

## **Area 45 Winter Assembly Minutes 2019**

The winter assembly was held at Ocean Acres Community Center on February 17th, 2019 in , New Jersey.

GSR/DCM orientation was held at 8:45AM.

### **Assembly Meeting**

The assembly meeting began at 10AM and was opened with the serenity prayer and a reading by Scott P. from the Big Book.

Minutes were dispensed and accepted.

Reports were given as follows:

### **Committee Chairs**

**Archives Report:** Hi. I have the honor and privilege to serve as Archives chair for area 45. I reached out to the person in area 44 who is responsible for transporting a joint Area 44 and 45 Archives display to the upcoming 2020 International Convention in Detroit. I will be making a trip up to Area 44 to further discuss. I continue to go through, organize, preserve and catalog the materials we have. I apologize to District 3 for not being able to support their Service Fair and Dance event with an Archives display as a last-minute injury prevented me from doing so.

### **Audio - No report**

### **Budget & Finance - Verbal Report**

**Convention** - The area convention for 2020 is financially self-sufficient. We are looking at other possible locations right now the Hotel ML is our best option. The Area convention Committee is sponsoring an Area Speaker Jam on 3/30/2019 at the Columbus Baptist Church it is from 10am to 2Pm it is \$ 10 that includes lunch. If anyone has any questions, feel free to email me at lawrenceheron@yahoo.com.

**Cooperation with Professional Community/ Public Information** - Area 45 CPC/PI will be participating in the National Association of Social Workers Conference April 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> which will be held in Atlantic City.

**Corrections** - Good morning to the Panel and all Assembly attendees. I have the honor and privilege to serve you as Area 45's Corrections Committee Chairman.

I would like to thank all the corrections volunteers who have reached out to the Committee. They continue to provide valuable input as to how best move forward together as a committee. Anyone who is currently doing corrections work in Area 45 who has not done so already is encouraged to reach out to the Committee with any concerns or literature requests. A reminder to volunteers, please be mindful of your badge renewal date because it is currently taking 7-8 weeks to process. Also please remember to return attendance sheets.

The Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis the last Saturday of each month at 12:30 pm at the Cinnaminson Library. All are welcome to attend and provide input.

The Area 45 Corrections Committee and Central Jersey Intergroup Corrections Committee jointly held a volunteer workshop on January 12, 2019. Several new applicants were guided through the application process. The Area 45 Corrections Committee also had a table at the District 3 Service Fair on February 9, 2019 to help encourage new applicants and educate others on corrections service work.

There is a great need for Spanish speaking volunteers to bring meetings into correctional facilities. If anyone who is fluent in Spanish is willing to apply and host a meeting please let us know. There has also been requests by members of the LGBTQ community incarcerated at South Woods State Prison for a LGBTQ volunteer to bring them meetings. If you are interested, please let us know.

As of today, 02/17/19 there is \$2,731.05 in the L.I.P.s account. Thank you to all the groups who contributed last year. Over \$10,000 in literature was distributed to volunteer hosts and correctional facilities in 2018 through the L.I.P.s donations.

We will be in attendance at the EACYPAA Convention to be held at Bally's Casino from March 7-10, 2019. If you are going to the Convention please stop by at our table.

The next Corrections Workshop will be jointly held by the Area 45 Corrections Committee and District 5. It will be on April 6, 2019 at 2pm at the 482 Club in Pennsauken. Flyers are being distributed. Please help spread the word.

**DCM/GSR Orientation** - Good morning Everyone, I would like to thank Section 4 for hosting today's Assembly. This morning at orientation we had 9 new GSRS and 1 alternate. If you are new and did not attend orientation this morning, we will have another orientation at our May Assembly, please attend. Mini conference will be held on Saturday May 4th at Carslake Community Center. Please come out and support our Delegate.

