

STATEN ISLAND AREA SERVICE MEETING

August 9, 2022

*7:01 PM: Opened with a moment of silence, Serenity Prayer, Service Prayer, Purpose of Area Service, 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts.

*7:09 PM: Read July 2022 minutes.

No corrections. Step Up to the Deck made a motion to accept, Clean on Catherine seconded. Accepted.

*7:32 PM: Roll call for steering/sub-committee attendance taken.

*7:34 PM: Recognition of new GSR's/groups

- New GSR: Cody-Saturday Surrender
- New Group: Manic Mondays
- New GSR: Pete-Manic Mondays

*7:35 PM: 1st roll call for group service representative's taken, 19 GSR's present.

*7:45 PM: 2nd roll call for group service representative's taken, 19 GSR's present.

Steering/Sub-committee Attendance:

Chairperson: Jimmy

Vice Chair: Richie

Secretary: Julia

Treasurer: Vacant

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Don Tattoo

Policy Chair: Absent

Public Relations (PR) Chair: Lequida

Technology Chair: Jayne

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Chair: Absent

Events & Activities (E&A) Chair: Danielle

Homebound Chair: Vacant

Literature Chair: Walter

Speaker Exchange Chair: Vacant

*7:39 PM: Sub-committee Reports

Reports Received (attached):

- Treasurer Report given by Vice-Chair (attachment 1)
No questions. Step Up to the Deck motioned to accept, Clean Times seconded. Accepted.
- Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report given (attachment 2)
No questions. Step Up to the Deck motioned to accept, Time to Live & Give seconded. Accepted.
- Public Relations (PR) Report given (attachment 3)
No questions.
Technology Chair put the flyer on the screen to be approved.
Time to Live & Give motioned to accept, Clean Times seconded. Accepted.
- Technology Report given (attachment 4)
Q: Time to Live & Give asked if Venmo is the only way money can be donated to Area or can money orders be sent as well.
A: Vice-Chair replied it's been Venmo mostly, money orders can be used too.
A: Secretary asked if you can deposit money orders or just checks by mobile deposit?



Q: Chairperson asked when we had a motion a while back about area's having their stuff on our website...do we put their flyers up now?

A: Technology Chair clarified we had a motion about an anniversary, not event, and she believes it passed. If the groups send it to us we will put it up. Don has all the flyers from our region in his RCM report for anyone to see.

A: Chairperson said he had a few flyers given to him and will get them to Technology. Clean Times motioned to accept, Time to Live & Give seconded. Accepted.

Reports Not Received:

- Events & Activities (E&A) Report given

Q: Chairperson asked E&A Chair if she is looking to submit to get a check and said that even though it's a policy event, there still needs to be a budget provided.

A: E&A Chair replied yes.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked if there's a set-aside for the picnic.

A: Chairperson replied yes, it's \$2000.

A: Literature Chair said we'll only rent 1 grill because Brooklyn is lending us another grill. Part of the budget is \$125 for the grill. He already put the \$50 deposit down that is refunded once it is returned cleaned. So only \$75 needs to be allotted for in the budget.

Q: Step Up to the Deck asked if there's any future events after the picnic.

A: E&A Chair replied the Gratitude Dance is booked for Saturday, November 26th.

- Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) report not given

- Literature Report given

Q: Technology Chair asked him to wait a couple days until she updates the list to print.

A: He replied it'll probably be a week before he prints. After they're updated on the website he needs to print out the receipts with the carbon copy receipt.

A: Technology Chair told him they'll do it at Staples.

Together on Sunday motioned to accept, Back to Basics seconded. Accepted.

- Policy Report not given

*8:14 PM: **Old Business: (Quorum is 13)**

- Motion One

Motion Maker: Back to Basics

Motion: Staten Island Area Steering and Area service meetings be held hybrid (in person and virtually) for as long as the Staten Island Area have groups meeting virtually.

Intent: In accordance with concepts each member should be allowed to fully participate in the decision making process.

