

## STATEN ISLAND AREA SERVICE MEETING

February 8, 2022

\*7:05 PM: Opened with a moment of silence, The Serenity Prayer, Service Prayer, Purpose of Area Service, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

\*7:10 PM: Read January 2022 minutes.

No corrections. Step Up to the Deck motioned to accept the minutes, PR Chair seconded. Accepted.

\*7:19 PM: Roll call for steering/sub-committee attendance taken.

\*7:20 PM: First roll call for Group Service Representative's taken, 11 GSR's present.

\*7:24 PM: Recognition of new GSR's/Groups:

Easy as 1, 2, 3: Kat

Clean Machine: Debbie

### Steering/Sub-committee Attendance:

Chairperson: Jimmy

Vice Chair: Richie

Secretary: Julia

Treasurer: Dana

Regional Committee Member (RCM): Ray

Policy Chair: Thomas

Public Relations (PR) Chair: Walter

Technology Chair: Absent

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Chair: Louie

Events & Activities (E&A) Chair: Troy

Homebound Chair: Vacant

Literature Management: Vacant

Speaker Exchange: Vacant

### \*7:25 PM: Sub-committee reports

*Reports Received (attached):*

- Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Report given (attachment 1)

Q: Carrying the Message asked the time/place.

A: H&I Chair answered February 15, 2022 at 7pm. 2329 Victory Blvd, All Saints Church.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked if it's virtual or hybrid.

A: H&I Chair answered only in-person.

Treasurer made a motion to accept, Clean Machine seconded. Accepted.

- Treasurer Report given (attachment 2)

Q: E&A asked if we ever paid for the PO Box?

A: Treasurer replied she never received an invoice. She thought Thomas or someone was supposed to go, but she will go down there if need be. She doesn't have the key to the mailbox. She will pay the invoice once she gets it.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked who is on the Area bank account.

A: The Treasurer replied that she, the E&A Chair and the current Policy Chair. They're not doing 2 party checks...outgoing checks are currently requiring only 1 signature.

A: Chairperson added that they tried to change the names on the account, but with



Covid it was hard to all get into the bank together.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked who's names will be on the account when you do change the names?

A: The Treasurer said the new Treasurer. She's already on her 4th term. But then it would be the new Treasurer, the Chairperson and the Vice-Chair.

Q: PR Chair asked if we are still checking the mailbox...do we still have it.

Q: Carrying the Message asked who has the key.

A: The Treasurer said Thomas has the key. The Secretary is supposed to get the mail.

A: E&A said he'll go down there tomorrow and get the mail. He said they give you new keys when you pay for the year.

A: The Treasurer added that we need to keep the PO Box to have a return address otherwise mail will be going to people's house's. That's the issue they have with storage and the bank account.

Steps to Freedom made a motion to accept, Carrying the Message seconded. Accepted.

- Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report given (attachment 3)

No questions. Carrying the Message made a motion to accept, H&I Chair seconded. Accepted.

#### *Reports Not Received:*

- Events & Activities (E&A) Report not given

No report. Step Up to the Deck made a motion to accept, PR Chair seconded. Accepted.

- Public Relations (PR) Report not given

No report. Steps to Freedom made a motion to accept, Treasurer seconded. Accepted.

- Literature Management Report not given

No report. Steps to Freedom made a motion to accept, Treasurer seconded. Accepted.

- Technology Report not given

No report. PR Chair made a motion to accept, Step Up to the Deck seconded. Accepted.

- Policy Report not given

No report.

\*7:46 PM: 2nd roll call for Group Service Representative's taken, 11 GSR's present.

\*7:47 PM: **Old Business:** None

\*7:47 PM: **New business, nominations/elections, open forum:**

Vacant Area positions that need to be filled: E&A Chair, Treasurer, PR Chair, RCM, Technology Chair, Literature Management, Homebound Chair & Speaker Exchange.

Policy meetings will be held every 3rd Monday at 7pm. E&A meetings will be held every 3rd Thursday at 7pm both using the Area Zoom ID (873 9476 7292). All are welcome...come get involved!



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.

Get Real on the Avenue needs support and has the Secretary & GSR positions vacant.  
Step Up to the Deck needs support and has the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer & GSR position vacant.

Time to Live & Give has introduced “Question & Answer” to their rotating format.  
The Real Deal has introduced “Question & Answer” to their rotating format.

Q: The Secretary asked what peoples thoughts were on nominating someone that could only do virtual meetings.

