

SUFFOLK GENERAL SERVICE MEETING



MARCH

Moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration.

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

Parliamentarian: TBA

Acknowledge guests

Introduction of New Members

AA Anniversaries- Please share the location time, and date celebration-
This is so members can support your recovery

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' do not have a vote)

April 19 Greeter- Who is available to do service?

Concept -

DCMC Report- Kimberly L

Alternate DCMC Report Regina H

Treasurer report Heather K

7th Tradition

Registrar Report -Jen H

Previous Months Minutes - Review

Recommendation- Scott M

Committee -1 minute

District Meeting 10 minutes

- JIM S - Virtual SMALL ROOM
- DCM 108,110,118 & 111 MAIN ROOM

Old Business- none

New Business - none

Announcements- please check our website

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: April 19, 2024

Next Area Assembly Meeting: April 6, 2024

<https://www.aaseny.org/new-events-1?view=calendar&month=04-2024>

*Motions to be brought to Suffolk – present to me 6 weeks before meeting, will review to see if needs to be presented to Suffolk sooner (Rule 62- I wear my cloak loosely on this)

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SUFFOLK GENERAL SERVICE CHAIR REPORT

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Good Evening Suffolk,

I have been a very busy lady since last meeting.

2/23/24: NERAASA weekend where i hung out with members from DC to Maine. Did you know that our region has 18 Delegates (4 of which are NY) It is where my county NY bubble is burst and I hear the voice of the North East. I spoke with Chris our Grapevine Publisher and he said Grapevine has come along way but still has some more work to be done. I spoke with our General Manager Bob and asked how he felt about some of things being said at the microphone. He said that there is a lot of misinformation and lots of miscommunication. I asked Bob, how things made it to the "final cut" for the final conference- Tradition 2 and lots of background information research.

Some great thought provoking feedback on some spicy topics from the area- I HAVE THE AUDIO IF YOU WANT.

PANEL 1. PARTICIPATION OF ONLINE GROUPS Step 12, Tradition 5, Concept 4

- We started as a virtual meeting and have over 100 members however we have no brick and mortar to attach to so they feel homeless
- Groups limiting service because they are not attached to a physical location
- Gretchen A48 wrote the proposal - they had a virtual district meeting -
 - Offered services on how to do

PANEL 2. IS OUR LITERATURE STILL LEVEL TODAY? Step 1, Tradition 1, Concept 2

- Would rather someone get sober because of inclusivity and meetings are not a history lesson
- Gender language is creating disunity and controversy and not helping AA
- Some members don't feel like they feel part of because the literature is not inclusive
 - Pronouns create a "bar" from someone coming into the rooms.

PANEL 3. MONEY AND SPIRITUALITY. Step 12, Tradition 7, Concept 7

- Are we being spiteful, selfish because we are not getting what we want or agree with withholding \$\$
 - and is that also in support of Tradition 5 - Hand of AA to always be there?
- Someone suggested AAWS move to OH to save money

PANEL 4 THE WORDS OF OUR FOUNDERS. Step 12, Tradition 2, Concept 2

- A woman shared her son died and her husband cheated on her, however she didn't want "Get Sober or die" or every reference in Big Book to "affairs" taken out because these 2 things happened to her
- 44 principles in "To the Wives" and some people feel that chapter is antiquated.

PANEL 5 ARE WE COMMUNICATION EFFECTIVELY WITHIN AA. Steps 5/12, Traditions 2/11, Concept 1

- The question was "Do you want a policy with regards to changing the writings?"
- People feeling special comment- made a non binary person not want to be in AA

PANEL 6 SAFETY IN AA BELONGING IN AA. Step 12, Traditions 1/3, Concept 9

- People "feeling special" comment- made a non binary person not want to be in AA, not necessary feeling safe but definitely didn't feel welcome (introduce non conf approve "underground" literature at an AA service assembly)
- Safety has evolved - local resident stating members transversing property to a beach meeting

Going down 45 mph in a 30 mph residential neighborhood on way to meeting (Safety in AA is just as important in the meeting as it is outside the meeting) We may be the only face of AA someone sees.

3/10/2024 - Unity Breakfast was SPECTACULAR- their report will be in April

3/12/2024 Attended Intergroup Bylaw Committee- This is where they update the bylaws based on motions. It is on the second Tuesday of the month. I encourage you read our bylaws and attend their meetings

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