**Grapevine:** Grapevine - Carrying the Message - "Our Meeting in Print" (Grapevine). Good Morning and thank you for hosting this morning. 2019 Grapevine's 75th Anniversary - Connecting AA members since 1944 Bill W. hoped Grapevine would connect members and groups. "Building Connections with The Grapevine's 75th Anniversary Toolkit" celebrates and supports this vision. Toolkit comprehensive package of recovery tools Includes: (I have one with me today, along with post card size cards with detailed information of contents) 1 year Grapevine Complete subscription, 12 issues of GV print and online; 12 issues of audio recordings, The GV book, "One On One" about sponsorship in action, The Twelve Traditions Checklist, Plus 75th Anniversary stickers and bookmarks (5 of each) Bookmarks, "Heard it through the Grapevine has 75 AA slogans, which provides a timely and appropriate daily thoughts. Information on how to be a Grapevine Representative (GVR) Cost \$ 49.95 - English \$39.95 Spanish Available for purchase at Intergroup or Order: [Agrapevine.org/75thanniversary](http://Agrapevine.org/75thanniversary) or call 800-631-6025

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Last weekend I attended the Service Fair & Dance hosted by District 3 great event wonderful turnout. I am looking forward to attending NERAASA this coming weekend for the first time, in addition to the many other events in the upcoming months in our area.

**JalCon** - I have nothing to report for jal-con as I've not yet been to their meetings. Next one is Saturday March 9 which I hope to attend.

**Policy & Charter** - "The Policy and Charter Committee is now accepting submissions for your suggested revisions or additions to the Area 45 Handbook. Please send them in with as much detail as possible to [gigiragdoll@gmail.com](mailto:gigiragdoll@gmail.com) in the next few months.

**Registration** - 18 1<sup>st</sup> timers, 9 visitors, 37 GSRs, 1 Alternate GSR, 8DCMs, 6 Alternate DCMs, 11 Committee Chairs, 6 Panel Members, 2 Intergroup Chairs, 2 Past Delegates, 1 Section Leader - Total -83

#### **Accessibility/Special Needs - No Report**

**Website** - I'm actually submitting my report before the day of the assembly! Check out the Promises coming true in my life!!! The website is doing just dandy -- keeping up to date with Area 45 events and District activities and workshops. If anyone has a District event coming up, please email me with the information and/or flier and I'll post it on our calendar. Unfortunately, the website laptop has decided it no longer wishes to serve us, so in the spirit of rotation I will be suggesting that we purchase a new one so that we can continue to be in service to Area 45 as a bastion of online sobriety. In loving service with winky-faced emojis!

#### **Workshop - Section IV presented a Workshop on Service**

**Newsletter** - Good morning and thank you for hosting today. I'm an alcoholic and Newsletter Chairperson. I attended several exciting events that offered service to AA members. I gathered information and some of that is covered in the newsletter. It is available on the [www.snjaa.org](http://www.snjaa.org) Area 45 website. Please read it and share suggestions. I will be sending it to those that requested to be on the mailing list after this Assembly. I am currently in need of another member to assist with the Newsletter who has knowledge of formatting. It needs to be sent as a PDF to be put on the website. I am ever so grateful to him for the service and support he provides. While it is extremely time consuming to work on the formatting I am still learning so much. I am also enjoying the feeling when it finally gets there. It and I are a work in progress. Also if you have any thing that you wish to send in that you have composed or written or drawn. Please send it to me for publication. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve. It is a privilege that enhances my sobriety.

