

Minutes of Suffolk General Service Meeting
Meeting Date: November 19th, 2021
Meeting was held over Zoom Conference Meeting online due to
Covid 19 - Coronavirus

- Opened with a Moment of silence, followed by the Responsibility Declaration
- Acknowledged Guests: John W.
- Introduction of New Members: Carolyn B. Fort Salonga Workshop Alt GSR, Elizabeth GSR Into Action Group Mather Hospital, Cynthia Alt GSR St James Group
- New GSR's: 1 , New Alt GSR's 2: , New Chair's: 0 , New GSM's: 0
- Anniversaries for November: Jen H. 4 years Holbrook Love & Share, Janet 3 years Sunrise Sobriety, Pam R. 36 years Smithtown Group, Brian C. 38 years Stony Brook Freethinkers
- Concept 11: John W, past Delegate, Panel 67, non-trustee director of AAWS

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

DCMC Report – Melissa - dcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- Report Posted
<https://asuffolkgs-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/November-2021-SGS-age-nda.pdf>
- Choosing a location: Emanuel Lutheran Church In Patchogue for \$250/month preferred by group, SENY guidelines will be followed for safety

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

- Putnam County Unity Breakfast Nov 21st in-person \$25 tickets
- SENY Virtual Movie Night November 27 @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Zoom ID: 815 5581 4656, Password: SENY
- Study of service manual starts Jan 9th
<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-service-sponsorship-committee-weekly-service-manual-study-meeting-virtual>

- April 1st-3rd SENY Convention
- Hispanic Women in AA new pamphlet
- Grapevine podcast new
- Staten Island Spiritual Breakfast Nov 26th 10 am
<http://events.aaseny.org/event/staten-island-spiritual-breakfast-2>

Treasurer- Roy- treasurer@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Report Posted
<https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021-Treasury-Report-October.pdf>
- Motion to accept treasurer report
Vote: In favor: 35 ; Opposed: 1; Abstained: 0 - Motion carries
 - December Budget Meeting to come

Registrar – Tina - registrar@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Check email to make sure you are registered
- To Register your "New" Group with SENY -
<https://fred252.typeform.com/to/UhzLkg?typeform-source=www.aaseny.org>
- To Register as a new servant - GSR, Alt GSR, DCM, Group Contact etc -
<https://www.aaseny.org/register>
- If you need to update your information - ie - email address, phone number, position - go to the registration page above.
- Don't unsubscribe from emails; email if you want to be taken off the mailing list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives- Zoie – archives@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report

Accessibilities/Special Needs -Tom C. - accessibilities@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report

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

- No Report

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Toni D - cpc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No report

Corrections – VACANT. - corrections@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- TBD

Grapevine – Matt C- grapevine@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Grapevine renewed for the next 2 years

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

- No report

Hispanic Liaison – Vacant

LICYPAA Liaison- Craig – www.licypaa.org - licypaa@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- 2022 ESCYPAA 8 Convention will be held on Long Island
- Holiday Party and Elections for Convention <https://licypaa.org/holiday-party/>

LISTS - LI Spirituality through Service – Mike A. - lists@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- LISTS will be 12/18 from 10am-2pm, held virtually/accessibly
<http://events.aaseny.org/event/long-island-spirituality-through-service-lists-virtual>

Literature – Regina - literature@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Report Posted
- Download Suffolk General Services [Beginners Packet](#)
- Read News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A. ® at [box459 fall21](#)

- The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service 2021 - 2023
https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf
- Faith Leaders Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous
https://aa.org/assets/en_US/aa-literature/p-25-faith-leaders-ask-about-aa
- Safety and A.A. Flyer F-228
https://www.aaseny.org/s/f-228_Safety_and_AA_Flyer.pdf

Public Information (PI) – Debbie - PI@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- SUN TV Southampton- Channel 20 PSA Sobriety in AA: We Made Changes to Stop Drinking submitted and viewable soon
- The Wall and Party new PSA's posting in December
- Local courts contacted, more to follow
- 1st Tuesday 7-8 Monthly Meeting

Service Sponsorship - Scott – servicesponsorship@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Service Manual Study Group:
<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-service-sponsorship-committee-weekly-service-manual-study-meeting-virtual>

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

- Report Posted
<https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SIA-liaison-Report-November-2021.pdf>

Treatment Facility – VACANT - treatment@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- TBD

Unity Breakfast 2022 – Jim H.- unitybreakfast@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Unity Breakfast: [2022.03.06 Unity Bkfst Save the Date](#)
- Online tickets starting Monday
- \$32 The Eastwind (flyer in link above)

Technology Committee <https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/> - Dave - Email:web@aasuffolkgsny.org

- TBD

Breakout rooms by district for discussion

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Motion: Remove the recitation of the “Lord’s Prayer” during Suffolk County General Service (SGS) assemblies, meetings, workshops and events. [2021 SGS Motion to Remove Lord’s Prayer](#)

Discussion of Motion:

- Lord’s Prayer is not a Christian prayer because it doesn’t say Christ; you don’t have to say it if you don’t want to.
- The Dilemma of No Faith:
<https://aaagnostica.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/The-Dilemma-of-No-Faith.pdf> Bill speaks on this issue in a Grapevine article. Stony Brook Free Thinkers do not use prayers; they have heard people say the prayers have pushed them away.
- Origin of the prayer is from Jesus telling disciples how to pray to God. Is God being removed from the program? Prayer should stay.
- All prayers are just part of the program. We need to know we are not God; important to a newcomer.
- Suffolk General Service seems to have a view against religion based on the last year. AA works and it doesn’t need fixing. There is a general feeling amongst the membership that we are engaging in political controversy.
- The change is just at this meeting. We are not changing any literature or the program.
- Suggestion: Close with the Declaration of Unity (in group conscience)
- Serenity prayer is a Christian prayer- cites scripture; Prayer of St Francis is a Christian prayer; follow our group conscience as it stands

Vote Postponed Until Next Meeting

Announcements:

- DCM 113- Joanne
What is this Crazy Little Thing Called Service?
Friday, Dec. 3rd 7-9:30pm

Flyer: <https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/CrazyThingCalledService-Dec-2021-scaled.jpg>

Event Link:

https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/blog/event/suffolk-county-district-113-workshop-virtual-via-zoom/?instance_id=50509

Motion to close:

- 9:30-Closing: Declaration of Unity followed by the Declaration of Unity: This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united; for on AA unity depends on our lives; and the lives of those to come.
- Lord's prayer
- Next SGS meeting is Friday, December 17th, remotely

SGS Group Conscience:

[Suffolk General Services Group Conscience 6 15 21](#)