

# 9/10/2024 Fast Break Business Meeting

**A. Meeting called to order 6:00 PM. Preamble read.**

**B. Call for reports by Overall Chair**

- Secretary's Report** - Read minutes from August (in person) Business meeting.
- Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer was not present. Treasurer had presented the following report which was shared by the overall chair.

<b>Beginning Bank Balance (08.01.2024)</b>		<b>8,441.76</b>	
<b>Collections</b>			
Pink Can (August 2024)		190.00	
Seventh Tradition & Literature Collection		3,417.92	
<b>Total Collection</b>		<b>3,607.92</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Zoom Monthly Fee		-67.57	
Phone		-12.09	
Literature Replenishment		-19.86	Pamphlets
In Person Meeting Supplies		0.00	
Hargrave Rent (September 2024)		-3,300.00	\$110/day (\$85/day Jul & Aug)
5-yr Domain Renewal and 3-month hosting package extension		0.00	
Coins		-49.00	
Recovery Source (Liability Insurance)		0.00	Annual Payment due in March
Q3 2024 AA Services Contribution		0.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>-3,448.52</b>	
<b>Ending Bank Balance (08.31.2024)</b>		<b>8,601.16</b>	
Prudent Reserve		7,150.00	
<b>Funds Available for Distribution</b>		<b>1,451.16</b>	
<b>Q3 2024 Projected Contributions</b>			
Intergroup	48%	532.88	
GSO	33%	366.35	
SENY	11%	122.12	
General Svce Meeting (MGS)	8%	88.81	
Pink Can (QTD)		341.00	151+190
<b>Total Contribution</b>		<b>1,451.16</b>	

- GSR** - This past Sunday SENY Area held Officer Elections for Panel 75. We elected a new Delegate, Alternate-Delegate, Area Chair, Treasurer, Technologies Officer, and Registration Officer. Minutes can be found on

the AA GSR website. Registration for the 2025 International Convention opened today. The convention will take place July 3-6, 2025 in Vancouver. Tuesday, September 17th there will be a Manhattan General Service Meeting (6:30 PM to 8:00 PM). All AA members are welcome to attend. (Zoom info Meeting ID: 815 4964 5983, Passcode: BillandBob) The Empire State Convention of Young People's AA (ESCYPAA) are hosting a boat party on September 13. More info and tickets can be found on their website [escypaa.org](https://escypaa.org). The next district meeting will take place Tuesday, September 24.

4. **Intergroup** - Next quarterly meeting is on September 14th. The Bill W dinner dance is coming up in November. Corrections and treatment facilities has open positions
5. **Institutions** - This issue will be discussed during the 5th Tradition Working Group.
6. **Literature** - No report as chairperson was absent.

### C. Old Business

1. There is a need for monitors to enact the newly voted in process regarding banned behaviors for the in person meeting. The issue was tabled until the next in person business meeting.
2. The meeting still needs a Vice Chair. Overall Chair asked if there were any volunteers or nominations for the position, there were not.

### D. New Business

Fifth Tradition Working Group Columbus Avenue Open Streets starts this Sunday and the group have decided to have a table but we need volunteers to man that table, we are hoping to have a table close to the in person location but that remains to be seen. We will have 2 Fast Break members sitting at the table and will have pamphlets available. Daaimah and John will take the 11:00 AM -1:00 PM shift. Emails (to the 5th Tradition Working Group) have been sent out looking for volunteers.

John S has moved so he'd like to step down as the chair of the 5th Tradition Working Group. He asked if any members are interested in the commitment. John S has also been overseeing the Bowery Recovery Center commitment. Fast Break takes a meeting to the center every

Monday night. We need someone to take over that position. Lane asked if John will be there next Monday but John is unsure of his schedule. Lane can take next week if needed. They will discuss offline.

Request for clarification regarding Open Streets, 5th Tradition Working Group, Vice Chair position - what do those positions entail? Open Streets is an ongoing community event on the Upper West Side. Columbus avenue is shut down from 68th to 77th streets on Sundays from September 15th through October 27th.

