

# Queens County General Service Assembly

## 4.29.2024 Minutes

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**7:00 PM**      **GSR Orientation w/Sean R., Service Sponsorship Chair**

**7:34 PM**      **Meeting Begins**

- **Opening Service Prayer**
- **Statement of Purpose**
- **House Rules**
- **Officers Present**
  - Rajnaraine, DCMC; Maura , Alt DCMC; Gina , Treasurer, Saadi, Registrar; Malini , Secretary
- **Introduction of New GSRs & DCMs**
  - New GSRs:
    - Emily, Alt-GSR, Community Group
    - Jerry, GSR, North Queens
    - Danny, GSR, Church on the Hill
    - Steve C. GSR, Morning Medicine
    - Justin GSR, Men on the Move
    - Sean, GSR, Fellowship We Crave
- **Secretary Report**
  - Motion made, passed, and accepted.
- **Treasury Report**
  - Starting Balance of \$ 15,001.39
  - Ending Balance of \$8,385.84
  - Prudent Reserve of \$3,600.00
  - Motion made, passed, and accepted.
- **Concept 3 & 4 led by Maura Z.**
- **Queens County Venmo Final Discussion**
- **Goal: Accountability and transparency**
- **Background: In 2022, the QCGSA county's bank didn't offer online banking. In order to sell the Spiritual Breakfast tickets, a Venmo account was created using the handle QCGSA, a personal account. In January 2023, it was brought to the attention of the DCMC, for accountability and transparency, that a balance of \$1800 was due to the county. In addition, \$200 in group contributions was also made to that account. The Venmo account holder transferred \$2000 to the county. In 2023, a new Venmo account (@NEWQCGSA2023) was created for the county as the current bank does offer online banking including Zelle. Venmo was contacted about the issue, but no action can be taken as the old handle was created first. Concept 12 states under Warranty Five that we are not to be punitive or incite public controversy. This matter has been closed.**
  - To date: no outstanding group or individual contributions.
  - Please go to [www.qcgsa.org](http://www.qcgsa.org) for more information on sending 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to the county.
- **Queens County Redistricting Review**
  - Pre-2018, 18 districts; 2018: 8 districts
  - Any new group should be registered with GSO and SENY
- **Officer and Chair Reports**
  - QSAD 2024

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- Michael C., DCM for District 306, is the new chair.
- Looking for committee members
- **Spirituality Breakfast 2024**
  - Bobby J., Intergroup Liaison, is the new chair.
- **Grapevine**
  - First Quarterly Meeting on 5/15 at 7pm via zoom.
  - 7 Registered Grapevine Reps
- **CPC**
  - AA will be staffing numerous tables for the American Psychiatric Group event on 5/6 at the Javitz Center. Approximately 2000 professionals from across the country will be in attendance. Convention is 5/2-5/8.
  - AA has been invited to speak to the doctors from the Lenox Hill Doctors Program about the program. The doctors receive 1 hour of study on alcoholism throughout their 8 years of study.
- **Archives**

**QC Archives Committee April 13, 2024, Workshop: History Comes  
Alive  
Final report: April 29, 2024**

Expenses

Room rental: \$100  
Flyer printing: \$74.00  
Snacks: \$38.56  
Coffee supplies: \$18.00  
**Total: \$230.50**

7th Tradition Collection

Cash: \$195.00  
Venmo: \$5  
**Total: \$200.00**

In attendance:

In person: 51  
Zoom: 15

All in all, it was a good event with a packed turnout, so I'm calling it a success.

The presentations and speakers were excellent. Hank from SENY Archives presented on how to create a group history, Chand did a beautiful talk on the history of the Big Book on occasion of its 85th Anniversary, Joyce shared about the history of the Grapevine, and our 3 featured speakers were Clotilda, Herc, and Mildred, with a combined total of 143 years of continuous sobriety. They each spoke for about 20 minutes, and there was enough time for some sharing from the floor at the end.

Special thanks to committee members Maura, Danny, Mike, and Ellie, thank you to Martin for the electronics and zoom setup help, and to all the volunteers who helped set up and clean up.

Things to consider for next time: Parking was a bit of an issue, and we likely ran out of coffee. We probably needed one large coffee pot. But no one complained, to the best of my knowledge!

The expenses above do not account for the Queens County supplies that we used (coffee, sweetener, napkins, cups, etc). The actual costs would have been higher if we weren't able to use those supplies.

—Submitted by Jan A, Archives Chair

- Still collecting group histories.

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- **Accessibilities**
  - No report
- **District 312**
  - Workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> Step on 5/18.
- **Long Island Spirituality Through Service Workshop**
  - Brooklyn – Host; Malini M., Queens Liaison
  - New Location at St. John-St. Matthew Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- **District 306**
  - The district meeting is the first Friday of the month.
  - An event last Friday of every month
  - April – Karaoke Night
  - May – Sober Dance Party
- **Registrar**
  - Continuing to cross-reference the groups listed with General Service with groups that are listed with QIAA.
  - Many groups are still not registered, especially new groups. Groups are being formed that are not connected to the service structure. They need to register with GSO.
  - Coordinated mailing to all the groups for the rest of the year.
  - Reminder that GSRs should have an Alt-GSR in place as rotations are coming to the end of the year.
- **Intergroup Liaison**
  - Announcements
    - Service Beyond the Coffee Pot in the Bronx, 5/4 at 11am
    - WORCYPAA Hudson River Campout, 5/31-6/2
    - The Big Meeting, 6/1 at 1pm
    - Nassau County Spiritual Breakfast, Marriott Hotel on 6/2
    - Queens Intergroup Gratitude Day on 6/22
    - Staten Island Shareaday on 6/22
    - Nassau County Intergroup Annual Picnic and BBQ on 6/23
  - Liaison Report
    - The last meeting was cancelled due to the convention.
    - Brainstorming of the intergroups in NYC; seems to be issue with aligning the information.
    - Meeting Guide App
    - Big Meeting: Speaker Nominations still going on.
    - NYIG new meeting list is work-in-progress due to the online meetings; there's confusion as some group meetings are overlapping.
    - Each intergroup has its own bylaws.
    - Discussion on an advisory panel being created for those liaisons rotating out.
    - Difference between 12<sup>th</sup> Step work and making 12<sup>th</sup> Step work possible; intergroup v general service.
- **Website**
  - The new site is up and running.
  - Event submission form is available online.

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- QIAA has the most updated list of meetings in Queens. That info goes to NYIG which is updated to the app.
- Zelle and Venmo available on the sites for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions
- **7th Tradition Collection - \$83.00**
- **Announcements**
  - 2024 LISTS: May11, 2024 9am to 3pm – St. John – St. Matthew Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Brooklyn. Contact Eddie D., for info - at altdcmc@brooklynaa.org
  - District 312 – Fourth Step Workshop: May 18, 2024, 2pm to 5pm – First Congregational Church. Contact Danny C., for info - at 917-696-4071

**8:43 PM Meeting Ends with the Declaration of Unity**

**Minutes submitted by Malini M, Secretary**