

## ***Motion – Use Bus Budget Line Item to Reimburse GSRs for Mileage to Assemblies***

**Background:** Suffolk County can no longer afford the expense of chartering a bus to transport GSRs to assemblies.

Considering that a bus will no longer be chartered to transport to GSR's to the assemblies, we motion to reimburse individuals for the use of personal automobiles.

**Opportunity:** Use the remaining money in the "Bus" line item to reimburse GSRs for driving their personal vehicles to the Assemblies. This will fulfill the intended purpose of the line item, which is to encourage GSR participation in Assemblies and finance what Suffolk County sees as the MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE GSR.

**Discussion:** Mileage rate, per our bylaws, is \$0.4/mile. To encourage carpooling, (and the fellowship opportunity the ride to and from creates) an additional per passenger allocation of \$0.3/mile is suggested. As an example, the roundtrip distance from Commack Park & Ride to Westchester Community College is 110 miles.

Expense for individual = \$44 + tolls

Expense for a carpool of two = \$77 + tolls

Expense for a carpool of three = \$110 + tolls

Expense for a carpool of four = \$143 + tolls

Carpool will be capped at 4 riders per car, although a van with more than 4 is certainly encouraged!

Reimbursement will be capped for 2023 at the amount remaining in the "bus" budget line item.

A "sign up" sheet can be circulated at the County Meeting preceding assemblies for GSR's who want a ride to the assembly to get matched up with drivers willing to carpool to take advantage of the reimbursement.

Reimbursement would be largely based on the honor system. Submit to the treasurer the names of the people in the car and whether or not they are GSR's. The Bus was open to any AA member, so Carpool reimbursement would not be limited to GSRs, although one GSR at least must be present in the car.