GREATER NEW YORK REGION SERVICE COMMITTEE

*Minutes for **Nov 14 2026***

READINGS

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

ROLE CALL & QUORUM

- **RSC Chair:** Kat
- **RSC Vice Chair:** Chanterelle
- **RSC Secretary:** Roi
- **RSC Secretary Nominee**: Claire
- **RSC Treasurer:** Tom L
- **RSC Helpline/BMLT Chair:** Maureen
- **RSC Helpline Vice Chair**:
- **RSC Webservant:**
- **RSC PR Chair:** Bob W
- **H&I Chair**: Roy W
- **H&I Vice Chair**: Rich T
- **H&I Chair nominee**: Jay M
- **Policy Chair**: Lenny
- **RSO BOD Chair:** Jerry
- **RSO BOD Treasurer:** Joel
- **BOD Nominee**: Stefan L, Wayne, Dawn
- **RD:** Maurice
- **RDA:** Kathleen T
- **Convention Chair**: Peter
- **Convention Treasurer**: Alfonso
- **Kings Bay Area RCM:** Martha
- **Manhattan Area RCM:** Juan J
- **Brooklyn Area RCM**: Henry
- **Bronx Area RCM:** Antoine
- **Bronx Area RCMA**: Sabrina
- **NYC Area RCM:** Stefan
- **NYC Area RCMA:** Fern
- **Open Arms Area RCM:** Wanda
- **Open Arms Area RMCA:** Gina
- **Westchester RCM:** Jose
- **Westchester RCMA**: Rodney
- **Westchester Nominee**: Kay M
- **Staten Island RCM**: Frank
- **Staten Island RCMA**:
- **Staten Island Nominee**: Laura
- **Visiting**: Maceo, Vincent

Quorum: 8 RCMs

Motions need to be submitted by 10:45 am

Minutes accepted by acclimation.

REPORTS

Chairperson
Given by Kat.

- Last meeting as Chair.
- Excited to continue to do service, hopefully as Treasurer.
- Orientation before next session in January at 9am for new RCMs.

Vice Chairperson
Given by Chanterelle

- Last meeting at Vice Chair.
- Been attending Convention Committee. Will attend next week. Will have to appoint a new liaison.

Secretary
Given by Roi

- Last meeting as Secretary. Excited for next steps in Service.

Treasurer
Given by Tom.

- **Opening Balance: $25,743.45**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Nominations** (*please review Resumes - going back to Areas for voting in January Session*):
  - **BOD**
    - Dawn
    - Stefan
      - Question:
        - Juan J: Will anyone be taking over for you when you step down as RCM?
        - Answer: Working hard to find a candidate. I will do my best to represent in the meantime as I will still be there.
    - Wayne
  - **Policy Chair**
    - Lenny - Only got to do a half term. Would like to do a full term.
  - **H&I Chair**
    - Jay - 33 years 3 months + clean. I've done most service positions. H&I Experience: I've been Brooklyn Area H&I Chair for 3 terms. I've served this body as H&I Chair and Mobile Unit Chair. I've done World Service. I've served on BOD. Willing to serve.

  - **Elections**
    - **Chairperson (Chanterelle)**
      - **8 in Favor.**
      - **0 Opposed.**
      - **0 Abstained**
    - **Vice Chairperson (Roi)**

    - **8 in Favor**
    - **0 Opposed**
    - **0 Abstained**
- **Secretary (Claire)**
    - **7 in Favor**
    - **0 Opposed**
    - **1 Abstained**
- **Treasurer (Kat)**
    - **7 in Favor**
    - **0 Opposed**
    - **1 Abstained**

AREA REPORTS

Brooklyn Area Report
- Given by Henry.
  - 4 new GSRs welcomed.
  - Halloween Masquerade party was a success.
  - Asking groups to donate more.
  - Questions:
    - Jerry: Just a note that the $5,000 was an advance payment for literature not a donation.

Bronx Area Report
- Given by Antoine
  - Will have to report late. No report currently.

