

Suffolk County General Service Meeting

Minutes
January 17, 2025

Meeting opened 8:00 pm with Moment of Silence followed by Declaration of Unity

In attendance: In person-46 Online-19 (65 total)

Thank you to hospitality, Tim, for the pizza.

Parliamentarian- Welcome Tom

Guests-Melissa

New GSR's- Dorothy-GSR-Brookhaven Women's Group, Ryan-GSR-Holbrook Love and Share, Vegan-GSR- Smithtown Serenity, Tina- Alt GSR- Smithtown Serenity, Jane-GSR-Wading River, Jaime-GSR Young, Wild and Free, Bri- LICCYPA, Bob- GSR-Connect the Dots, AG-GSR- Sunrise Sobriety, Keith- GSR- Neighborhood Sobriety

AA Anniversary Announcements- Bobby-38yrs, Mark-3 yrs, Joan-42yrs, Kevin-36 yrs, Mike-14 yrs, Bill-46yrs, Francisco-2 yrs, George-29 yrs, Joey-10yrs, Heather-10yrs

Greeter Volunteers- Bri, Pat, Dean, Jim, Lillian. Thank you to those who volunteered to stay and clean up.

Concept 1: The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Review minutes from previous month. Motion-Kevin, Seconded-Jane Yes-44, No-0, Abstentions-0.
Minutes accepted as written

Officers' Reports (See attached Reports)

DCMC- Heather- dcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

ADCMC-Mark- adcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

Treasurer- treasurer@asuffolkgs-ny.org

Registrar- Kasey- registrar@suffolkgs-ny.org

Recording Secretary- Cyndy- rec-secretary@asuffolkgs-ny.org

Committee Chair Reports (See attached Reports)

District Meetings

- All GSRs are seated with your districts- the groups in each district are listed on the back of the chair.

- There is also a list of responsibilities for GSRs and DCMs. GSRs and DCMs are tasked with the responsibility to go to groups in their district that do not have a GSR and encourage the group to elect one.
- Next month we will have reports from the GSRs regarding the groups they went to.
- There is a script you can use to read at the groups you go to.
- New DCMs 105-Scott, 106-Vacant, 10- Jim S., 108-Kristen, 109-Vacant, 110-Jim, 111-Ellen , 112-No one at table,113-Keith, 115-Vacant, 116-No one at table, 117-Vacant, 118-Vacant, 119-Vacant, 120-Ward, 121-Vacant.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Slate of newly appointed Committee Chairs, Liaisons and Recording Secretary gave service resumes. Motion- AG, 2nd - Sal, Yes- 45 No- 0 Abstention- 0 Appointments Approved

Meeting closed at 9:30 with Responsibility Statement

Next SGS meeting: February 21, 2025

Next SENY Assembly: January 18, 2025

Reports

January 17, 2025

Officer Reports

DCMC- Heather- dcmc@aasuffolks-nj.org

- I am humbled to be starting my new service as DCMC of Suffolk County. . Thank you for helping me to now and in the future to fulfill my commitment. I know you will do that because you carried me through my last three commitments below the group level. That help is a wonderful demonstration of the unity of our beloved fellowship and the unity of Suffolk County. Our unity is our strength. Our unity is my strength. I pray I'm willing to remember that when I'm next tempted to judger or pick apart, which happens all the time. I can't afford to hold you separate from me, whoever you are. Although my ego shouts loudly to the contrary, my accurate and correct place is among you. Unified with you. The 12 Steps taught me to humble myself so I can see the truth.

I believe that is why this work we are all doing in General Service is so important. I believe that by showing up here tonight, you're acknowledging that you believe it too. At last count there were over 400 groups in Suffolk County. The work we're doing here tonight allows us to unite those separate groups into one big, boisterous Suffolk County. We are the best county after all!

I know that you are all making sacrifices to do this work. Some sacrifice more than others. Personally, I've sacrificed time with my children, time with my husband, leisure time, some money, sometimes sanity. But look what I get in return. Because I'm sober, I get to be a suitable mother. I get to be an appropriate professional. I get to be a homeowner, productive worker, present friend. I'm reliable, responsible. Because I'm sober I got to experience being a wonderful, loyal, supportive wife all the way to the end. That is an experience I will never be able to repay you for. Through my paltry offerings of time and effort, I get to have and be all of that. So is it a sacrifice really? A few Friday nights, a handful of Saturdays, a few late night calls and a few kerfuffles over technology and personalities? I know you know because you are here, that we cannot fail to reap much more than we sow in these sacrifices to aid in unity and to the unity of our county.