A: Vice-Chair said it depends on what it is.

A: The Secretary replied the Treasurer.

A: The Chairperson said it’s not a situation we’ve had to cross yet. The goal is to go back to all in-person eventually.

Q: The Vice-Chair asked how would they go to the bank?

A: The Secretary responded the drive-through.

A: The Chairperson said that we can discuss it at the next hybrid Area meeting we have (next month we don’t have the space available and have to do only virtual). The original plan was to revisit the hybrid Area concept after 3 months anyway.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked if it’s been 3 months already?

A: The Secretary replied we started January, Carrying the Message agreed.

A: Time to Live & Give added that she doesn’t understand why we can’t accept a nomination for someone that can only do virtual because that’s what the world is now. We accommodated everyone when we had to be virtual, and we still don’t have a choice yet.

A: The Chairperson said he’s not disagreeing, but he just doesn’t know if there’s a policy on it.

A: Time to Live & Give said that she gets there’s no virtual policy, but the fact that Dana has had the Treasurer commitment for 4 terms already, if someone’s willing to step up we should let them.

A: The Chairperson said that it’s kind of an in-person kind of a commitment having to sign checks and go to the bank, so he’s just not sure.

A: Time to Live & Give added that when it was virtual business was still conducted. Santander has drive-throughs, the old Treasurer hands over the check book to the new one and we have a Venmo account.

A: The Vice-Chair said you still have to go to a bank in-person to sign checks, with 3 people.

A: The Chairperson clarified that we have to go in person to transfer over the names on the account.

A: Time to Live & Give said that it sounds like he doesn’t want to have a nomination for this commitment.

A: The Chairperson said he will take a nomination. He asked if the person is here because they need to be to accept the nomination.

A: The E&A Chair said that the policy says it has to be in person. The Chairperson doesn’t have the right to change policy, so if the policy has to change then a motion needs to be made.

A: The Chairperson said we don’t have a Policy person here right now to confirm or not



confirm this at the moment.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked the E&A Chair if when he says “in person” he means to be nominated?

A: E&A Chair replied yes. Otherwise all of us could stay home and take a nomination, he would take 2 more commitments if he didn't have to go there.

A: Time to Live & Give disagreed.

A: The Vice-Chair said this should be at Steering.

Q: The Chairperson asked if the person was here to nominate.

A: The Secretary nominated Ellen for Treasurer and she politely declined.

Secretary reminded GSR's that last month the chairperson said that if groups put in announcements they don't just automatically stay in every month. That group will have to come to Area next month to add the announcement again.

FYI: next month we have to do Area virtual because the venue has it booked.

Alive at 6 in Saint George came to Steering last week and made a motion for anniversaries to be put in the SI Area minutes for members that choose to celebrate out of Staten Island.

Motion from Alive at 6 in Saint George: We would like for anniversaries to be in the minutes for members who choose to celebrate out of the SI Area.

Intent of motion: to allow SI members that are celebrating out of SI to have their anniversaries included in the minutes.

A: The Chairperson stated that the only issue he sees with this is if the motion doesn't go against a committees standing policy. Since the Policy Chair isn't here right now there's no way to tell and this might have to be tabled until next month when we can have that clear answer.

Q: Time to Live & Give said the policy says that when the committee chair isn't here, the Vice-Chair is supposed to read the policy. She asked to have it read. Also, she asked Alive at 6 in Saint George if this motion is for SI members?

A: Alive @ 6 in Saint George said yes, for an SI member that makes meetings in SI.

A: Time to Live & Give said she thinks he should clarify that in his motion because she thinks it makes a difference.

A: The Chairperson stated that he is being told there's no policy on this.

A: Time to Live & Give seconded the motion.

Q: The Secretary asked how/where she should write any clarification of the motion/intent of motion.

A: Easy as 1, 2, 3 said that she thinks it means that they are not necessarily a SI member, but that they just belong to the SIA of recovery, and that's the clarification.

Con #1:

Treasurer said there's no way to prove someone is a SI member, and this can be an open door to allow anyone from any area to add to the announcements.

Pro #1:

Time to Live & Give said NA says that you're a member when you say you are. As long as she goes to an SI group she attends and tells the GSR to put in her anniversary (held somewhere other than SI) at Area, she doesn't understand why it can't be put in there. It's not like we're going to be taking on strangers.



The Chairperson stated that Alive @ 6 in Saint George needs to submit the motion & intent of the motion to the Secretary via email. Also, if groups come back next month with questions he has to be prepared to answer them. If there are no questions, we will go straight to a vote.