The 5th Tradition Working Group chair has scheduled the working group discussions and then summarized and presented that information to the group in the form of an email and at the business meeting.

The Vice Chair position is not very clearly defined. The person stands in for the in person chairperson if needed.

There was previously discussion about having an anniversary meeting once a month for online Fast Break. A member asked if there was any further discussion about this? Another member asked about what had happened with the idea of the online group distributing coins to celebrants. Neither of these changes had been passed. M of online Fast Break had proposed a separate meeting about the coin distribution undertaking but is not willing to be in charge of looking into the issue further. L believes that coin distribution was voted in by the online meeting but there was never a way to make it work and that if this is to be done it should be undertaken by the online meeting group. A member, Steph, says that she has done this for the 46th Street clubhouse, that she has stamps and coins and has funded it herself. She messages members directly during the meeting to ask if they would like a coin. She is happy to do this for the meeting. M thinks that this should be discussed at the online business meeting and would love for Steph to attend that meeting. Stef asked how much money is spent on coins for the in person meeting and asked that we monitor how many coins we go through in a month and make sure that the same amount of money is allocated for online as they are for in person.

B wanted to address announcements made in meetings. Do we have a better way to make announcements so that all chairs make announcements around GSR, Intergroup, Institutions? It was brought up that announcement information can be sent directly to the overall chair or to the FB email. P asked for clarification? Do the chairs of the online meetings make announcements regarding GSR, Intergroup, and

Institutions? These announcements are not being made at every meeting? These haven't been made at every meeting previously but do we want this to be happening going forward? For in person we can use the bulletin board, for the online we can use the chat function. Motion would be for online and in person announcements to be made by the overall chairs during the meeting or post them on the bulletin board or chat. J is not excited about posting things into the chat because there's a fair amount of stuff that we post in the chat, people have problems with the chats when they are on their cell phones, when he shares he asks for announcements. J thinks that if we're going to do this he thinks it should be very specific and very concise in what is being shared. K says that we have a tradition in place where we make people aware of the Bill W. Dinner dance and it has been the responsibility of the Intergroup rep, if they're not able to attend the meeting they can ask someone to make the announcement. The GSR makes those announcements and so on. M points out that online chairs have a lot on their hands and it's worked fine to have different people make announcements. Miriyah has announced these things and feels like every group should be making these announcements. She says there's groups that do this, coordinate a script and announce at the meetings. She thinks it's important that people announce it at these meetings. Pat says that as intergroup rep he's happy to do this for the in person 7 AM but who will do it for the meetings he doesn't attend? Pierre says that we can work together for the online and the 8:15, we can ask for volunteers. Overall Chair called the discussion to order. B formally proposed the motion that **we send announcements needed for that week, brief and time limited, shared with the respective overall chairs** (for in person and online). S seconded the motion.

All in favor: 10

All opposed: 2

Motion passes

S made a motion to introduce a monthly anniversary meeting for online FB 2, coin distribution is not included in this motion. The monthly anniversary meeting would be Monday at 8:15. P seconded. K thinks that this should be discussed with the online 8:15 meeting before it is voted in. Motion is tabled to be discussed at the next online business meeting.

Motion tabled

M would like to make a motion about FB getting a table for the Bill W dinner dance, the cost would be \$2250. Is this something we want to coordinate? K said that it's not something I could afford so I think that's something to keep in mind. M said that this is an important fundraiser for intergroup, and intergroup is important B asks if we can we determine

interest before making this purchase? S asks if we donate to intergroup already (we do). K says that we should consider the administrative aspect of this, it's a fair amount of work to sell the tickets and collect funds. P suggests having a **straw poll for the next week to determine interest in Fast Break buying a table**. This suggestion was seconded by K. R says that we should clarify for the online meeting that there is a cap for the number of people at a table. P says that he will be responsible for running the straw poll during the online meeting, B says that he will help.

Call to question

All in favor - 10

All opposed - ?

Motion passes

#### **D. Meeting called to close. Recitation of the Serenity Prayer**