But there are many who do not know. The overriding theme of our latest county inventory was lack of participation from the groups. Look around. We have a lot of participation tonight, but it's not 400. That means many necessary voices are unheard in our county. I hope we can make it the theme of this rotation to circle the wagons, collect more of us in the net. Sobriety for all of us here is going to be a big job. We're going to need all the help we can get.

You've given me a life beyond my wildest dreams. I humbly offer you an exchange. I hereby acknowledge my responsibility to you. I am responsible. We get sober. I am responsible. Anytime, anywhere. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

- Tomorrow is Assembly! Get your reimbursements!

ADCMC- Mark- adcmc@aasuffolks-ny.org

I am privileged to be serving as the Alt. DCMC. Thank you for that. Thank you for letting me do service again.

- I have been working on the orientation for new GSRS. If you missed it, it'll be held again next month before this meeting.
- I am working with the incoming Literature Chair as he starts his commitment.
- SGS needs a Committee Chair for Treatment, and a Hispanic Liaison.
- Tomorrow, I will be attending the SENY Assembly. For GSRS planning to attend, submit your mileage for reimbursement.

Treasurer- Frank- treasurer@aasuffolks-ny.org See Attached Report

- We are in a good cash condition. I don't want to make any suggestions about making contributions. WE have a surplus of about 21,000. In the future I will make a suggestion about contributions.
- Motion to Treasurer Report accepted- Yes-42, No-0, Abstentions-0 Treasurer Report accepted.
- The Proposed Budget for 2025 was presented last month, but it needs to be voted on this month.
- 2025 Budget Motion made by Sal, Mike 2nd. Yes-44, No- 0 Abstentions- 0 2025 Budget passes

Registrar- Kasey- registrar@suffolks-ny.org

- Good evening. My name is Kasey and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to serve as your Registrar for this current rotation. I am just coming into the position, and I will be receiving training from SENY soon. So, I thank you ahead of time for your patience as I transition into this position.
- If you are a new GSR, Alt GSR or Committee Chair, we welcome you! We need to register you with General Service. Please go to aaseny.org, scroll down about halfway, and choose to register as a new servant.
- I also have a QR code you can scan to make it easier if you are in person and have provided links in the chat if you are online.
- If your group is new to General Service, please register your group at that time as well. If you are a visitor and just want to receive emails, you can add yourself to the email only option.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to me during the meeting in person or in the chat.

Committee Reports:

Archives- Bobby- archives@aasuffokkgs-ny.org

- Attended SENY Archives Committee. Eddie is SENY Archives Chair and Marty is the Archivist.
- SENY Archives is looking for Suffolk County Group information.
- I have the keys to look through the Archives in the SGS cabinets.

Accessibilities/Special Needs- Zoie- accessibilities@aasuffolks-ny.org

- Still need volunteers to drive people to meetings.

- 3 women are in nursing homes, I will be bringing a virtual meeting to them.
- Need committee members.

Al-anon Liaison- Matt- aalaison@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org

- This commitment helps to bring unity to the fellowship. We bring AA to Alanon.
- If you are interested in speaking at an Alanon meeting, please contact me.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) - John V. cpc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- CPC works with professionals, unions, lawyers, clergymen. We also want to work with union reps, industrial managers and CPS workers.
- Attended SENY CPC meeting, getting their support and ideas for a workshop in June.
- Held virtual committee meeting this month, planning a monthly information session at various organizations.
- Jonathan from New Beginnings and I will discuss what we are planning to approach any of these union reps or Employee Assistance Programs.
- Suffolk AME- Association of Municipal Employees in Bohemia, interested in having CPC explain how assessable AA is to members in need. Also having group members who are helping with connections to other labor unions.
- Gave literature to Sheriff Department for their SMART program that helps inmates after their released.
- Finally, CPC will have a table at Unity Breakfast February 16th, come visit us!
- Meet 2nd Thursday of the month @7:00pm. Next meeting: February 13, online. The information will be on the SGS website.