By having the service meetings hybrid all members would have that access.

Concepts Referenced:

7. All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.

8. Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

Financial Impact: \$15.00/month, which the Area has paid the last 2 years.

Policy Affected: We have no policy on the issue-We have no policy on Area service or Steering meeting hybrid. This would become policy and would need 2/3 votes to pass.

Time to Live & Give seconded.



Q: Step Up to the Deck asked if anyone is going to create an ad-hoc committee to facilitate the hybrid meetings better.

A: Back to Basics replied yes and directed further questions to the Technology Chair.

A: Chairperson replied that Technology declined to be responsible for running the hybrid meetings 8 months ago.

A: The Secretary said the Technology Chair asked about the responsibilities associated with the Technology Chair position, but never said the Technology subcommittee including its other positions. That's why she has been talking about the Virtual Liaison commitment to handle this, and even mentioned in her report we had 2 new members that were interested attend the last Technology subcommittee meeting.

A: Technology Chair said she thought the Chairperson would've created an ad-hoc committee to better serve the Area.

A: Chairperson asked Technology Chair to lead ad-hoc committee to better facilitate the hybrid meeting.

A: Technology Chair asked if someone can amend the motion to keep this temporary the way we've been doing it for a couple months so the ad hoc committee can discuss the funding, the technology and be able to come back with more information.

-She made an amendment to the original motion: Staten Island Area Steering and Area service meetings be held hybrid (in person and virtually) for as long as the Staten Island Area have groups meeting virtually for 6 months.

A: Back to Basics accepted.

A: Chairperson can appoint the ad-hoc committee to work on it within that time-frame.

A: Clean Times said Step Up to the Deck just asked a question and Clean Times doesn't know his groups conscience on that motion.

A; RCM said if the GSR's have the groups conscience to vote, that group entrusted them with their conscience to vote, and if they don't want to vote they can abstain.

-Technology Chair withdrew her amendment.

-Technology Chair motioned to table for further clarification on the motion. Time to Live & Give seconded.

- Motion Two

Motion Maker: Steps to Freedom

Motion: Put into policy that all Area level commitments, including sub-committees must attend Steering and Area in person.

Amended Motion: Put into policy that all Steering Committee members must attend Steering in person, and all sub-committee Chairs/Steering committee members must attend Area service in person.

Intent: To bring unity to the Area. We believe that business can be conducted much more effectively if all committees attend and meet in person. We would like to see Area and Steering eventually meeting in person, doing away with the hybrid format.

Tradition #1 Our common welfare should come 1st; personal recovery depends on NA unity.

Policy affected: None- no policy currently in place. This would be new policy.

Financial impact: None, as there is one Zoom account for the Area being used by meetings and sub-committees.

Clean Times seconded.



Q: PR Chair wants clarification from the motion maker about what the motion means when they say “must”...in NA we make suggestions.

A: Steps to Freedom (representing the group just for tonight) doesn't have the answer, as he is not the GSR.

A: Time to Live & Give informed the Chairperson if the question can't be answered, the motion is tabled.

-Chairperson tabled the motion.

***7:56 PM: Nominations/Elections: (Quorum is 13)**

- Current Vice-Chair nominated George P for Homebound Chair. He accepted. Time to Live & Give seconded. Homebound requirements and duties were read.

George presented his qualifications: sponsor who has a sponsor, served group & area level commitments, 12 years 1 month 1 day clean, never stepped down & willingness to serve.

A: Not Just for Women Only said if Homebound Chair is on Zoom, but sub-committee chairs have to attend Area in person...that's contradictory.

-Goes back to the groups. They can send back nominations or questions. If no other nominations are made, a vote will commence.

- Step Up to the Deck nominated Pinky for Speaker Exchange. She accepted. Clean Times seconded. Speaker Exchange requirements and duties were not read, as it is not in the policy.

