

AGENDA FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING 09/15/2023

Moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration.

*I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.*

Acknowledge guests

Introduction of New Members

AA Anniversaries

Welcome & Voting Procedures – NEED total of 20 DCM and GSR – please stay for full meeting.

Voting rights shall be as follows: all Officers (except the DCMC **), Standing Committee Chairs, DCMs and GSRs shall have a vote. Alternate DCMs and GSRs will only have a vote if their principals are not present.

Liaisons and Guests do not have a vote.

Concept 9– RAJ - DCMC QUEENS (5 min)

DCMC Report— KIMBERLY (5 min)

Alternate DCMC Report - REGINA C (5 min)

Treasurer report – HEATHER K (5 min)

I would entertain a motion to accept the treasurer report.

7th Tradition

Registrar Report -JEN J (2 min)

Review AUG Minutes-(1 min)

If there are no changes, I will accept the minutes as written.

Committee Chair – 2 minutes

- CHAIR /ADHOC committee REPORTS

DISTRICT MEETING

Old Business

New Business

- Transportation Line Motion
- Addl \$500 for Workshop Line Motion

Announcements

- TRIP TO GSO OFFICE 10/6/23- RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION-R.S.V. P date is TODAY!!!
 - (DCMC will send an email out to the people who RSVP'D closer to the date with more information)
- We had a treatment facility call this week for a girl that wanted to connect with AA
DCMC reached out to the facility to connect and brought the young woman to a meeting.
- GRAPEVINE APP – is on both platforms and if you have a GV account it's the same login.

Questions

9:30 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.

Next SCGS Meeting: OCTOBER 20TH,2023

Next Area Assembly Meeting NOVEMBER 11TH, 2023

***IF YOU WANT TO BE PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MONTH, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.

****IF YOU HAVE A MOTION, PLEASE PRESENT TO ME THE 6 WEEKS BEFORE MONTHLY MEETING SO I CAN REVIEW

Good Evening Suffolk,

There are a few items I would like to review. A standing request that I have, is for motions to be presented to officers ahead of the meeting. This is so that we can ensure enough time is allotted for discussion and necessary preparation as to not waste Suffolk Counties time. In a perfect world that would be 6 weeks. I do know that there can be more emergent circumstances that can be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Examples of emergent circumstances are time sensitive things.

I believe some clarification is needed right now with regards to the budget. There is often turn over in these roles and I'm glad that people are asking questions because it allows for discussion, clarification, and growth.

A budget is a good guess of how money will be spent. There are a lot of line items that are provided in a hopeful spirit, that we will have active committees. However, this is not always the case.

When we vote on the budget- that is the budget for the year. We do not move money around. It is poor budget practice to allocate funds from one line to another because one line does not have enough money. If funds are needed in one area, we overspend that line and there are generally other lines that are underspent.

When committee chairs, officers or other trusted servants have a budget line it is expected of them to

- a) plan appropriately and honestly. Submit estimates to create budgets.
- b) if unforeseen expenses (not just because you want more money for something else) come up to the body and explain the unforeseen circumstances and ask the body to approve going over the budget – i.e 23 Unity Breakfast -stripe cost ticket prices etc.

Tradition 2, Concept 9, and Concept 10- It is expected that trusted servants (we elected or appointed which are then approved by the body) will use prudent financial principles. We say the I am responsible statement therefore we should be responsible with our money.

In the case of a year like this, where our expected income is lower, and our expenses are higher we have had to adjust our spending. We did so by choosing not to continue with the bus for the time being. This does not mean that the transportation line item is available money to be spent. This is especially true because there is a committee who presented some transportation options so that the GSR can get to the assembly – which is VITAL part of the AA triangle as it states in our literature. It is important to have this line item for that purpose because the next one rotating in may not be financially stable and may need the money to fulfill their service commitment. Since this matter is not resolved, I ask the county to take that into consideration before contacting me to take the motion from last month off the table. Since no one has approached me to do in the last 4 weeks, and this motion was tabled instead of postponed with a specific date, I have not allotted time for discussion of that motion at this meeting.

For those that were not able to attend this past assembly, one of Suffolk's GSR's wrote a Proposed Agenda Item to amend the 11th Tradition to state we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, film, **social media, and the internet**". I had discussed with the GSR that there is already literature out there and it would take 3/4's written vote of all AA members- quite a challenge. It did not pass however I do believe as a county it is something we as trusted servants can communicate at the group level. Regina will be talking about it in her report.

Next month we already have 2 motions: one is about having an alt- treasure and the other is about having a separate account for prudent reserve just like the area does. These topics will be discussed next month and they will be posted before next meeting.

I was asked to announce anyone with working knowledge of AA and wants to be part of the SENY CONVENTION please contact me.