#### **Adhoc - Website - No Report**

#### **Adhoc - NERF - No Report**

#### **YPAA Liaison - No Report**

**Cape Atlantic Intergroup Chair** - Cape Atlantic Intergroup rang in the New Year with our annual New Year's Eve dance we had good attendance & the event was a success, thanks to our Unity Committee. Their next event coming up is the Unity Picnic sometime in May @ our usual location @ Birch Grove park in EHT., date & details to be announced. Our Round Up will be held Nov. 15-17, tentatively @ the Seaview Marriott in Galloway. More info to come. Our Audio Chair is doing audio for the Ventnor Seashore Group tonight as they celebrate their 32 year anniversary. Flyer on our website. Our Web chair co-hosted a technology workshop last month that was both successful & helpful. Our H&I Committee recently acquired a new weekly commitment @ Pyramid Healthcare in Hammonton. Our PICPC Committee has acquired a new monthly commitment @ Atlantic County Drug Court. Also we are considering partnering with the Area 45 Chair to participate in the NASAE-NJ Conference in April @ Borgata. We are currently working on our budget for the year. We currently have the corresponding

secretary position open, it is an elected panel position, if interested please attend our business mtg this Wed. Our Intergroup meets the third Wed. Of the month @ the Church of the Epiphany in Pleasantville @ 7:30pm. I am excited to be representing CAIG at NERASAA & hitting the road with the Area 45 Crew!

### **Central Jersey Intergroup Chair - No Report**

**South Jersey Intergroup Chair** - We had a successful service workshop last week with District 3. We had quite a few committee chairs and co-chairs in attendance. Answering service has 1 opening, Sunday 2-4pm. Bookers new location, St Barts in Cherry Hill..8pm, May 9, Aug 8, and November 14. Newsletter. We welcome our new Chair and her newco-chair, thank you for stepping up! PI is still supporting IDRC and Local High Schools. Social committee is looking for suggestions, please email. The next event is Ice Skating Feb 23rd on the Delaware.

### **Section Leaders and DCMs**

#### **Section1 - No Report**

**District 3** - District 3 meets the second Sunday of every month at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Beverly at 3:30. Currently, there is regular attendance by GSR's from eight groups within the district. Two GSR's from District 4 have expressed interest in attending this meeting since their district is currently not active. They were encouraged to attend. District 4 GSR's, Alternate GSR's, and Visitors are welcome to attend District 3. It would be the first step to re-lighting District 4.

District 3 hosted a Service Fair on Saturday, February 9th at St. Stephen's in Beverly. There were 15 committees and service positions represented and they provided information about service to inquiring attendees. Thank you to everyone who participated. The Service Fair was followed by a dance. The event was well attended and was a lot of fun.

As of January 10th, the treasury balance was \$610.22. Thank you for allowing all of us in District 3 to be in service.

#### **District 4 - No Report**

**District 22 & 23** - Hello I'm alternate DCM for district 22-23. Since our last assembly Our district 22-23 co-sponsored a New Year's Eve alkathon with the Florence group. We hosted the New Year's Day alkathon at the Dwier Center in Groveville, which was well attended. Our next event is going to be an A.A. family feud which we are cohosting with district 25. More information will be announced shortly. I also attended the Service Fair and Dance hosted by district 3. It was very informative. There was literature that was updated and a new pamphlet "The God Word". Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**District 24** - All is well in the district. We had our New Year's Eve celebration. All had a great time, Old Timer Panel, Great Speaker, Good food. Seems to be an older crowd this year. None made it till midnight? New meeting starting up on the College of New Jersey Campus. Easy Does It Group. Sat at 7:00pm, Trenton Hall, Room #106. Beginners meeting. Rotating format. Planning for Unity Picnic at Rosedale Park under way. Hopefully last Sunday in July

**District 25** - District 25's current balance is \$3,404. • As part of our budget we designate money to distribute at least once a packet of recently produced Central Intergroup Meeting to each of our Groups/Meetings in our District. We are currently in the process of distributing the Winder List. • Planning is underway for the Spring Event with District 22/23. We are planning a Family Feud style game. Details are being discussed. • The first meeting was held to discuss the 1st and 2nd choice day for

the Unity Picnic in July. The next planning meeting is scheduled on 2/26/19. The dates we chose were 7/14 then 7/23. Mercer County Park opens the reservation process at noon on 2/19/2019. Dates book quickly. Thank you.