Pinky presented her qualifications: sponsor who has a sponsor, willingness to serve, working knowledge of 12/12/12, has served on group/area level commitments, 32 years 5 months 13 days clean, has a home group & never stepped down from a position.

-Goes back to the groups. They can send back nominations or questions. If no other nominations are made, a vote will commence.

- The Policy Chair nominated current Chairperson for a second term. He accepted. Time to Live & Give seconded.

VOTE

Yay: 14, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Congratulations Jimmy! 🥳🥳🥳

- Step Up to the Deck nominated current Vice-Chair for a second term. He accepted. Clean on Catherine seconded. The current Vice-Chair rescinded his acceptance of the nomination, but is now accepting the nomination again. Because that private conversation was made public, this new information has to be brought back to the groups.

Q: Technology Chair wanted to know if his rescind was a momentary lapse of sanity or is he really willing to serve.

A: The current Vice-Chair said he is willing.

-Goes back to the groups. They can send back nominations or questions. If no other nominations are made, a vote will commence.

- The Secretary nominated Pat for Treasurer. He accepted. Step Up to the Deck seconded. His acceptance was contingent upon the motion passing to stay hybrid.

Chairperson tabled it until next month.



***9:10 PM: New Business:**

Chairperson appointed Jayne as the Chairperson of the ad-hoc committee. She accepted and asked for people that are willing to participate. The following people said they would: Back to Basics, Secretary, PR Chair, Step Up to the Deck, Chairperson.

Motion One is tabled until next month.

No more questions. There is an ad-hoc committee to discuss the logistics. We will stay virtual for as long as it takes to figure out the logistics in the ad-hoc committee.

Will go back to the groups to bring back questions next month.

***9:16 PM: Announcements/Open Floor Sharing:**

Secretary reiterated to the sub-committee members to please email her their reports (as attached documents) to include in the minutes & thanked everyone that sent them last month.

***9:18 PM:** Literature Chair motioned to close, Step Up to the Deck seconded. Clean on Catherine closed the meeting with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer.

GROUP NAME	GSR NAME (1st role call)	GSR NAME (2nd role call)
Alive @ 6 in St George	Jose	-----
Back to Basics	Laura	-----
By the Book	Jessica	-----
Carrying the Message	Alicia	-----
Clean Machine	Debbie	-----
Clean on Catherine	Victor	-----
Clean Times	Lester	-----
Crystal Clean on Victory	Absent	Absent
Easy as 1, 2, 3	Kat	-----
Eltingville at 8	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Freedom on Friday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Get Real on the Avenue	Absent	Absent
Journey Through the Steps	Absent	Absent
Listen to Learn	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Manic on Mondays	Pete	-----
Men Working it Out	Absent	Absent



GROUP NAME	GSR NAME (1st role call)	GSR NAME (2nd role call)
Not Just for Women Only	Ron D	-----
Principles on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Port of Recovery	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Recovery by the Water	Rob R	-----
Recovery on the Island	Absent	Absent
Recovery Room	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Sanity on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Saturday Morning Wakeup	Vinny	-----
Saturday Surrender	Cody	-----
Spiritual Kindergarten	Absent	Absent
Steps to Freedom	Kenny	-----
Step Up to Learn	Absent	Absent
Step Up to the Deck	George P	-----
Sunday at 2:30	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
The Journey	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
The Message is Hope	Absent	Absent
The Real Deal	Pat	-----
Time to Live and Give	Ellen	-----
Together on Sunday	Johnny Sanitation	-----
Who, What, Why	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Y We Recover	Frankie	-----