Kings Bay Area
- Given by Martha
  - Thanks to the Convention Committee for their generous $5,000 contribution to our literature.
  - Nominations start in January, Elections in April.
  - Thanksgiving Eve Marathon - Wednesday Nov 25 - 4pm to Midnight (see flyer for details).
  - Spiritual Breakfast - March 20 2027 - 10am to 2pm. - $25.
  - Currently contributing $100 a month for insurance. Did Treasurer send out updated Insurance Info?
    - Tom L answers: Secretary sent out up-to-date Insurance tables where you can review. $948 total. $237 down payment. $79 a month.

Manhattan
- Given by Juan
  - Area doing well. Lot of events coming up, including holiday marathons (see report for details).
  - 2 Learning Days at Area level. Well attended. Making it an annual event (2 a year - March/April and October).
  - Newsletter doing great - on our 18th Edition. If you need to add anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.
  - Question:
    - Maureen: I don't see your events attached. You can email us so I can add to calendar.
    - Answer: Will do!

New York City
- Given by Stefan
  - Meet tomorrow.
  - Open positions (see report). No candidates for RCM/RCMA so if anyone is interested in doing service please come!
  - Upcoming group anniversaries (see flyers).
  - Marathons coming up. Great new venue. (See flyers.)

Open Arms
- Given by Wanda
  - Open commitments.
  - Insurance has wrong # of meetings. We have 34 groups 1 virtual. Please update insurance.
  - Upcoming events - once I receive the flyers I will send them for distribution!
  - OpenArmsArea.net.
  - Questions:
    - Tom L: BMLT Chair Maureen provides me the information on Group Count. It's finalized in September. Did your Area communicate with Maureen to finalize your count?
    - Answer: My September report said 35 meetings.
      - Tom L (follow-up): We don't go by RCM report. We ask that you or Meeting List coordinator communicate directly with BMLT re: number of groups. It's too challenging to change the number after September without affecting what everybody pays. You can pay what you believe you owe and the Region will make up the difference if necessary but we cannot change the table.
    - Jerry: I asked you Meeting List Coordinator if they are familiar and use the BMLT. I was told they do not use the system.
      - Maureen: I do communicate with them and stay on top of it.
    - Roy W: I know you mentioned Open Arms H&I Chair. He has never attended Regional H&I.
      - Answer: I am painfully aware. I have brought it to ASC H&I Chair's attention.

Staten Island
- Given by Frank
  - My last Regional Meeting as RCM. Thanks for having me and allowing me to be of service.
  - Events and Group Anniversaries coming up (see report!)
  - Questions:
    - Maurice: Do you have any info on Eastern Region Convention?
    - Answer: July 9 -11. Will send you updated info once contracts are finalized.

Westchester
- Given by Jose
  - My last meeting as RCM. We have elections at our next meeting for all positions including RCM.
  - Question about Insurance Information. I'm also outgoing Treasurer and been sending money every month and not clear on how much is owed. What is the Insurance Period? When does it start and when does it end?
    - Tom L: You are fully paid up. The Secretary sent out the new Insurance Table for the coming period which shows the Insurance amounts that are due for the 26/27 Insurance Period. September to September.
    - Maureen: Are you having a Thanksgiving Marathon?
      - Answer: We're working on Friendsgiving event, will send you info!

BOD REPORTS

BOD Chair Report
Given by Jerry J
- 3 Nominees - 2 have completed the Board's pool requirements, 1 is running for reelection.
- We have visited with 6 Areas. Organizing visits with the remaining Areas.
- The question of children not being covered by Insurance is coming up a lot. This does not mean that children are not covered outright, but they must be by their parent's sides the whole time. We may need to hire an insurance expert to fully understand this.
- We lost our 21% discount because we did not buy enough literature ($15,600 short). We are currently at 18%. We are considering moving $21,000 from Convention fund to buy literature and get our discount back.
- I spoke to Sylvia at NAWS and she said we missed our deadline but we need to send a request in writing. Their board will discuss and vote on it.
- Questions:
  - Tom L: The question about children: it's understood that the insurance that's provided for members at meetings and events is liability insurance (injury or property damage). Are parents concerned about their children being injured or causing damage?
    - Answer: Yes.
    - Tom L Follow-up: This should be brought to Region before you begin incurring considerable expenses hiring consultants.
    - Answer: 4 of the 6 areas we met with raised this issue.
    - Tom L Follow-up: Their RCMs should bring this to the Region.