**District - 30 &31 - No Report**

**Section II Leader - Verbal Report**

**District 6 - No Report**

**District 7 - Verbal Report**

**District 8 - No Report**

**District - 9 - Verbal Report**

**District 10** - We have a new GSR for District 10 from the Friday night, Lawnside, meeting. She could not attend this assembly but will be at the mini conference. We also have a new alternate from District 7, 400 Club. We also have a new GSR from a new meeting in Magnolia (Wed. night Traditions Spiritual Foundation of Unity, and a new GSR from New Beginnings in Runnemedede. Both have attended this General Assembly in February and have received their booklets and information for being a GSR. We will continue to attend District 26 monthly meetings until we can be self-supporting and finance our own PO Box. I am still seeking new GSRs from Laurel Springs Sunday night group and Magnolia Saturday night. I think

**District 26 - Verbal Report**

**District 27 - No Report**

**Section III Leader - No Report**

**District 12** - District 12 GSRs continue to meet the third Thursday of the month at the South County branch of the Camden County library system. The next meeting will be 2/21/2019, at 7pm. Participation has grown with eight GSRs attending the last meeting. On January 26th a service workshop was held at the Winslow township senior center. The past delegate spoke on use of the service manual. Thanks to him, and the many other Area 45 members that participated. District 12 GSRs did a great job hosting this event. The Senior Center has been tentatively booked for another event on Saturday , July 20th 2019. The current account balance is \$279.76.

**District 13 - No Report**

**District 14 - No Report**

**District 20 - No Report**

**District 21 - No Report**

**District 28 - No Report**

**District 29 - No Report**

**Section IV Leader - Verbal Report**

**District 15** - Hello I am honored and privileged to serve as DCM for District 15. We hold our district meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church on Route 9 in Tuckerton. We currently have 6-8 GSRs in attendance. Our treasury balance is currently about \$1500.00. Our district held our annual Holiday Party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year's event was very well attended, and our speaker was the Delegate. Our District is honored to serve as host for this assembly. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**District 16 & 17** - Treasury-\$2,592.93 - State of the District - As a district, we have been working diligently since our last assembly to improve our approach to carrying the message. One of the hurdles that we saw as a team was that that more group members wanted to get involved in the planning and execution of workshops. Some of the barriers we saw were that not everyone had experience in doing so and did not know what each position meant. Putting our heads together, we put together a form which noted every position that was necessary to form an adhoc committee, job description, and time lines to do so. Although this may sound like a very small task to accomplish, I am proud to say that I have witnessed group members that have never put up their hand, to not only volunteer for position, but to offer head the committee to do so. Huge win for our district. A direct result of this task is that we now have ¾ of our year planned out, and are 1 meeting away from finalizing our potential 4th workshop of the year. All with different leaders. They are as follows: March-GSO Bus Trip, June-Local Legacies Discussion Panel, September-Corrections Application Workshop

Overall, our district has 8-10 GSR's in attendance every meeting. Our adhoc committee for outreach has put together a flyer to be posted around the district explaining our role, dates and times of meetings, and a personal contact for any questions.

Looking forward to seeing all of you next weekend at NERAASA.

#### **District 18 - Verbal report**

**District 19** - District 19 held a winter Unity event on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wildwood Crest with discussion of the concepts, a skit by District 19, and live musical entertainment. District 19 is also planning a bust trip to Stepping Stones and/or Founders Day in Akron Ohio on June 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in going please contact the DCM. The bus trip to Stepping Stones will include a box lunch and cost around \$30.00. The available balance for the treasury for District 19 is \$3740.00.

#### **Panel Reports:**

**Delegate Report** - Welcome. Good morning everyone I am an alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege to serve you as the Panel 68 Delegate to the General Service Conference. Thank you for attending our Assembly today. I want to extend a warm welcome to all the new GSRs/DCMs and anyone else new to the Assembly this morning. I am glad you are all here. Additionally, I want to thank Section 4 and all the Districts for hosting today's Assembly and Committee meetings. I have the Final Agenda Items of the 69th General Service Conference in English on the table and available upon request in French and Spanish.