Corrections- Anthony- corrections@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Riverhead: Women's facility needs 5th week of the month to be filled. All the men's meetings are filled.
- Yaphank: All the men's meetings are filled. Will need a woman for the months that have 5 weeks.

Grapevine- Mike- grapevine@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No report

Hospitality- Tim

- Grateful to serve!

LICYPAA Liaison- Nick & Bri- www.licypaa.org , licypaa@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- LICYPAA serves Suffolk and Nassau, but not just young people. We are for those who are young at heart.
- We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday on Zoom. Contact us for more info.
- We host a lot of events to show people "we are not a glum lot." Our next event is Jan. 18, 2025 @ Bluepoint Church, 5 Maple St, called "Vision for You" We will be creating vision boards. There is a \$10 suggested donation but we want you there more than your money. If you can't afford it, come anyway.

LI Spirituality Through Service (LISTS) - Christine- lists@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Thank you for allowing me to serve as LISTS Liaison
- L.I.S.T.S. Committee Meeting - January 12, 2025.
- L.I.S.T.S. Chair – Kristen.
- Nassau County is the host county this year.
- In attendance was Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. Brooklyn was not present.
- What was discussed:
 - Contribution from each county will be \$800.
 - Event will take place in May.
- Commitments that are filled: Treasure, Venue search, Hospitality, Registration, Program Chair, Secretary, Publicity/Flyer, Lead a Meditation- filled by Suffolk.
- Each of us was tasked with bringing back a list of topics for each meeting/round table that we will review and select.
- Each county will have time slots and each topic will have to speakers and a Q & A.
- I will be bringing a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to speak at LISTS.
- Next committee meeting will be on Feb. 9th @ 4pm on Zoom.

Literature- Jim- literature@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- If you want something that's not on the table, let me know and I will order it.
- I don't have an actual budget, but rather, I reorder literature when it is depleted. I have two old Service Manuals that I need to sell before I can purchase new Service Manuals.

Public Information (PI) - Brian- PI@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Cooperating with John to create Sponsor a Doctor a program that was done years ago. The purpose of the program is to put information about AA into the hands of doctors about who we are and what we do.
- Sample letters are on the back table.
- Suggestions and ideas welcome.

Service Participation- Kathie

- Planning to create a committee to discuss questions, concerns, viewpoints.
- Looking for people with experience and those who are new to service
- Purpose is to hear what you are experiencing here at General Service; what you like, what you don't like.

Service Sponsorship- Regina- servicesponsorship@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Service sponsor is an invaluable resource for GSR. A service sponsor is usually someone who has knowledge in AA history, strong background in the service structure.
- The AA member is introduced to a new language- GSRs, DCMs, Area Assembly, minority opinion. They will become familiar with the Traditions, Concepts and Warranties.
- It would be a great idea if you got a service sponsor to help you the same way that a sponsor helps, guides.

- There is a list of available service sponsors. Provide your contact information and I can help you get a service sponsor.

Suffolk Intergroup Association Liaison - Dawn- <http://suffolkny-aa.org>

- Meets last Tuesday @ True North Church. The SIA Office is 31 Commack Loop in Ronkonkoma. You can just go there, just call ahead to make sure that there's somebody there to assist you.
- Institutions, including BTG, Corrections, Special Events and the Hotline all need help.
- Next meeting list will be printed in March. The cutoff date to add or change a meeting is 2/25
- 3rd Legacy has Tradition speakers.
- PI is winding down with their public service announcements on News 12, ESPN and other stations.

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

- No report

Treatment Facilities- Vacant- treatment@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No report

Unity Breakfast- Kasey- unitybreakfast@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Good evening. I am honored to serve as your Chairperson for the 2025 Unity Breakfast.
- The planning committee has been meeting monthly and we are moving along nicely.
- All Service tables are all filled.
- Seating planning is underway, printing is complete.
- **Tickets are sold out.**
- I have heard from a local institution requesting availability of scholarship tickets. Currently, there are no scholarship tickets available. I did let them know to check back again a week before the event. In the meantime, if you're able to purchase a scholarship ticket, it is a great way to invite newcomers into our fellowship and into service.
- We have a great speaker this year and we are all in for a treat. Be prepared to laugh!!!
- Our next committee meeting will be Monday, January 27 @ 8:00pm.

