

Minutes of Suffolk General Service Meeting
Meeting Date: September 18, 2020
Meeting was held over Zoom Conference Meeting online due to
Covid 19 - Coronavirus

- Opened with a Moment of silence, followed by the Responsibility Declaration
- Anniversaries for September: None
- New GSR's: None New Alt. GSR's: None – Guests: Current Area Alt Delegate & Area Delegate Elect: Tom
- Acknowledge Guests: Tom-Alt Delegate, Area 49
- Review Voting Procedures reviewed
- Review of Minutes from August month. Motion to accept/seconded. In favor: 17; Opposed: 0; Abstained: 2 - Motion carried.
- 7th Tradition Read
- Sharing on Tradition 10 for October: Sal
- Co-hosting the meeting tonight: Scott M, & Melissa J

Treasurer- Jean- treasurer@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- Review. Questions taken – Discussion
- Motion to accept/seconded. Sense of Meeting to accept. Vote: In favor: 19; Opposed: 0 - Motion carries

9th Tradition: Melissa

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

9th Concept: Michele

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

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

- **Full Report** – On website in Minutes
- Attended Area 49 (SENY) Elections on September 12th. Our newly elected Officers for 2021/2022 are; Tom (Delegate), JoAnn (Alt Delegate) Nissa (Area Chair), Rich (Treasurer) and Mike (Technology Information Officer)
- Attended SENY Technology Committee Meeting
- Attended Manhattan's first virtual Elections
- Assisted with updating Suffolk County General Service database for GSRs, DCMs
- I am a Committee Member for the 2021 SENY convention, had our monthly meeting
- We do not know when we will be meeting together at True North. We will be having DCM Virtual Meetings every Month as well.
- TBD- Suffolk is hosting the "Big Meeting" and "LISTS"

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

- New GSR & Alt GSR Orientations will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Info on Zoom Meeting can be found on the GS Website.
- Spoke at Holbrook Love & Share and Smithtown Serenity on Tradition 9.
- Attended SENY Elections.

Registrar – Kim - registrar@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- Attendance: DCM-3; Alt DCM-0; GSR-7; Alt GSR-2, County Officers-3; Committee Chair-4; Guest-1; Secretary-1 – We do not have a Quorum

NEWS & INFORMATION

- **2021 SENY Convention** : Kathy - SENY Convention Chair: – "**AA in the Time of Change**". March 5th – March 7th. It will be Virtually this year.
- **LINK:** Jim, Editor: SENY/Area 49 Newsletter. Welcomes articles to be submitted for publication. 350 words or less. Email Submissions: link@aseny.org
- SIA Archives are asking for stories of people's experience with **AA during the COVID 19 Pandemic**. Please submit stories to: archives@suffolkny-aa.org
- SENY Convention being held March 4 – 7, 2021 at Marriot. Theme: "**AA and a Time of Change Recovery**". Unity & Service as well as Fun and Fellowship.
- Suffolk County General Service Elections: October 16th
- Suffolk County General Service-Inventory: November 20th

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **MOTION:** Web Chair, Roy, making motion "**To change the name of the Web Committee to the "Technology Committee". This change more accurately reflects the expanded use of technology in Suffolk county – see duties and responsibilities on [Web Chair Report](#)**". Motion Seconded. Discussion followed. Vote: In Favor:24; Opposed: 0; Abstain:1 - Motion Carries
- **MOTION:** Allow past DCMC's to have a vote in Suffolk County Body Meetings. Motion Seconded. Discussion followed. Concern over past DCMC's ascertaining power over the body. Could create personality issues with current DCMC's. Isn't the GSO an organization for the Groups to give input into the area/region through the GSR's. Why allow past DCMC's to have a vote? Vote: In Favor: 4; Opposed: 13; Abstain: 2. Minority opinion speaks. – Motion is defeated.
- **Next month are elections!**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities/Special Needs - Joanne - accessibilities@asuffolkqs-ny.org

- No Report this month

Al-anon Liaison – Steve - Website: aalaison@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org

- Share-a-thon – Oct 4th. They will have 4 workshops hosted by Al-anon.

Archives- Aubrey – archives@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- No Report.

Big Meeting – Regina – bigmeeting@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- December 19; 3 pm to 6 pm. Committee Chairs are invited to speak about their commitment for 2-3 minutes. Theme: Our Great Responsibility. Speakers and Breakout rooms are set but looking for volunteers for the Service Positions.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Debbie - cpc@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- Committee meeting will be held on Saturday at 9:30 am – Zoom Meeting.
- Expand communication with non-alcoholic professionals who share our concern with active alcoholics. Can offer pamphlets, to offering panel discussions or simply a conversation.
- Next Friday, 9/25, CPC is doing a panel discussion for a Training Program at Stony Brook University to help stop students who are drinking excessively.

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

- No Report

Grapevine – Doug - grapevine@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- No Report
- Grapevine [Youtube Page](#)

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

- No Report

Hispanic Liaison – CURRENTLY VACANT

LICYPAA Liaison- Ana B – www.licypaa.org - licypaa@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- No Report this month
- Meetings are 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. See website for more info and flyers: <http://licypaa.org/>

LISTS - LI Spirituality through Service – Eddie - lists@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- No Report
- This year the Suffolk County is hosting. Normally held in fall/early winter. Looking into doing it virtually. More to come.

Literature – Scott - literature@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- Explanation on what Literature Chair Position entails. Main responsibility is keeping full inventory of standard literature as well as selling literature at all county meetings. Groups go direct to the County for their needs.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

Suffolk Intergroup Association (SIA) – Jean Marie (Chair) - <http://suffolkny-aa.org/>

- No Report
- On SIA Webpage you can find lists of meetings that are opening back up along with their individual rules and capabilities.

Treatment Facility – Debbie - treatment@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- No Report

Unity Breakfast 2021 – Patti C.

Technology Committee <https://aasuffolkqs-ny.org/> - Roy - Email: web@aasuffolkqs-ny.org

- [Full report](#) – On Website in Minutes
- Performed a complete site backup and installed a number of software updates, including the content management system (WordPress), the 7th tradition plug-in (Give), and the E-ticketing system (Tickera).
- Reminder that individuals and groups can make [7th Tradition contributions](#) directly on our secured website using either a credit card, Pay Pal, or bank account. \$350 in online contributions were made last month. It's a safe, easy and efficient process – visit <https://aasuffolkqs-ny.org/contribute/> to make your contribution today
- Web Committee will be virtually. See website for more information.
- Gave Detailed report on what is entailed in being the Website Chair. See [Full Report](#) for more information.

Motion to close

- Meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity at 9:30 pm