**General Service Reps Meeting**

**February 15th, 2021**

**Virtual meeting**

Opened with the Declaration of Unity

REPORTS

Marty – DCMC

* Recent posts on the website
* The 71st General Service Conference 4/18 – 4/24 which includes delegates from the United States and Canada
* Marty gave a brief history on the conferences
* Old Business - None

Kathy W – DCMC, 2021 SENY Convention Chair

* 53rd Convention and 1st Virtual. Theme: AA in the Time of Change – 3/5 – 3/7 workshops and meetings, Spanish interpretation available.
* This is FUN & FELLOWSHIP
* Please pre-register $20 fee
* MP3 downloads of key speakers will be available
* Need alkathon speakers and tech volunteers

Ann G. – 1st Alt DCMC

* Did new GSR Orientation
* Orientation will be done every other month at the GSR meetings at 7pm
* Need DCM’s to step up with and run district meetings – It’s all about communication
* Map of districts are on the website
* Learn about the 3 legacies, how we run our business
  + Steps – 1st legacy
  + Traditions – 2nd legacy
  + Service – 3rd legacy
* Service manual goes into the structure and what we do

Steve S. – 2nd Alt DCMC

* I support Ann & Marty with what they do and I’m their backup
* Liaison for LICYPA – At LICYPA.org for activities and share this with your home groups
* Liaison with AL-ANON (Support group for spouses and kids of AA members)
  + Issues with Al-a-teens during the pandemic –shy to go on zoom, they have privacy issues
* Steve will be the coordinator for Big Meeting in November

Karen K. – Treasurer

* Screen shared treasurers report
* Spreadsheet the revenue (group & 7th tradition) = $1600 (In the past it was between $800 - $1200)
* Returned cluster money (dormant account) – will be placed somewhere in the future (To be discussed)
* Expenses not large
* Contributions to Nassau County Intergroup $3700
* Operating income is a negative because of that
* This month it’s $1196.00
* Motion to accept - passes

Chris L. – Technical Communications Officer

* Explained acronyms and their duties, i.e.:
  + GSR – General Service Rep
  + DCM – District Committee Member
  + DCMC - District Committee Member Chairperson
* We each have 1 vote
* Alt. DCM if actual DCM isn’t present
* Alt. GSR if actual GSR isn’t present
* Alt. DCMC – only if there’s a tiebreaker

ANNIVERSARIES

* Jayne GSR – 2 years on 1/4
* Jim M. – 21 years on 2/3
* Tommy R. – 20 years on 2/14

Open Discussion – GSR Home Group Issues or Questions

* No Issues

Jim M. – DCM, Intergroup Chair – District 208, 209 & 211

* We are the local direct 12 step service for Nassau County which includes:
  + Hotlines, meeting lists, holiday alkathons and share a day events
* Nassau County Zoom babies – getting sober and staying sober
* Answering phones at Intergroup
* Newsletters 1x a month
* We meet the 1st Thursday of the Month
* Important to update meeting information

Mike F. – Accessibilities

* Reach out to the elderly – letters sent to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The response was not big. What areas should we focus on?

Jim C. – Archives

* Printed up a copy of an article for Long Island Press regarding Freeport Hospital
* December 2020 printed group Inventory minutes
* Tova - 2020 unusual year for alcoholics. She documented how we stayed sober
* Flyers announcing virtual meetings, make hard copies and put in the photo album.
* If you have any from 2020 forward to Tova

Kristin D. – CPC

* CPC Workbook
* Bridge the gap literature
* Introductions letters to professionals were written – What AA is and isn’t
* How to reach out to veterans and firehouses

CORRECTIONS – Chair is open

* Lucas the SENY chair spoke
* Is meeting with areas above us and the rest of us that have jails
* We find them meetings when they leave jail
* Corrections correspondence – sharing behind the walls
* People were bringing meetings to jail – they aren’t now due to the pandemic

Linda D. – Grapevine/LaVina

* This is our meeting in print
* Get Grapevine information into as many hands as you can, either hardcopy or virtually
* Get a subscription for other alcoholics – makes a great gift
* Will give our monthly copy to a women’s sober house
* $56 left over from last year

Kenneth W. – PI

* Obstacles this is a tough road. We have to figure out other things
* Guidelines (What AA is and isn’t) for all faiths/no faiths

Chris H. – Service Sponsorship

* All members won’t be qualified but the service sponsor will give you tasks you can take on and will encourage you to attend District meetings

Joe D. – Treatment/ Bridging the Gap

* Committee meeting at the end of January with Francoise (Secretary) & Steve (Liaison) wrote a letter
* Bridge the gap pamphlet
* 45 people are signed up already
* Goal is to have this up and running for 2 years later as we are starting from scratch

Melanie H. – Website Chair

* Started working 1 year ago on our website
* Regarding the pandemic you can find what to do and where to go
* You can find the calendar there on the website
* A directory is set up with email addresses for committee chairs – You can go to the website to look at contacts of NGSG officers
* Updates website Wednesday nights
* Doing a usability study – survey

Mario. P. – Hispanic District 214

* We have 10 groups having meetings (2 have closed their doors)
* 4 GSR’s attend meetings on Wednesday’s
* Working with groups that don’t have GSR’s
* DCM’s meet Saturday
* Treasurer position is open as of now
* Share-a-day will be postponed until they can do it live
* Hispanic convention will be postponed this year

Barbara A. – Unity Breakfast

* 1st ever virtual breakfast
* Save the date Sunday 6/27 9am to noon
* Will get a flyer out
* Speakers are secured from 2020 Unity Breakfast
* We will sell tickets – not sure of the fee yet

Barb S. – Intergroup Liaison

* Last meeting was 1/17, discussed a new outreach program to contact groups
* Virtual speakers exchange 4500 groups
* Queens – 16 live meetings
* Suffolk – is keeping meeting list current, having trouble with Spanish language meetings
* Putnam – 15 meetings, no current meeting list
* Brooklyn using “grasshopper” with success
* Next meeting February 21

NEW BUSINESS

* We closed Districts 201, 202, 203, 213 and 216’s Bank account with $1163.70
* Need to discuss what do to with the money – where do we put this money in Nassau General Service Treasury?
* Encourage participation for NGSG GSR’s and alternate GSR’s to attend NERASSA (North East Regional Alcoholic Anonymous Service Assembly) Virtually – (12 States involved) – Attend NERASSA Virtually February 26 – 28, 2021.
* A motion was made that we reimburse attendees the $21.00 registration fee. The motion was seconded.
* Usually if this was for a scholarship the scholarship recipient would have to give a report. Will ask that some give a report.
* The question was asked, why is there a fee? We have a fee because expenses involved with Zoom and different contract and expenses for regular Zoom accounts with a capacity of 100, 300, 500 or 1000.
* Put to a vote – it passed.

Important Dates:

* Next Concept Series – Concepts 3 & 4 – 3/15 7:30 to 9pm

Code is 922-8787-8377 / Password: 12345

* Delegates Day of Sharing – 3/20 9am to 3:30pm
* Preconference Assembly – 4/10 9am to 3:30pm
* General Service Conference – 4/18 – 4/24
* NGSG GSR Meeting – 4/19 7pm Orientation, 7:30 to 9pm
* Unity Breakfast – 6/27

Closed with the Responsibility Statement