Additional reports:

SIA Intergroup Treatment Facilities- Rob-

- Currently overseeing 480 commitments in various rehabs and detoxes. 20 commitments are still open. 2 are co-ed at a detox, 18 are women's commitments in various hospitals and rehabs.
- Bridging the Gap (BTG) needs the most help. BTG provides a person coming out or a treatment facility with a temporary contact that will help them get to their first few meetings. If you are interested in being a BTG contact, reach out to Rob on the SIA website.
- In 2025, we plan outreach to bring more meetings to facilities.
- See the flyer for information

SENY Convention- March 21-23

- "Working Together" Is this year's theme

- To register for convention only- \$31. Registration for banquet dinner-\$98. Register @ aaseny.org
- If you are registering for the hotel, please do not use websites such as Expedia. The SENY Convention has a block of rooms. If the convention does not fill all the rooms, it is still responsible to pay for the number of rooms allotted for the convention.

2024 S.C. G. S. TREASURER REPORT

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

		2024 Budget	2024 TOTAL YTD	% of Budget YTD	DECEMBER
INCOME	Group Contributions	\$17,000.00	\$17,420.02	102.47%	\$1,143.08
	Cash 7th Tradition	\$1,000.00	\$1,288.65	128.87%	\$223.00
	Online 7th Tradition*	\$5,500.00	\$5,227.54	95.05%	\$434.73
	*Minus Fees	(\$150.00)	(\$208.90)	139.27%	(\$13.18)
	TOTAL INCOME	\$23,350.00	\$23,727.31	101.62%	\$1,787.63
OFFICER DCM & COMMITTEE EXPENSES	DCMC	\$1,300.00	\$1,284.63	98.82%	
	Alternate DCMC	\$1,300.00	\$606.72	46.67%	\$25.00
	Recording Sec	\$150.00	\$54.33	36.22%	
	Registrar	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Treasurer	\$450.00	\$224.00	49.78%	
	DCMs	\$100.00	\$24.75	24.75%	
	Accessibility	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Archives	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Corrections	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	CPC	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Grapevine Subs	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Grapevine Rep	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Literature Rep	\$150.00	\$147.67	98.45%	
	Public Info	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	SIA Liason	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Service Sponsorship	\$600.00	\$210.00	35.00%	
	Treatment Facilities	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	Tech - Equip. & Web	\$2,200.00	\$2,361.86	107.36%	\$571.37
	Sub-Total:	\$7,650.00	\$4,913.96	64.23%	\$596.37
OPERATING EXPENSES	GSR Miles to Assem.	\$4,000.00	\$301.92	7.55%	
	Rent	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	100.00%	
	Storage & Supplies	\$500.00	\$200.00	40.00%	
	Insurance	\$1,500.00	\$525.01	35.00%	
	LISTS	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	80.00%	
	Big Meeting	\$700.00	\$400.00	57.14%	
	Hospitality	\$3,200.00	\$3,001.68	93.80%	\$584.08
	General Service Events	\$1,300.00	\$200.00	15.38%	
	Contribute to AAWS		\$0.00		
	District Workshops	\$400.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	PO Box Rental	\$100.00	\$84.00	84.00%	
	Sub-Total:	\$16,400.00	\$9,212.61	56.17%	\$584.08
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$24,050.00	\$14,126.57	58.74%	\$1,180.45
NET INCOME (LOSS)		(\$700.00)	\$9,600.74		\$607.18

What we have in Operating Account	\$3,819.94
Add deposits in transit	\$1,143.08
Less outstanding checks	(374.40)
Adjusted Operating Account	<u>\$4,588.62</u>
What we have in Reserve Account	<u>\$33,134.46</u>
Total	<u>\$37,723.08</u>

What we Need	
Prudent Reserve	\$11,675.00
Website Overhaul	\$4,264.00
Outstanding Checks	
Expenses Left to Pay	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$15,939.00</u>

State of the County	
Surplus available for contribution and carryover to 2025.	\$21,784.08