GSO

The 69th General Service Conference, "Our Big Book - 80 Years, 71 Languages," is set for May 19-25, 2019 in New York, NY. The Final Agenda Items of the 69th General Service Conference in English are on the table and available upon request in French and Spanish. Also, the background material became available on Friday.

Board Weekend

As Delegate Chair of the Finance Committee for the 69th General Service Conference, I attended the January General Service Board weekend with the other Delegate Conference Committee Chairs. It is an

amazing process and we got to see the hard work and the sacrifices our staff members, Board members and the Appointed Committee Members (ACM's) do. There were general sharing sessions, presentations from some of our Directors and Board members as well as a speaker meeting on Saturday evening. Saturday/Sunday was filled with Trustees Committee meetings, which I attended many. The Trustees Committee on Finance met Sunday morning at 10:00. It was chaired CPA, Class A Trustee and Treasurer. I sat right next to him at the head of the table. The committee welcomed my participation and really made me feel like my voice was heard on a range of issues. The highlight was on Monday when all the Delegate Chairs were invited to observe the General Service Board meeting. I can assure you that everyone in attendance that weekend has a passion for Alcoholics Anonymous and wants to make sure it is here in the future for all those that need it. This whole weekend really connected the dots for me. Nominating: Seven candidates were inter-viewed for two Class A Trustee openings. The two nominees are a hospital administrator, and physician who has devoted his life to treating alcoholics. Current Class A Trustee, a treatment center CEO, has been nominated to serve as the next GSB Treasurer. Our seven Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees, like the fourteen Class B's, receive no financial compensation for their incredible services to A.A.

Conventions & Forums: The 2020 International Convention in Detroit is being budgeted for 47,500 attendees with an early registration fee of \$115, which will increase to \$140 after 4/15/20. Local Forums are being offered again. Also, the 2030 International Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Corrections: Many correctional facilities are doing away with books and moving to eBook-only formats, so AAWS is working to improve our digital distribution capabilities.

ERP: The Enterprise Resource Planning system to synchronize all AAWS databases is nearing its final implementation phases, but data conversion issues created by two decades of completely independent databases have delayed the final launch date, which will be announced soon.

Finance: 2018 contributions were \$8.38M, 2.25% higher than budget and 0.29% less than 2017. Online contributions were \$878k, or 10.57% of total contributions. We had \$14M in literature sales, with gross profit after shipping of \$9.45M, or 67.4%. This profit is used to support the publishing operation and to finance the shortfall in contributions to pay for our world services. Contributions were 75% of expenses, which were higher due to the GSC held in NYC instead of Rye, the World Service Meeting held in South Africa, and counting all pre-paid ERP system costs as 2018 expenses. The 2019 Budget is set at the 2018 level of \$8.34M in contributions, with an additional \$800k in sales due to the forthcoming book of Bill W. talks at the GSC, Our Great Responsibility, 1951-1970. Budgeted net profit is \$304k, after subtracting the \$150k cost of the La Viña service. Area 45 contributions to GSO for 2018 was \$76,719.33 with 45.89 percent of the groups contributing compared to 2017 which was 47.77 percent

Northeast Region

At the General Service Conference in May 2019, Class B regional trustee from the Northeast Region will be elected to serve a four-year term. I will have the privilege to present our nominee from Area 45. NERAASA 2019 is hosted by Area 29 in Hunt Valley, MD from February 22-24, 2019. To register for NERAASA, go to: [neraasa2019.org](http://neraasa2019.org)

NERF, Northeast Regional Forum is being held in Area 49, Tarrytown, NY Marriott. Flyers are on the table. Registration will open soon and is free to attend.