August 2022 Announcements

- *-Manic Mondays needs support and has open commitments.
- *-Step Up to the Deck needs a GSR.
- *-Get Real on the Avenue needs a Secretary, GSR & Treasurer.
- *-The Message is Hope has all commitments open.
- *-The Message is Hope group is celebrating their 16th year anniversary on 10.28.22.
- *-Clean on Catherine is having a group policy meeting on 8.18.22 at 6pm.
- *-Available Area positions: Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Assistant RCM, Homebound Chair & Speaker Exchange.
- *-Spread the word WE NEED GSR'S TO ATTEND AREA!
- *-PR meetings will be held every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm, Policy meetings will be held every 4th Monday at 7:30pm, E&A meetings every 3rd Thursday at 7pm, Technology meetings every 4th Tuesday at 7pm, ALL using the [Zoom ID: 374 121 0186, PW: 00000](#). All are welcome...come get involved!
- *-Merchandise is for sale! Contact Jimmy Tugboat for more details: [347.996.2441](tel:347.996.2441)
- *-King's Bay Area picnic, September 17th, 10am-6pm at Manhattan Beach.
- *-SI AREA PICNIC, Sunday, September 18, 10:00 - 6:00 Midland Beach @ Lincoln Ave. FREE EVENT-ALL ARE WELCOME!!
- *-H&I/PR Learning Day Tuesday, September 20th, 7pm, 2329 Victory Blvd (All Saints Church)

Anniversaries:

- *-August 13, 2022
Meredith 1 year @ By the Book
- *-August 16, 2022
Mark the Landscaper 25 years @ Get Real on the Avenue
- *-August 19, 2022
Shanda K 25 years @ The Real Deal
- *-August 21, 2022
Jonathan 8 years @ Easy as 1, 2, 3
- *-August 28, 2022
Allen "Camelot" 1st Miracle Year @ Alive at 6 in St. George
- *-September 15, 2022
John S 20 years @ Clean on Catherine
- *-September 17, 2022
Jayne 32 years @ Back to Basics
- *-September 17, 2022
Anthony Furniture 20 years @ By the Book
- *-October 2, 2022
Frankie Fence 15 years, Justin 3 years @ Together on Sunday
- *-October 18, 2022
Norman 40 years @ Clean Times

For more anniversaries keep coming!



Treasurer Report August 9, 2022

Bank Balance as of 8/9/22 is \$12,374.42

Checks wrote to:

1. \$200 to GNYRSC- donation
2. \$148 to American Self Storage
3. \$65 Area Rent (August)
4. \$186.81 to GNYRSO- Literature Order
5. \$15.35 to Jayne new Zoom

Prudent Reserve still set at \$5,350.

Operating Expenses: \$ 5,668.24

(This is the balance after you deduct prudent reserve, E&A set aside for free picnic, all checks written out that have yet to clear and pending donations and literature purchase for current month).

We now have a Venmo account, and you may now send contributions via Venmo SI Area NA @NAtreasurer. Please also use the Venmo account to pay for literature purchases. **Going forward in order to buy literature, you must 1st Venmo the area and then send your order, along with a screenshot of Venmo payment to Literature Mgmt. This new protocol must be followed.**

GROUP NAME	DONATION	LITERATURE
Alive at 6 in St. George	\$	\$
Back to Basics	\$68	\$
By the Book	\$	\$
Clean on Catherine	\$	\$
Clean Machine	\$100	\$
Clean Times	\$	\$
Crystal Clean on Victory	\$72	\$15.50
Easy as 1,2,3	\$26	\$4.75
Get Real on the Avenue	\$	\$
Message is Hope	\$55.50	\$71.50
Merchandise	\$	\$
Misc. 7 th Tradition (group unknown)	\$	\$
Recovery by the Water	\$4.75	\$107.25
Recovery on the Island	\$	\$
Saturday Surrender	\$48.95	\$83.78
Steps to Freedom	\$223	\$
Step up to the Deck	\$30	\$36
Step up to Learn	\$	\$
Together on Sunday	\$228	\$
Y We Recover	\$44	\$40
TOTAL	\$900.20	\$358.78

Total for donations and literature for August: \$1,258.98

Please e-mail me at SIANAtreasurer1953@gmail.com with any questions.

Dana S.

