our prudent reserve is built back up.

Kings Bay Area

Given by Adam

- KBA Annual picnic slash area anniversary - 34th year - Sept 19th - 10-4pm - Manhattan Beach.
- **KBAofNA.org**
- Elections this month but nobody ran so trusted servants just continuing on (despite last year people frustrated about lack of rotation of service).
- We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month.
 - Tom L asks: the report says you guys contribute \$100 a month. We have some \$100 donations that are hard to track due to being tied to individuals on PayPal.
 - Adam answers: we will look into.

Manhattan

Given by Juan

- \$250 each month contributed two previous months.
- H&I attendance is low.
- Open positions.
- Nominees being voted on next Area.
- A lot of new people stepping up to the plate.
- June 27 - Old Timers Speaker Jam
- May 16 - Sneaker Ball - Ticket sales closed.
- Recovery in the Park - April 19 - Oct 25. If it rains picnic will be cancelled.
- Manhattan Newsletter on its 12th Edition.
- Manhattan Area website has been updated: www.MASCNA.net
 - Tom L asks: Check the 2nd page of my report to make sure we're listing your donations correctly.
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New York City

Given by Stefan

- Meet every 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm on Zoom.
- NYC Area had the most submissions for CAR report submissions.
- Poster Drive April 18th 12-4pm was very successful.
- Elections this month for all positions except Treasurer & RCM/A.
- Lots of open positions.
- Donation this month: \$72.97. April donation much higher (see report).
- A little less than half of our groups attend Area - would like it to be higher.
 - Bob W asks: Does NYC have a point person for PR?
 - Stefan answers: We don't have a PR Chair but Joel is point person for PR.

Open Arms Area

Given by Wanda

- First Thursday of every month.
- 38 Groups, 1 Virtual.
- 20 Groups on average attend.
- 8 Presentations a Week - need support, esp for Women's meetings.
- Elections held next month. Need positions filled, need rotation of service.
- Donation of \$2,025.35 incoming.
- OpenArmsArea.net

Rockland

Given by Caleb

- Meet first Tuesday every month. Link on website RocklandNarcoticsAnonymous.org.
- 2 Groups left Area.
- Refilled all positions.
- BBQ Event for Memorial Day.
 - Stefan L asks: Why did 2 Groups leave Area?
 - Caleb answers: Refused to stop using non-approved literature.
 - Maureen Asks: Please send me the flyer directly so I can add to the calendar.
 - Caleb answers: Will do.

South Jamaica

Given by

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Staten Island

Given by Frank

- Spiritual Breakfast coming up (see report for info).
- Great attendance at Area.
- Question regarding Insurance - It's been brought to our attention that we have a balance but we believe we've paid in full.
- Tom L answers: if you look at current Treasurer Report it shows 0 balance.

Westchester

Given by Jose

- Elections - E&A an Assistant Treasurer are open.
- New meeting opening up Sundays May 17 5pm - Blessing at the Complex - Westchester Community College - will send a flyer.
- Didn't see \$285 that we sent on Treasurer Report?
- I want to talk to Tom about the Westchester County groups that are distributing unapproved literature.
- Maureen says: We don't post meetings until they're open so people don't post to empty sites.

BOD REPORTS

BOD Chair Report

Given by Jerry

- Board had a discussion regarding Convention Committee money.
- We decided to disperse \$95,000 seed money for upcoming Impossible Dream convention.
- \$65,000 for audiovisual chair.
- \$30,000 for food & beverage + \$7,000 for gratuity.

- \$15,000 deposit that needs to be paid Feb 2027.
- \$14,000 for boat ride.
- \$1280 for registration chips.
- We haven't spoken about events, fundraisers, comedy show, merchandise, etc.
- Need to discuss budget.
- We used money to purchase literature, 2 new computers, 2 monitors, keyboard and mouse - see report for numbers.
- **Questions:**
 - Bob W asks: I've put forward a motion re: Convention Committee. I would request BOD sets aside the money until more information can be provided. There have been no projected revenues or dates in the formula. To write a blank check to the Convention Committee seems premature. It also does not seem like "Seed Money" but well beyond that.
 - Jerry answers: Reiterates the numbers in the report. Longtime Treasurer Ed said we're gonna need more than \$100,000 for the next convention. We need money upfront to pay for a lot of things. I think it's in our best interest as a board to make the Convention Committee's job easier.
 - Tom L asks: Ed says \$100,000 was the total cost and that I did not say they need to set aside the money ahead of time. Last year's registration $2311 \times \$60 = \$130,000$. That makes it seem like the Convention is gonna make \$0. Last year \$50,000 in registration came in 6 months before the convention. Concerns: RSO is short of literature. Groups are struggling to get their orders filled. My opinion is it would be a more prudent use of the funds to get \$50,000 of literature and fund the convention as-needed. What is the annual amount you need to purchase to get the best discount from World, and do you believe you'll buy that much in 2026.
 - Jerry answers: We rarely have back orders these days. Minimum amount to spent is \$120,000 to get the 21% discount from NAWS. At minimum we need to purchase \$10,000 of literature per month.
 - Don asks: Seed Money usually has a cap, and then thru fundraising and other ways fills in the gaps. Where did this number come from?
 - Jerry answers: "Seed Money" is maybe wrong term.
 - Don follows up: Is there something in the policy about Seed Money.
 - Joel answers: A minimum of \$25,000 in the Policy.
 - Peter adds: The numbers aren't fixed. Cost-per-person will change. F&B is \$37,000 including Gratuity, could fluctuate based on menu. Need to account for Contractual Obligations. We are responsible to pay the bill two weeks before the convention, we make the bulk of the revenue during the convention. It may sound like a lot but it's actually short of what it will cost.
 - Bob W adds: The Policy states "Seed Money." Seed Money and paying for the entire convention in advance are not the same thing. The \$95,000 disbursement is in contradiction of the Policy. What was the Seed Money for Impossible Dream? I urge the BOD to set aside the money and have a more detailed discussion. I put forward a Motion to freeze the funds until we can get a clearer picture and explanation as to what is going on with the funds.