Area 45

I would like to invite all of you to attend and participate in the Area 45 Mini Conference to be held on Saturday May 4, 2019 at Carlslake Community Center in Bordentown, NJ, from 9:00 AM - Noon. Registration is at 8:30 and a Light breakfast will be served. See the Flyer and the Agenda Items on the Table and Area 45 Website. This is where I get to hear the Area 45 Group Conscience discussions on the Conference Agenda Items. I will not be attending the next Area 45 Assembly meeting in May, as I will be at the Conference. I will provide my report to the Alternate Delegate. I will be doing my report back from the conference at the August Assembly. I am also available to provide my report at any District or

Section that would like to hear it sooner. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve this wonderful fellowship.

**Alternate Delegate** - I am honored to serve as your Alternate Delegate. Thanks to Section IV for hosting this Assembly. I have been busy since November's assembly reporting to our three intergroups on a monthly basis, which is truly the fun highpoint of this service position. In addition to traveling among Hamilton, Pennsauken and Pleasantville, the area registrar, secretary, and I were invited by District 3 to talk on the Concepts in Wildwood on February 2, where we also saw both the area chair and treasurer. I also attended Area 45's mid-winter GSR luncheon in Cranbury, NJ on February 10<sup>th</sup> with the rest of the panel. Coming up, NERAASA is next weekend and NERD is the second weekend in March. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Chair** - I am Grateful to be serving Area 45 as Chair for Panel 68. I want to thank Section 4 for hosting this assembly, and providing breakfast and lunch for all of us. Since our last Assembly, I attended: 1- The CAIG New Year's event in Absecon. 2- The District 12 General Service Manual workshop on 1/22/19. Our Immediate Past Delegate presented a great talk, and game challenging all who attended to find details in the manual. Thanks to District 12 for a great event. 3- District 19 12 Concepts workshop on 2/2/19 It was a great presentation on the 12 Concepts of World Service. 4- Area 44 Winter GSR Luncheon on 2/10/19. An event honoring the Area 44 GSR's dedication to General Service. Talks given by a Class A Trustee, and past Trustee at Large were given, and I had an opportunity to connect with the Area 44 Chair, Delegate, and our standing North East Regional Trustee. 5- I also attended the Area 45 Convention Committee meeting on 2/3/19. It truly is an honor and a privilege to serve with All of you. I am looking forward to participating in the continuing growth of Area 45. Thank you for the opportunity.

**Treasurer** -

## Area 45 Treasurers Report Fall Assembly 2018

**BALANCES: October 31, 2018**

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| • <b>Checking Account (0.05%):</b>    | <b>\$18,048</b> | <b>\$15000 Shifted to MM Higher Interest</b> |
| • <b>Money Market Account (0.5%):</b> | <b>\$45,291</b> | <b>\$30000 Prudent Reserve/2019-20 Bud</b>   |
| • <b>Corrections Account (0%):</b>    | <b>\$3,340</b>  |  |
| • <b>Convention Account (0%):</b>     | <b>\$11,916</b> |  |
- **Contributions of \$35,276 (\$3,523 per month) thru Oct 31, 2018 relative to planned 2018 total of 27,012 for all of 2018. Likely \$39500+ total contributions by end 2018**
  - **Monthly surplus roughly \$1000+ a month.**
  - **Expenditures as of October 2018 are \$24,701 relative to \$34,690 budget.**
  - **Panel and Core Program Expenses tracking planned budgets.**
  - **Committee budgets underspent \$7000. Event budget nearly spend.**



**Registrar** - Good Afternoon. I'd like to thank Section IV for hosting our Winter Assembly and providing us our scrumptious meals. Since our last assembly, I have registered all the new GSR's DCM's and any other applicable people with service positions, in our AA database. Hopefully, you have all received your welcome packets, let me know if not. I look forward to the imminent GSO Database change where the existing 3 databases will be now be combined into one new and improved model for the whole GSO and shortly I will be learning it. This has been a long time coming and will make the registrar's job much easier in the future. In the past three months, I have taken courses in continuing education, which I know will be useful to me. Excel IV and V, Managing Emotions Under Pressure and Dealing with Difficult People. Higher power Help me!

