

Minutes of Suffolk General Service Meeting
Meeting Date: December 17th, 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: Ed M. A49
- Introduction of New Members: Nicole B. Mr. Sinai Group GSR, Kathy M. Bayport Middle Rd. GSR, Dawn D. Rocky Point Unity Temp GSR
- New GSR's: 3 , New Alt GSR's 0: , New Chair's: 0 , New GSM's: 0
- Anniversaries for December: Colleen 14 years Hauppauge Touchstones , Big Jim 7 years Home For Dinner
- Concept 12: Melissa J. DCMC Suffolk County

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

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

- Report Posted
https://asuffolkgs-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/12_17_21-SGS-Agenda.pdf
- Emanuel Lutheran Church Patchogue Feb/March hybrid meetings begin. SENY guidelines will be followed.
- Safety in AA https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/smf-209_en.pdf

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

- Adhoc exploratory committee to advise SENY for COVID safeguards
- Convention SENY registration active
<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-convention-4>

- Service Sponsor Chair- 12 week series going over new service manual starts Jan 9th
<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-service-sponsorship-committee-weekly-service-manual-study-meeting-virtual>
- Delegate questionnaire coming after January assembly
- GSO Letter announcing new P.O. Box for 7th Tradition:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/559f240ce4b07a4915495c39/t/61b8a8600e740713ab9ee196/1639491680631/A+separate+post+office+box+has+been+established+for+Seventh+Tradition+contributions+-+ENG.pdf>

Treasurer- Roy- treasurer@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Report Posted
<https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021-Treasury-Report-November.pdf>
- Motion to accept treasurer report
Vote: In favor: 35 ; Opposed: 1; Abstained: 1 - Motion carries
 - Proposed Budget- Vote Next Month
<https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2022-Proposed-Budget.pdf>

Registrar – Tina - registrar@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Check email to make sure you are registered
- To Register your "New" Group with SENY - (Use your group name)
<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

- TBD

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

- Future topics for workshops discussed
- Virtual meetings Saturdays 1pm

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

- No Report

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

- No report

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

Hispanic Liaison – Vacant

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

- No Report
- 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@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report
- 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

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 for several months
- *Party* PSA press release in January

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

- <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship>
- 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/2021/12/SIA-liaison-Report-December-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](#)
- Tickets for sale \$32: <https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/2022-unity-breakfast/>
- Need volunteers- Volunteer Captain Melissa S.
- January 4th 7:30 next committee meeting

Technology Committee <https://aasuffolks-ny.org/> - Dave - Email:web@aasuffolksny.org

- To volunteer for our hybrid committee: email [mailto://web@aasuffolks-ny.org](mailto:web@aasuffolks-ny.org) or text 631-258-8292.
<https://aasuffolks-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/SGS-Tech-Chair-Report-Dec-2021.pdf>

Breakout rooms by district for discussion

Old Business:

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

<https://aasuffolks-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-SGS-Motion-to-Remove-Lords-Prayer.pdf>

- Member points out references to God in Big Book, thinks removal of prayer sets a precedent of elimination
- Member points out that group conscience doesn’t require a prayer so is this a moot point. Member also thinks that we are in fact voting that a prayer *should* be said vs. not said since it is not in the group conscience. If so, why a Christian prayer and not a Muslim one, for instance?
- Member points out group conscience; encourages not to be mean spirited and oppressive.
- Member points out a 2/3 vote to pass.
- Member wants to know if people are being discouraged from service due to the Lord’s Prayer. By excluding one prayer, would you not be excluding those individuals?
- Member questioned Lord’s Prayer historical usage in meetings. Member thinks it is part of what the program is based on and it will alienate those looking for a Higher Power.
- Member wants to know the origin of this issue/they wonder if it is political. Brought up 10th tradition and wonders why we should be unique and not unified.
- Issue came down from the General Service conference.
- Member thinks motion should say no religious prayers.

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Vote: In favor: 11 ; Opposed: 23; Abstained: 3 - Motion does not carry

New Business:

No New Business

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, January 21st, remotely

SGS Group Conscience:

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