- **Heart of Long Island Unity BBQ**

Click for flyer! Saturday August 27th, free! 12pm-5pm, Scudder Beach Park, 99 Ketcham Ave, Northport, NY 11768. Food, refreshments, speakers, music. For more info contact "B" Rob at 641-792-4551, or holi.events.and.activities@gmail.com.

- **Fall Into Open Arms Area Convention**
Committee IV Presents "Prom Night"

September 10th, 2022 5 PM to 12 AM. 111 Schipps Lane, Maybrook NY 12543. Advance tickets \$25.00, at the door \$30.00/ Limited tickets. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner included.. Contact: Alexce 914 426 7955 or Barry 845 728 2123

- **Fall Into Open Arms Area Convention**

October 7th-9th, 2022. Click to see on Eventbrite. Crowne Plaza Suffern, Three Executive Blvd., Suffern, NY 10901.

The Impossible Dream: The Greater New York Regional Convention



The Next Impossible Dream Greater NY Region Convention
Planning is Starting!

Convention Committee and sub-committee formation is
underway, great opportunities to serve!



See Flyer For Open Positions
Online convention service resume submission
Resume as PDF for mail/email submission
Email for convention contact and PDF resume submission
GNYR Convention Guidelines (all Chair applicants need to be familiar)

1. World Services has just launched a daily email subscription for *A Spiritual Principle a Day*. The book was approved by consensus in April at the World Service Conference and should be available for purchase later this year. In the meantime, you can sign up to receive each day's reading via email: www.na.org/subscribe. As Fellowship-approved literature, SPAD can be read in NA meetings. We hope the email subscription makes it easier for meetings that wish to make SPAD part of their format in some way.

In loving service

Don

Public Relations Committee Report of Staten Island Area Narcotics Anonymous

August 3rd 2022

Meeting opened unfortunately no one in attendance.

8/2/22 Held an impromptu meeting with technology chair to finalize PR flier

1. Brief discussion about SocialMedia and how it can benefit/assist with carrying the message (a more detailed discussion to be scheduled for a later date)
2. \SI PR subcommittee monthly meeting scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm
3. Still no response from regional PR chair on vacation Walter will reach out and give him my contact information
4. Walter will represent PR at the upcoming H&I / PR learning day
5. Next meeting is scheduled September 7th all are invited

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Lequida L.

Technology Report August 9, 2022

The technology committee meets the 4th Tuesday of the month 7:00PM virtually

We welcomed two addicts interested in various technology commitments. We are currently looking at ways to improve the quality of our meeting lists and website. We are trying to create a website that requires little/some technology experience. This way any addict who is willing to serve on the committee can be trained

We are looking into ways to streamline the editing of our meeting list. We want the ability for group editing. By having more people with access, we secure the process is never halted.

If you have experience with the virtual platform, websites, technology, adobe, digital arts and would like to be of service, please come to our sub-committee meeting.

If you do not have experience and would like to learn PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING!

We will continue editing the tri fold printable list. The list will be updated and added to the website the day after the Area service meeting. It will be dated to assist groups with having the most updated meeting info.

We ask that all changes please be sent to SIANAwebsite@gmail.com ASAP

Please include DAY OF THE WEEK , TIME , MEETING NAME , LOCATION, FORMAT and any other information your group would like us to add.

You can also message us directly from the website. Please update your meetings with NA.org as well.

We ask that you have patience with the printable meeting list updates. We will try to accommodate the best we can.

Our website has a meeting tab located at the top of the page. The drop down menu includes up to the minute updates.

And also ties in to our Staten Island Tabbed search through the GNYRNA. These lists can be updated within minutes of notification. We urge you to check the website www.NA-SI.org if you question any info on the printable meeting list.

VIRTUAL LIAISON POSITION - Duties: to serve as a liaison between virtual and in person service meetings. The position is to set up the in-person side of area service and steering; This may also include any events that are hybrid. Suggested 6 months clean time - an understanding of virtual /hybrid platforms.

Our website is always changing. Keep checking back.

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Technology Committee