On November 24 I spoke at the Winner's Circle group in Princeton. On December 2 I attended the Gratitude Breakfast at the Carlslake Community Center in Bordentown for Sections 22/23. I heard a wonderful speaker and the breakfast was great. On the same evening I attended the Christmas bash in Manahawkin for District 15 which was a fancy and fantastic affair. I was really impressed by the turn out and the participation of AA members. On January 1 I attended the District 22/23 New Year's Alcathon where our home group did one of the marathon meetings. It was a cozy affair at the Dwier Center in Hamilton. The food was as good as the company. On January 25 -27 I attended a Matt Talbot Retreat in Long Branch which was really good for the soul. I attend these regularly and have a long-term goal to lead these retreats in the future, because of my background in ministry. On the 29th of January I donated Plasma. On the 2nd of February I spoke in Wildwood at a District 16 Unity event on the Concepts 4, 5 and 6. This was a well-attended event with music and pizza to compensate for my boring speech. On the 4th of February I spoke at a treatment facility in Lawrenceville called High Focus Center. On February 10 I attended the Area 44 G.S.R. Mid-Winter Luncheon at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township. Now this was a lavish affair and one I'd like to see our Area to have as well. All the G.S.R.'s were honored there were presentations and speakers with a fancy lunch to boot. I continue with my Intergroup phone commitment, my commitment to Edna Mahan Maximum Security Prison and sponsees.

**Secretary** - Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area secretary. Thank you Section 4 for hosting today's event. In the past few months, I have been able to attend and participate in a District 19 workshop on the concepts with the alternate delegate and registrar and saw the area chair and treasurer there. I was also able to attend the Area 45 GSR Luncheon with the panel as well. I also attended District 3's service workshop. All three were awesome events, thanks to all who organized them and thanks for your hard work. I am planning to attend the next monthly convention committee meeting. I am also looking forward to attending NERASSA next weekend, and looking for volunteers to work at the table for first time NERASSA attendees organized by my service sponsor who is from Area 29 Maryland, previously from Area 45. Please let me know if anyone attending is interested in volunteering. Also, please send your reports to me from the assembly to my email provided on the contact sheet. This way reports can be included in the minutes which are emailed out and posted on the area website. Also, if you do not receive emails from me, please see me to add your email to the contact sheet. Thank you again for allowing me to serve. It is an honor to serve Area 45 with you all.

Discuss/Vote on Agenda Items

Motion (made by Corrections):

A motion was made by the Corrections Committee: "To amend the 2019-2020 budget to increase corrections by \$300 in each year." The motion was voted on and passed unanimously, none were opposed.

A motion was made by the Delegate: "The Area will discontinue use of the bulk mail permit at a cost of \$225.00 per year and not renew the permit" - The bulk mail permit was previously used to mail out the newsletter and minutes. This information along with the information for the mini-conference and convention will now be emailed out, and only mailed out to individuals and groups without current email contact information. - This motion passed unanimously; none were opposed.

A motion was made by the Alternate Delegate: "The Area shall reimburse its candidate for Class B Northeast Regional Trustee for his expenses not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for his attendance and participation at NERD 2019 in North Jersey." This motion passed unanimously; none were opposed.

The assembly meeting was closed, and lunch was served.

### **Afternoon Committee Meeting**

The afternoon committee meeting was opened after lunch with the serenity prayer.

One motion was made to add as agenda items to the following Spring Assembly:

A motion was made by the Registration Chair: "GSO public information to consider revision to Young People's YouTube video "25 & Under" to bring it up to date and relevant to young people." This motion passed unanimously with none opposed and added as an agenda item for the Spring Assembly.

The committee meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.