

# 3/11/2025 Fast Break Hybrid Business Meeting

**A. Meeting called to order. Preamble read.**

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

1. **Secretary's Report** - Read minutes from February's (in person) Business meeting.
  
2. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer was not present. Treasurer had presented the following report which was shared by the overall chair. Pierre asked a question about the scripted chair announcement made during the online Fast Break meetings regarding contributions being made at the online meeting regarding rent and contributions. He's bringing this up as it was brought up during a recent meeting of Fast Break's 5th Tradition Working Group.

<b>Beginning Bank Balance (02.01.2025)</b>		<b>7,780.20</b>	
<b>Collections</b>			
Pink Can (February 2025)		102.00	
Seventh Tradition & Literature Collection		4,156.86	
<b>Total Collection</b>		<b>4,258.86</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Zoom Monthly Fee		-67.57	
Phone		-12.09	
Literature Replenishment		-198.11	
In Person Meeting Supplies		0.00	
Hargrave Rent (March 2025)		-3,410.00	\$110/day (\$85/day Jul & Aug)
5-yr Domain Renewal and 3-month hosting package extension		0.00	
Coins		0.00	
Recovery Source (Liability Insurance)		-500.00	Annual Payment due in March
Q4 2024 AA Services Contribution		0.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>-4,187.77</b>	
<b>Ending Bank Balance (02.28.2025)</b>		<b>7,851.29</b>	
Prudent Reserve		7,150.00	
<b>Funds Available for Distribution</b>		<b>701.29</b>	
<b>Q1 2025 Projected Contributions</b>			
Intergroup	48%	257.42	
GSO	33%	176.98	
SENY	11%	58.99	
General Svce Meeting (MGS)	8%	42.90	
Pink Can (QTD)		165.00	63+102
<b>Total Contribution</b>		<b>701.29</b>	

3. **GSR** - Kent will be attending the Manhattan GSR meeting. He wasn't able to attend the District 617 meeting but will attend the next one on March 25th, 2025. He will also be attending the Manhattan General Service meeting on March 18th. There will be a series of planning meetings for Manhattan Share-A-Day and they need volunteers!! There are virtual meetings every first Sunday of the month.
4. **Intergroup** - Pat reported on the fact that preparations for the 2025 Bill W Dinner Dance have begun. It will be in the same location with the same price. Westchester and Staten Island intergroup will be hosting Founder's Day (AKA The Big Meeting) will take place at All Souls Church at 1157 Lexington Avenue on June 7th, 2025 from 1-3 PM. 17 new AA meetings were accepted into the NY Intergroup roster. The next delegate meeting is on June 14th.
5. **Literature** - Representative not present.
6. **Institutions** - Representative not present.

### **C. Old Business**

Lane had made a **motion at our last business meeting to enact a 3 minute timer for shares for the in-person weekend meetings**. He amended his motion to ask online only people to stand down from participating in the vote.

All in favor: 7

All opposed: 0

**Motion passes**

**Dianne restated her motion which boils down to the Fast Break business meetings adopting a new protocol around major decisions that would affect FB as a whole. The proposed protocol would apply to both the online and the in person FB business meetings. The principles at play concern the desire to have a super majority vote for major decisions to pass, and for the chairperson to make sure voice is given to the minority opinion.**

Dianne would like to leave this meeting with a directive to have a committee that would return to the business meeting in June and would come to the quarterly meeting in July with an action plan to enact this change. She says that this shift is clearly informed by the service manual of AA, and Bill Wilson's bible of love and service. And that a super majority vote, and voice for the minority opinion exists in AA and all democracies especially in regard to major decisions.

Kent seconds the motion for purposes of discussion. He has concerns about how we would classify a consequential or major change. That is a term which is open to much interpretation. In his opinion, half of the decisions made in a business meeting are wrong. That said, in his memory any consequential decisions made in Fast Break have passed or been voted down with a super majority vote. He thinks we don't need to make a change, but we can be more accommodating about making room for minority opinions in the business meeting. He stated again his belief that there is no need for a change.

Lane spoke against this motion. He said that a super majority vote doesn't work. It's going to alienate members from involving themselves with major group decisions. He was present for the business meeting where this motion was initially presented and says that the person who seconded it had walked in moments prior. He asks the group "Do we want 3 months of committee meetings about this?"

Mike says that he believes this protocol is used at SENY. A 2/3 majority was required at his previous home group and it was a pain in the ass. As for what they term "major decisions" would mean, to him that is a change to the status quo of the group. Ultimately we do not want disunity in Fast Break. It was sold as a solution for disunity in his previous home group but not much changed in the decision making process, it was just a pain. Yes, it is in the service manual and it is recommended, but he thinks it is a big mishegoss. It's recommended but we don't have to do it.

Call to a vote  
All in favor: 2  
All opposed: 8  
**Motion fails**

## **D. New Business**

We need a co-chair to represent in-person Fast Break at the 5th Tradition Working Group. Pierre is the chair for the online arm of Fast Break. Overall chair will voice this need at the break during in-person meetings and send an email to the FB email list.

A request was made to announce the online FB Big Book meeting to the script online and in person. As this would be a script change it will need to be announced for a month and voted upon. Motion made to do so.

All in favor: 16

All opposed: 1

**Motion passes.** Announcement will be made for the next month (online and in person) and voted on at the respective business meetings.

Dena asks if the online meeting has changed the format of the last Saturday of the month to be an anniversary meeting. She is recommended to check out the minutes from the relevant business meeting.

Molly asks how people contribute to Intergroup without using Venmo or Zelle. She is asked to check out the NY Intergroup website.

Kent says that he doesn't care for the 2nd paragraph in the online meeting script which has language around 7th Tradition donations. He points out that the in-person meeting doesn't have such language. He's heard derisive comments regarding this paragraph and thinks it's generally offensive to the in-person group saying we don't need a plea for financial assistance. **Kent makes a motion that we strike that language and replace it with the following:**

"Your contribution allows the Fast Break Group to carry the AA message 7 days a week through 24 in-person and online meetings, and to continue our tradition of generous contributions to the AA Service Structure, including the General Service Office, Intergroup, and District"

Jean seconds the motion. Pierre makes a point of clarification asking that Kent's exact language be added to the minutes. Secretary reassures Pierre this will be done (as it has).

Call to question

All in favor: 15

All opposed: 0

**Motion passes**

Pierre would like to transcribe the info about FB's institutional commitment so that the online meeting can include it in the items shared during the chat for the 7th Tradition Break. Discussion is had about whether this needs to be a motion, and if so would such a motion constitute a change in script and thereby need to be announced for a month before it can be voted upon. Michelle argues that our meeting generally does announcements for the good of AA and this would not constitute such a change and there need not be such a procedure. It is decided that Pierre can move forward with his plan to share this info.

Gene brings up that Zoom bombers are an issue for the online meeting. Online overall chair says that chair people are doing their best to deal with this.

**D. Motion to close the business meeting?**

All in favor: 12

All opposed: 0

Meeting closes. Recitation of the Serenity Prayer