\*8:10 PM: PR Chair motioned to close, H&I Chair seconded.

Vice-Chair closed the meeting with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer.

<b>GROUP NAME</b>	<b>GSR NAME (1st role call)</b>	<b>GSR NAME (2nd role call)</b>
Alive @ 6 in St George	Jose	-----
Back to Basics	Danielle	-----
By the Book	Absent	Absent
Carrying the Message	Lincoln/Alica	-----
Clean Machine	Debbie	-----
Clean on the Bay	Absent	Absent
Clean Times	Absent	Absent
Crystal Clean on Victory	Absent	Absent
Easy as 1, 2, 3	Kat	-----
Eltingville at 8	Absent	Absent
Freedom on Friday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Get Real on the Avenue	Joey Baba	-----
Listen to Learn	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Men Working it Out	Absent	Absent
Not Just for Women Only	Absent	Absent
Principles on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Port of Recovery	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Recovery by the Water	Absent	Absent
Recovery on the Boulevard	Absent	Absent
Recovery Room	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Sanity on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed



<b>GROUP NAME</b>	<b>GSR NAME (1st role call)</b>	<b>GSR NAME (2nd role call)</b>
<b>Saturday Morning Wakeup</b>	Vinny	-----
<b>Saturday Surrender</b>	Absent	Absent
<b>Spiritual Kindergarten</b>	Absent	Absent
<b>Steps to Freedom</b>	Mike T	-----
<b>Step Up to Learn</b>	Absent	Absent
<b>Step Up to the Deck</b>	George P	-----
<b>Sunday at 2:30</b>	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
<b>The Journey</b>	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
<b>The Message is Hope</b>	Absent	Absent
<b>The Real Deal</b>	Pat	-----
<b>Time to Live and Give</b>	Ellen	-----
<b>Together on Sunday</b>	Absent	Absent
<b>Who, What, Why</b>	Absent	Absent
<b>Y We Recover</b>	Absent	Absent



## **February 2022 Announcements**

- \*-Get Real on the Avenue needs support and has the Secretary & GSR positions vacant.
- \*-Step Up to the Deck needs support and has the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer & GSR position vacant.
- \*-Time to Live & Give AND The Real Deal have both introduced "Question & Answer" to their rotating formats.
- \*-Vacant Area positions that need to be filled: Technology Chair, RCM, E&A Chair, Treasurer, PR Chair, Literature Management, Homebound Chair & Speaker Exchange.
- \*-Spread the word WE NEED GSR'S TO ATTEND AREA!
- \*-Policy meetings will be held every 3rd Monday at 7pm, E&A meetings will be held every 3rd Thursday at 7pm both using the Area Zoom ID (873 9476 7292). All are welcome...come get involved!
- \*-Merchandise is for sale! T-shirts, ornaments, mugs, tank tops and more! Contact Jimmy Tugboat for more details: 347.996.2441

## **Anniversaries:**

- \*-February 14, 2022  
Kerry 32 years, Walter 31 years, Mike the Kid 17 years, Jimmy Tugboat 12 years, Chuck 6 years @ Clean Machine
- \*-February 18, 2022  
Ruthie 6 years, Tim M 9 years @ The Real Deal
- \*-February 21, 2022  
Julia 3 years, Tish 25 years @ Time to Live & Give
- \*-February 25, 2022  
Towayne 3 years @ The Real Deal
- \*-February 25, 2022  
Dana 20 years, Richie 4 years @ Steps to Freedom
- \*-February 26, 2022  
Debbie O 32 years @ Back to Basics
- \*-March 17, 2022  
Pinky 32 years @ Not Just for Women Only
- \*-March 18, 2022  
Ellen 21 years @ The Real Deal
- \*-March 19, 2022  
Billy 4 years @ By the Book
- \*-March 25, 2022  
Ria 1 year @ Steps to Freedom
- \*-April 16, 2022  
Ann 17 years, Lincoln 16 years @ Carrying the Message

*For more anniversaries keep coming!*





- **H&I is having a learning day with pr on Feb 15 at 7pm at 2329 victory blvd all saints atc is on lock down 2 members are doing zoom meetings Camelot is on lock down for now all commitments are taken**

**Attachment 1\_\_Hospital & Institutions  
(H&I) Report (Page 1 of 1)**



**Feb 7, 2022, 4:10 PM**





## Treasurer Report February 8, 2022

### 1. Bank Balance as of 2/8/22: \$ 11,662.22

Checks written to:

2. \$100 to GNYRSC- donation
3. \$139 to American Self Storage
4. \$29.98 to Jessie Zoom
5. \$65.00 Area Rent

Prudent Reserve (as per Ad-hoc Committee created last year) \$5,350.