BOD Treasurer's Report

Given by Joel

- Closing balance: \$18,023.20
- Reserve: \$5,368.69
- Convention Account: \$99,670.74
- See report for more detailed accounting and detailed info re: Convention Budget
- Roi Asks: Why disperse a lump sum rather than as-needed?

- Joel and Jerry answer: It felt prudent to set it aside as the Board is financially responsible for it and we want to be able to ensure we can cover the costs.

Convention Report

Given by Peter

- Met on March 18 and April 15.
- Following Positions were filled: Serenity Keeper
- Open Positions on the website (www.gnyrcna.org)
- We're looking to do an event in Manhattan, hopefully in July.
- We're 14 months out and have pre-sold less than \$10,000.
- Registration is \$60. July 1st it will go up to \$70.
- Boatripe is scheduled for July 1 2027. Waiting on executed contract so we can pay.
- Leftover merch on the website.
- Once it sells out it sells out - they will not give us more rooms.
- Can make donations directly using CashApp and Zelle.
- Next meeting is May 20 at 7:30pm. ID and password on website. (ID-838 4267 8604 PW-857988)
- Judging by the success of last convention, next convention might need to be held at Javits Center due to growing size.
- Tom L asks: When do you anticipate we can sign up for boatripe and comedy shows?
 - Peter answers: Once we have the executed contract we will put it up on the website. We're planning on doing the comedy show, dance party at Times Square, etc.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RD Team Report

Given by Don

- Mid-conference update. Currently participating at the 37th world service conference.
- See report for more info on CAR Motions that passed and failed to pass.
- More information will come after our July meeting.
- Don due to health reasons will not put his resume in and is very grateful for the support and service.

Policy

Given by Lenny

- Met on the 6th. Well-attended.
- Consensus based group.
- Meeting Monday May 11th 7pm to discuss Pages 4 and 5.

Helpline/BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolkit)

Given by Maureen O.

BMLT:

- If you're adding new meeting do not add until 6 days before.

Helpline:

- 979 calls year to date.
- Coverage is 100%
- 42 committee members.

- Openings Midnight - 6am.

Hospitals & Institutions

Given by Roy

- Last meeting 5 areas attended, 3 emailed reports.
- Approx 75 meetings.
- 4 Meetings at Rikers - 2 men 2 women.
- \$1500 proposed budget (same as its been in the past).
- Need to discuss Mobile Unit - language says we can support ANY correctional facility, but we're currently only doing Rikers. Discussion next week.
- No Vice Chair or Secretary, so a bit hard to keep up business.
- Joel Asks: Outstanding balance.
 - Roy: Will get it to you.

Public Relations

Given by Bob

- Bimonthly zoom May 4th - main topic was Area Level PR Planning - including Events that will occur during PR week - June 1-6.
- Heart of Long Island Poster Drive June 6.
- Tabling Event at St Francis College downtown Brooklyn - St Francis College - June 11th and 12th.
- If there are any Areas with new PR ppl or someone that wants to be involved please email and I'll add them to the list.
- The next meeting is July 6th 2026 / 8330934550 and the Password is GNYRPR.

Webmaster

Given by Eugene

- Exploring adding some plugins to help track Order Info and Status instead of everything being done manually.
- Had some Shipping Issues, but it's been fixed. USPS had a new API platform.

Treasury Report & Closing Balance

Given by Tom L.