BOD Treasurer's Report
Given by Joel
- Thanks to the RCMs at the Areas we were able to visit.
- Thanks to Tom for Insurance Table going out.
- Our bank account at Apple is still open. We have mostly transitioned to our new Chase account but for some reason some deposits from Lightspeed are STILL depositing at the old Apple Bank account even though that account has been fully removed. We have opened a Ticket with Lightspeed to determine why. Our new goal is to have it closed by End of Month.
- Annual Inventory on Black Friday weekend. We need help if possible! RSO will be closed that Friday and Saturday and online orders will be shut down for that weekend.

Convention Report
Given by Peter
- Event Oct 30 in Bronx - location had double-booked so we changed to outdoor event. Ended up going well.
- Boat Ride coming up (see report).
- Comedy Show has been voted on, finalizing details.
- We'll be selling Merch at all our in-person events coming up.
- Registration: rooms are being booked, please book before they sell out. Reminder do NOT book via hotel or third-party, use our website directly.
- Registration price $70 is final price. Will not go up anymore.
- Website is best way to get most up to date and accurate info.
- If you wish to donate you can do that through the website or Zelle or Cashapp (see report).
- Next Convention Meeting is Nov 18 at 7:30pm.
- Will send Secretary the report now for distribution.

Convention Treasurer Report
Given by Alphonso T
- Please see report for detailed information and accounting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

RD Team Report

Given by Maurice & Kathleen

- See report for detailed info.
- Nov 21 - Group Project Webinar.
- Nov 30 - Just for Today audio project.
  - One person from each Area to record. Will record 12 and pick/submit 4. NEZF will then give us the dates we're responsible for.
- Dec 1 - Sponsorship Day
- Dec 17 - RD Team Open Forum / Q&A. We'll answer questions and clarify what exactly goes on at NEZF and what exactly we're able to accomplish via NEZF. Will be online so easy to attend and would like input from our Region!
- Dec 2 and Jan 6 - NEZF Sponsorship Behind the Walls Sponsorship meeting.
- PR & H&I Webinars coming up.
- World Service Conference topics: attracting members to service and mentoring them, area-level service, what is important to your region or zone.
- Questions have come up about donating $5,000 from NEZF to NAWS but RDs wanted more information on financing and budgeting before donating such a large amount.
- Question came up about donations to NAWS from Region: before an amount is donated does it go back to all the Areas for approval?
- NEZF voted to join the US Collaboration of Zones (USCOZ). Our Region voted against it but it passed so we are now part of USCOZ.
- Upcoming events (see report and flyers).
- New section on our website - "RD Updates" - easy to follow along with what's going on.

Policy

Given by Lenny

- Met 3 times since last Region. 5 regular attendees.
- Proposing adding an additional RDA.
- Proposing some language to deal with Virtual Platform.
- Questions:
  - Maureen: Is there anything in the policy about Regional Email Addresses? I feel like a lot of the emails aren't being read. I'm suggesting we had something about the responsibility of reading and responding in a timely manner.
  - Answer: We will bring it up at the next Policy Meeting.

Helpline/BMLT (Basic Meeting List Toolkit)

Given by Maureen

<u>BMLT:</u>

- If you have any changes please reach out to me either via website or email.

<u>Helpline:</u>

- No issues. Same 41 members. Some available hours late at night if anyone wants to get involved. I cover if nobody can. We have only missed 2 calls since last session.
- 10 Thanksgiving events. We get a lot of calls for Holiday events. Please let me know if you have an event so we can make sure to pass that info along!

<u>Calendar:</u>

- **Please go on Area and reconcile/update your Area meeting info**! A lot of info is incorrect / hasn't been updated since before Covid!
- Submit flyers for your events and they'll be added to the calendar.