**Operating Expenses: \$4,715.86** *(This is the balance after you deduct money set aside for prudent reserve, E&A, all checks written out that have yet to clear and includes incoming monies not yet reflected in bank balance).*

We now have a Venmo account, and you may now send contributions via Venmo SI Area NA @NAtreasurer. You can also use the Venmo account to pay for literature purchases.

### Donations

- Clean Times: \$103.55
- Steps to Freedom: \$132.50
- Message is Hope: \$50.50
- Together on Sunday: \$68
- Carrying the Message: \$25.12
- Step up to learn: \$150
- Crystal Clean on Victory: \$34.50

**Total:** \$564.17

### Literature Orders

- Steps to Freedom: \$52.50
- Message is Hope: \$27.50
- Misc. Coins: \$38
- Clean Times: \$43.45
- Crystal Clean on Victory: \$12

**Total:** \$ 173.45

**Total for donations and literature for February: \$737.62**

**TO ALL GROUPS- PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND YOUR MONEY PRIOR TO THE MORNING OF AREA (WHICH IS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH) .. IF YOU SEND YOUR MONEY ON THE DAY OF AREA OR AFTER ANYTIME AFTER, IT WILL NOT BE REFLECTED UNTIL NEXT MONTHS MINUTES. I WILL NOT BE REVISING MY REPORT ONCE IT IS DRAFTED. ALSO, WHEN SENDING MONEY VIA VENMO, PLEASE SEPARATE YOUR LITERATURE PURCHASES FROM DONATIONS AND PLEASE SPECIFY WHAT THE PAYMENT IS FOR, SO IT CAN BE PROPERLY RECORDED.**

Please e-mail me at [SIANAtreasurer1953@gmail.com](mailto:SIANAtreasurer1953@gmail.com) with any questions.

In loving service,

Dana S.

## REGIONAL ELECTIONS:

Susana Assistant treasurer, Brad T Policy Chair

## VACANT POSITIONS AT REGION:

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, H&I CHAIR, HELPLINE VICE CHAIR.

**RSO REPORT:** The New York Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (GNYRCNA) is in formation to establish a Convention Committee for The GNYRCNA Impossible Dream Convention 2023. Attached is the Upcoming 2023 GNYRCNA flyer with the open positions & clean time requirements. Also attached is Convention Subcommittee Service Application/Resume. For those interested in submitting resumes go to our website [www.newyorkna.org/convention](http://www.newyorkna.org/convention). Fill out the on-line form or complete the PDF form and mail or email to: [convention@newyorkna.org](mailto:convention@newyorkna.org). The service resume/application must be received by March 22, 2022. Email: [convention@newyorkna.org](mailto:convention@newyorkna.org). **The committee is looking for new members. Contact David M. Fundraising Chair. [davidmqueenn@gmail.com](mailto:davidmqueenn@gmail.com)** An upgrade is being planned for the Regional website. This upgrade has come about because the current website hosting plan is old and storage is limited. This is being worked on in coordination with the RSC Web servant and Chris M. who maintains the BMLT root server. This upgrade has nominal budgetary impact. The RSO hours of operation are listed on the website and I have attached the schedule to this report.

## UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS: None

**REGIONAL CONCERNS:** Insurance, groups in our region have been questioning why virtual groups need to pay insurance. It was explained by the RSO that the regional insurance policy is by a geographical area and not by individual in person groups. Since it is the area that pays the insurance premium to region if groups in the area do not donate it actually increases the cost for all meetings.

### Why should we care about insurance?

Most facilities today have insurance policies that do not extend coverage to organizations to whom they rent their facilities. Often, this is a requirement from their own insurance policies. As a result, facilities can refuse to rent or lend their available spaces, unless given specific, verifiable assurance of insurance coverage. This coverage would apply to any accidents, injuries, or damage that may occur while their facility is in use by another organization (like an NA Group or Event/Activity).

**What kind of insurance assurance / policy is required?** These types of policies are called "General Liability Insurance".