- Recommended donation of \$4,000 to World Services.
- GNYRSC 2026/27 Budget
 - H&I (including Mobile Unit): \$1500
 - Helpline Committee: \$300
 - PR Committee: \$500
 - Regional Delegate team (Non-conf year): \$1500
 - Policy Committee: \$300
- Closing balance: **\$18,525.70**

NEW BUSINESS

- Frank motion to donate \$4,000 to world services
 - Juan 2nded
 - Motion passes by acclamation
- 2 Convention Policy Motions (to go out to Areas to be voted on in July).
 - 1. Hospitality Policy Clarification Motion
 - Juan 2nded

- Tom Amendment: Insert a new first sentence at beginning that reads as follows: The role of the Hospitality Committee is to greet attendees, staff, and supervise the Hospitality Room, coordinate refreshments and fellowship activities, support appropriate room materials and assist with fellowship space as needed.
 - Amendment accepted.
- Frankie 2nded.
- 2. Programming Committee Clarification
 - Frankie 2nded.
 - 1 Rep 1 Alt per Area - full programming committee would be 24 reps.
 - Tom L Amendment: "Within one year of the upcoming convention, if, by majority vote, the voting members of the Convention Committee determine that the Areas have not provided sufficient participants for the Programming Committee to properly function, the Convention Committee will pen membership on the Programming Committee to the Greater New York Region fellowship at large."
 - Franke 2nded amendment.
 - Juan asks: What the minimum # to have a functioning Programming Committee?
 - Tom answers: It should be up to the discretion of the Convention Committee.
 - Peter: Point is to encourage participation. Any participation is worthwhile.
 - Kathleen: Has it always been this rigid or in the past have you just encouraged people to join if they want to contribute?
 - Peter: Learning from past convention experience. Trying to encourage people to join.
 - Lenny: If the Convention Committee votes that they have enough involvement does that close off the ability of others to participate?
 - Tom: Yes.
 - Alphonso: It can get a bit wild if we don't solidify that each Area should send representative(s) to support the convention.
- Bob W Motion re: Convention Committee fund disbursement. (Motion is going to go back to the Areas)
 - The words "Seed Money" in the policy have a definition, and the budget that BOD has presented doesn't represent Seed Money, it represents almost an entire coverage of expenses. This is not following the policy. There has been a total disproportionate amount of money dispersed and misinformation has been conveyed. The previous Treasurer has said the original discussion that lead to this money being dispersed was based upon a misunderstanding.
 - Adam 2nded.
 - Joel: RSC cannot freeze our money, RSO has discretion given to us by the RSC. - The RCM's motion from March mentioned by Bob W was never actually put through.
 - Henry: We need to brace ourselves for a vigilant fundraising year to deal with some of the impact of the financial burdens we will have.
 - Tom: The RSO has discretion yes, but if the RSC has issue with RSO behavior they have the right to raise them. Also, the definition of Seed Money appears to be: "money meant to cover initial operating costs before cash-flow begins." Also on a personal note, criticizing someone who had to leave due to health reasons for leaving the meeting early is offensive.
 - Stefan: We need to determine whether Policy was violated or not.
 - Roi: I think the issue is the definition of Seed Money.
 - Peter: The \$95,000 is around 20% of the full amount it's gonna cost. 20% feels like Seed Money.
 - Roi: This is a request for more information. There is not clarity on the Convention Budget.
 - Stefan: Areas are gonna read this and believe that Convention Policy was violated due to the wording.

- Wanda: In order for this motion to go back to the groups the language needs to be changed so it doesn't read as "Violation of Policy." I believe we need a Friendly Amendment.
- Bob W. happily accepts. Motion is rewritten (see motion).
- Amendment seconded by Frankie.
- Juan asks: Does RSC policy supersede RSO policy? Point of information: I believe the Motion is out of order.
- Motion will go out to Areas with new wording.

SHARING SESSION

Alphonso T - I take offense to being told I don't have a voice here. Kat should be the one speaking to whether I am in or out of order.

Joel - People need to stop putting their faces on anniversary flyers. Maybe PR can do a learning day as this is misrepresenting our traditions.

Stefan - The motion should've been thrown out, I don't believe it should've ever gone out to be seconded.

Ashley - I want clarity on what the \$95,000 is - I that a rough estimate? What percentage of the budget is that? / Kat Answers: we have not yet gotten the full budget including hotel. But Convention Committee says it's approximately 25%.

Babette - There are signed contracts and obligations. It would be helpful to get timelines as well.

Bob - The issue that was brought up by Joel regarding the flyers was already brought to me by Bill S, I suggested that this be handled at the Area level, they're closer to the groups and can address it more closely. Secondly, the numbers have NOT been presented this half-million dollar number has not been written anywhere. Seed Money is Seed Money and it's not my definition, it's in the Policy.

Gary - This motion is completely out of order. RSO has complete discretion to disperse all moneys for the convention. That authority was ceded to us. You cannot freeze our funds.

Roi - Let's remember that when money is in NA involved things can get heated. Let's try to stay patient and stay grounded in our primary purpose and if clarity is requested I don't think it's unreasonable to clarify. Let's be patient with one another. Emotions are getting in the way of clarity and mutual understanding and communication.

Meeting closed at 3:45PM.