Public Relations
Given by Bob W

- Motion passed to do a Workshop related to Attraction-not-Promotion. We met Monday night and have a Workshop scheduled for Saturday Dec 12. The flyer is in the minutes and calendar. It will be hybrid - at RSO and on Zoom.
- Please encourage members to attend!
- Questions:
  - Joel: Have you figured out the devices PR team is using? Do you have all the equipment you need?
  - Answer: We have no equipment. I am going to conduct the Workshop via my personal computer (same as we're conducting this meeting now).
  - Joel follow-up: The Region allocated money for purchasing conferencing equipment for precisely this sort of event and we never spent it.
  - Answer: I don't know if we still need that info. Very few events actually going on. That money was allocated 5 years ago and things have changed.
  - Kathleen: We did not anticipate a need to buy equipment for this Workshop. Also re: conferencing equipment motion, this was discussed at Steering and Chanti and Kat can speak to that.
  - Answer: Also worth considering doing more events at RSO again!

H&I Report
Given by Roy

- 8 Areas attended.
- Groups seem to be doing well.
- Approx 75 presentations in our Region. Many of those not filled are still being covered.
- 4 presentations at Rikers. There is interest to increase but want to make sure they'll be covered before adding them in.
- Still no info on South Jamaica Area.
- Area H&I Chairs are expected to attend Region. Please let your Area H&I Chairs know!
- Last Regional meeting, thank you to everyone for letting me be of service. Peter has helped me a lot, Rich has filled in for me over the years, Kathleen has helped me out with so much knowledge. Thank you to Kat and Chanti and Maureen for their help!
- Nominee Jay has come in with H&I's blessing. I have operated for 2 years without a Vice Chair or Secretary. In January we will have an incoming Vice Chair and Secretary! Very grateful.

Webmaster
Given by N/A

-

Treasury Report & Closing Balance
Given by Tom L.

- See report for detailed info.
- We made the insurance down payment.
- Reimbursed RD Team for attending NEZF conference in Portland Maine.
- **Closing balance: $9,123.82.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Frankie motion to **donate $5,000** to NAWS (recommended by Treasurer in report)
- 2nded by Juan J

- **Motion passes** by acclimation.

SHARING SESSION

- Chanterelle - thanks Kat for all of her service at Region and guidance - excited to continue working together doing service at Region.

- Juan J - Area wanted me to bring this to Regional Floor: Literature Chair was unavailable due to family emergency, and a group was trying to acquire a Starter Packet and were not satisfied with what was provided at Regional level. They asked us to provide something more affordable AND more suitable to starting a meeting.

- Henry W - Thank Kat and everybody else and congratulations to all the nominees. A member from my Area came here to get a service commitment and felt attacked and character assassinated. That is not how we do service. I think anybody stepping up to do service should be welcomed and treated with respect. Let's please take a look at this in the future.

- Roy W - Feb 18 I'll have 40 years clean. I'll be celebrating last Friday of the month on Long Island. Thank you to everybody for helping me stay clean.

- Jerry J - The Starter Kit we sell is what we purchase from NAWS. Worth taking a look at what some other Areas are doing as some have alternative approaches.

- Juan J - Thanks for the feedback Jerry. We actually have a substantial Starter Packet that's free of charge for any groups starting in our Area. The only reason we went to Region to purchase was due to an emergency. This is why the issue came up.

- Bob W - Starter Packet: I'd like to invite Manhattan Area to attend PR and we could discuss putting together a custom Packet. PR has a budget and this could possibly be provided to Areas at reduced cost or no cost. This could be beneficial and worth exploring.

- Joel T - As a business it doesn't really make sense for us take on the cost of the Starter Kit. When Areas do this they take on the cost but Region couldn't take on the cost. Also: wanted to commend Kathleen and Maurice for representing us at NEZF, seeing them represent our Region there was amazing and so informative.

- Sandra N - I want to thank everybody here for their service. All of you are amazing. I am Fundraising Chair for Regional Convention. I want to ask you all to go back to your Areas and let them know that Fundraising Committee needs support. We'd like to do Fundraising events in your Area! If you have any ideas please come help out. Changed our meeting date from Tuesday to Thursday. Dec 10 at 7pm. New flyer will be on website.

Meeting closed at 12:40PM.