**What is General Liability Insurance?** A standard insurance policy issued to business organizations to protect them against liability claims for bodily injury (BI) and property damage (PD) arising out of premises, operations, products, and completed operations; and advertising and personal injury (PI) liability

### How do Groups obtain this coverage?

Because it is very expensive to obtain this coverage on a per-Group basis, the Greater New York Region maintains this insurance policy, through its Regional Service Office, providing this coverage to all the meetings listed as GNYR meetings.

### **Who pays for the insurance?**

Each Area identifying itself as a member of the Greater New York Region pays a monthly amount that is part of the total premium, and is based on the number of meetings that identify themselves as members of that Area. At the July Regional session, the RCMs are requested by the Region to ask their Areas to ensure that their Area's section of the online Regional meeting list is up to date so that the Region has an accurate count of the number of meetings per Area. The sum total is then given to the Insurance Agent who calculates the total yearly premium based on the number of meetings. That information is then given to the Treasurer of the Regional Service Office, who calculates each Area's portion based on the number of meetings in their Area and divides it into 10 (ten) monthly payments. The Areas must begin paying in October (our policy runs yearly from October to October).

### **Why do Groups need to obtain an Insurance Certificate?**

Your meeting may be covered by the GNYR's Insurance Policy but the facility in which your group meets may require proof of this before they allow you to use or continue using their facility.

**REGIONAL MEETING:** March 12, 2022

### **REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT:**

Interim World Service Conference 2022 As reported to RSC participants at the RSC last November, the World Service Conference will convene for a partial, interim, virtual meeting in 2022 to make decisions that are required by law and policy, as well as to decide on the Spiritual Principle a Day book, but the conference cycle this time will be three years, ending when the 2023 meeting closes. The required business that will be considered is as follows: 1. NA World Services Budget for one year – 2022-2023 2. Extend existing FIPT moratorium on inspection clause for one year. (Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at the virtual WSC 2022, are continuing the suspension of Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension will expire at the close of WSC 2023.) 3. Adjustment of terms for WSC trusted servants until the 2023 WSC. 4. Approval of the Spiritual Principle a Day book. As reported last November, in light of the foregoing, it does not seem necessary to hold Area CAR Workshops as would be the case for a normal WSC. The Budget is not an item that the fellowship as a whole considers. The second item is a housekeeping item necessitated by the extension of the conference cycle. The third item has been recommended by the World Board and is supported by the RD team and does not seem to lend itself to a Regional group conscience. The fourth item is an up or down vote on a major piece of literature that has been in development for 4 years. The RD Team will carry the conscience of the Region's groups submitted to the RD team by the RCMs at the March RSC.

**NAWS:**

**New Instagram Account for Events:** To celebrate reaching more than 10,000 followers on [@narcoticsanonymous](#), we started a new Instagram account [@naglobalevents](#) dedicated exclusively to area, regional, zonal, and world events. Send flyers to [naglobalevents@na.org](mailto:naglobalevents@na.org) and we will post them on Insta and our webpage [www.na.org/events](http://www.na.org/events).

We can feature event flyers as main posts on [@naglobalevents](#), not just as stories and highlights, as we did on [@narcoticsanonymous](#). For now, we will post events on both accounts, but when [@naglobalevents](#) has more followers, we plan to just use that

account for event listings. Having an account dedicated to events will free up the stories and highlights on @narcoticsanonymous for clickable items such as new inventory items, new material on the virtual meetings page, audio Basic Texts, and so on. At more than 10,000 followers, we can now include live links on stories and highlights.

Follow our main account [@narcoticsanonymous](#) for news and announcements from World Services and [@naglobalevents](#) for flyers from around the world.

**New Sponsorship Medallions:** We have a new sponsorship medallion available at [www.na.org/webstore](http://www.na.org/webstore). Search for item #9603 or for "Sponsorship Medallion." This full-color medallion with the Group Logo fits easily inside a card envelope, and is a simple way to say thank you.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Closing Balance 7793.01

**HELPLINE REPORT:**

HELPLINE HAS REQUESTED THAT THEIR WEBSITE BE ADDED TO OUR MINUTES. THE WEBSITE IS [helpline@newyorkna.org](mailto:helpline@newyorkna.org). THEY NEED TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN NEW MEETINGS BEGIN OR MEETINGS CLOSE SO THE BMLT CAN BE UPDATED. THEY RECEIVE CALLS FROM AROUND THE WORLD FROM MEMBERS VISITING NEW YORK AND WANT TO PROVIDE UPDATED MEETING LISTS AND FORMAT CODES.

END OF REPORT RAY A