

Minutes of Suffolk General Service Meeting
Meeting Date: February 15, 2019

Opening

- Meeting Opened at 8:00 pm
- Introduction of New GSR's: 3 Alt GSR's 3; DCM: 1
- A.A. Anniversaries acknowledged: 6
- March Greeters: Heather & Derek
- Voting Procedures reviewed
- Review of Minutes from last month: Motion to accept/Seconded: Sense of meeting to accept – Motion carried
- 7th Tradition Basket Passed – Green Card read

Treasurer- Jean- treasurer@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- Reviewed report – Motion to Accept/Seconded to accept. Sense of meeting to accept – Motion carried

Concept 2: Michelle

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

2nd Tradition: Michelle

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

DCMC Report – Chris D - dcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- DCM Meeting prior to GS meeting. True North, in café, at 7:15 pm
- For Full report, see General Service Website, Minutes: <https://asuffolkgs-ny.org/minutes-2/>
- Possibility of a Softball game: General Service against Suffolk Inter Group (SIA).
- Suggests GSR's, DMC's, and Service Chairs to submit article to the LINK. Articles should be about your experience, strength & hope. 300-350 words. Send articles to link@aseny.org.
- NY Inter-Group having their own meeting starting March 2 at 5 PM.

Alternate DCMC Report – Michelle E - alt-dcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- For Full report, see General Service Website, Minutes: <https://asuffolkgs-ny.org/minutes-2/>
- SENY Assembly, 2/9: 20 people on our Bus.
- NERF (North East Regional Forum) May 29th thru June 2nd at Marriott in Tarrytown.
- SENY Convention: March 22 thru March 24^t at Marriott in Tarrytown.^h. Register online or via mail.
- LISTS: Long Island Spirituality through Service. Being hosted by Nassau County this year. First meeting will be 2/19 at Intergroup in Nassau. See Nassau Intergroup website for more info.

Registrar – Kim - registrar@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- Quorum/Attendance
- GSR-37; Alt GSR10; DCM-4; Alt DCM-0; Officers-4; Chairs-4; Guests-1; Secretary-1

DISTRICTS GATHER TO MEET: 10 Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS

- Birthday Brunch: Held at Polish Hall. Approximately 300 people. Started with Riverhead Group. There is history of AA as well as Bill & Bob. **Chis is asking if we want to continue hosting the event.** Discussion followed. Request for numbers. \$3,800 sales and \$3,600 expenses for 2018 - \$20 per ticket. It was pointed out that attendance has been down over the years. Also pointed out other events that are scheduled during that time may be conflicting: Spanish Conference, SENY Conference, & Riverhead Anniversary as well finding a day the hall was available. Is this just another party, or are we saving lives? More important to seek out groups that are not represented in General Service – “Silent Groups”. It was pointed out that it was a sold out event in 2016 & 2017. It was unclear what the numbers were for 2018. It was estimated approximately 190 people based on the sales.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Needs/Accessibilities - Joanne - specialneeds@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- Just starting in position. Gave Synopsis of past service.

Al-anon Liaison – Bob Website: HHH@alanon-suffolk-ny.org

- No Report

Archives- Aubrey – archives@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- Will have table at Unity Breakfast along with SIA Archives.
- Going through the archives and organizing it, which hasn't been done in some time.

Big Meeting – CURRENTLY VACANT

Birthday Brunch 2019 – CURRENTLY VACANT

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Debbie

- Downloaded workbook & pamphlet and is reading materials.
- Participated in SENY PI/CPC meeting via conference call.
- Committee Chairs expressed interest in learning more about Doctors Program held at Lenox Hill Hospital. This is AA's partnering with doctor(s), giving them info/insights into AA. Laura, SENY CPC Chair, agreed to reach out on our behalf in an attempt to create dialogue.

Corrections – CURRENTLY VACANT - corrections@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- No Report

Grapevine – Doug

- No Report

General Service Group Conscience (Adhoc Committee) – Jim H - groupconscience@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- Next meeting - Thursday, February 28th at 7 PM at the SIA Office in Patchogue.
- Moving forward – Last Thursday of each month, 7 PM @ SIA Office.
- See Jim if you are interested in getting involved. Gave out his cell phone and email address for people to contact him.
- Will be initiating Skype so you can attend the meeting using skype.

Hispanic Liaison – CURRENTLY VACANT

LICYPAA Liaison- Casie – www.licypaa.org - licypaa@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- Meetings are 1st & 3rd Month of each month. See website for more info and flyers: <http://licypaa.org/>
- Currently bidding on 18th Annual Eastern Area Convention of Young People in AA (EACYPAA).

LISTS - LI Spirituality Through Service - Rob

- Gave brief history of the event. Initially the goal was to get all service entities on LI to cooperate.
- Being hosted by Nassau County this year. First meeting will be 2/19 at Intergroup in Nassau. See Nassau Intergroup website for more info.

Literature – Scott

- Still learning position and getting organized.
- Is available to help you get literature to your groups.

Public Information (PI) – Chuck - PI@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- Just starting in this position. Chuck gave synopsis of his past service.
- 51 SENY Convention – March 22 in Tarrytown. Theme: Big Book 81 years, 71 Languages". Registration Flyer available. Info also on SENY Website - <http://www.aaseny.org/>

Service Participation – Michelle E - Alt-DCMC@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- No Report

Service Sponsorship - Eddie – servicesponsorship@aags-ny.org

- Service Sponsor helps you get acclimated in service and helps you understand how services works.
- List is being sent around to sign up if you want a service sponsor or are willing to be one.

Suffolk Intergroup Association (SIA) Liaison – Peter - <http://suffolkny-aa.org/>

- Many groups do not have SIA Rep. Peter is asking GSRs whose group does not have SIA Rep to reach out to him. See SIA Website for contact information.

Special Needs/Accessibilities– Joanne

- Just starting the position. Gave Synopsis of past service.

Treatment Facility – Brian

- No report

Unity Breakfast 2019 – Chris D. Report given by Melissa, Treasurer - unitybreakfast@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- March 3, 2019; 9 am – 1 pm; \$32/pp. Melissa will be selling tickets or you can purchase them on the website.
- Flyers available. The theme will be "**Always be There**"
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Web Committee- Roy - <https://asuffolkqs-ny.org/> Email: web@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- Report was printed and will be posted on the Website: <https://asuffolkqs-ny.org/minutes-2/>
- New GSF's: Please give email address to registrar so you are added to contact list and will receive GS emails. Usually 1 or 2 per month.
- Online 7th Tradition Contributions can be done online. Groups can have \$ go from their account directly into GS bank account.
- 2019 Unity Breakfast Online Ticket Sales will be available again– hoping to sell 600 online this year. 170 sold online so far.
- Contact page has been updated. Still waiting for some contact info.
- Delegates Questionnaire will be available online.

Motion to close

- Request for help with Clean-up – Volunteers
- Meeting close 9:27 PM