

Suffolk County General Service Meeting

Minutes

March 21, 2025

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

In Attendance: In Person 32, Online 20, Total Quorum 52 GSRs: In Person: 18 Online: 17, Total: 35

Guests: Rob Mc.

Parliamentarian: Tom B.

Spiritual Time Keeper: Brian F.

New GSR's and DCM's: Greg- Melville Sweet Air, Priscilla- Mid Island Group- Babylon

AA Anniversary Announcements: Brian 5yrs, Tim 17yrs, Regina 15 yrs, Tom 8 yrs, Susan 10yrs

Concept 3: As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of World Service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Review minutes from previous month- In Favor: 40, Opposed: 0 **Minutes Approved**

Officers' Reports (see page 2)

DCMC- Heather- dcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

ADCMC-Mark- adcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

Treasurer-Frank- treasurer@asuffolkgs-ny.org

Registrar- Kasey- registrar@suffolkgs-ny.org

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

Committee Chair Reports (see page 2)

District Meetings

- Still need DCMs in several districts.
- DCMs can also assist groups to get a Group Contact if they do not have a GSR.
- 20 people attended the 107/115 Delegate's Questionnaire Thursday night meeting. All the procedural information is presented in order to help the GSRs be fully informed to help their group give an informed conscience to the Delegate.
- District 110 is having a Delegates Questionnaire March 15 1-3pm Smithtown United Methodist Church 230 Middle Country Rd.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Literature Motion:

That the Literature Chair and Grapevine Chair maintain an inventory and cash to total \$600 and \$300 respectively and these be reconciled with the Suffolk General Service Treasurer on an annual basis. In

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addition, the chairs shall make a monthly written financial report available to the body. Income from the sale of AAWS and Grapevine Literature by those standing committees as a routine part of their service activity should be used to replace inventory only and should not be used to reimburse the expenses of those committees.

Background: It has been brought to my attention that the Literature and Grapevine Chairs have been serving their positions in a manner that does not reflect what is stated in our Group Conscience. I have recently completed a rotation serving as the Literature Chair, I used the practices suggested by the previous Literature Chairs. Some of these practices included:

- Replenishing literature sold with income received from the sale of literature
- Keeping a small amount of cash from sales on hand to act as available change for future sales

To help our current Literature and Grapevine committee members to better serve, I present a motion to make changes to the current Suffolk County General Service Group Conscious, specifically to section III, 9.

Section III, 9 currently states: Income from the sale of AAWS and Grapevine literature by those standing committees as a routine part of their service activity should be returned to the Treasurer and not used to reimburse the expenses of those committees or to replace inventory. The motion would adopt a modification to section III, 9.

Discussion: Literature person has been being reimbursed from SGS. Both committees get \$200 for expenses such as mileage. Traditionally, we sell literature at the same price we purchase it from General Service. Keeping track of this was done by having an inventory amount at the end of year. GSO does not give discount any more, but does give shipping 4 times per year.

Minority Opinion: Point of Order- The vote was not called. Substantial Unanimity is needed. There is no change of vote.

- In Favor: 45, Opposed: 1, Abstentions: 3

Motion Carries

Meeting closed with Declaration of Unity: 9:26pm

GSR Questions and Suggestions:

Is this going to be every meeting? Yes

SENY Assembly: April 12, 2025, 9am-3pm - Westchester Community College, 73 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY
Meeting ID: 873 6681 5219 Passcode: 713104

Next SGS meeting: April 18, 2025

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Reports

DCMC- Heather dcmc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- NERAASA- I attended NERAASA on Feb 22, 2025. I was reminded that General Service is to exchange information, not debate.
- DELEGATES DAY- Attended Delegates Day March 8 where I was honored to act as chair. We discussed the DELEGATES QUESTIONNAIRE – On your tables as part of your packets. Important that you talk to your groups and submit your responses by the next assembly. If you have questions ask your DCMs or ask me. Provide Number.
- CONVENTION – I will see you there March 21 to 23! Can't wait.
 - Serving on SENY Convention Program Committee – Suffolk panel on Grief/Bereavement- Saturday morning – NEED 1 SPEAKER!!!
- ASSEMBLY- Pre-Conference Assembly is April 12, 2025.
 - This is where the Delegate will hear from all of us what your opinions are on the agenda items. Hybrid. In person at Westchester Community College
 - This is where GSRs have time to share some of their group's feedback on the Delegate's Questionnaire. To use the time effectively, it's best to prepare a summary of key points in advance. Along with other SENY business (reports from Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and DCMCs)
- Remember – Suffolk will reimburse you for your travel to the Assemblies. I'd love a strong showing from Suffolk!
- 75th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE will take place April 27 – May 3, 2025 –
 - I am serving on the General Service Conference Hospitality committee and will be taking delegates and/or their spouses to visit the INTREPID
 - The General Service Conference is an annual service event focused on the "business of A.A." Elected Delegates, Trustees, Non-trustee Directors and AAWS/Grapevine staff members attend the Conference as voting members. Final agenda items for the Conference are on aaseny.org on the Delegate's page. The full background for that information is also on the website. Reach out to me if you would like to view that info and I will provide you the Password.
- Remember to download Service Manual
- Register your service positions!
- We need a Hispanic Liaison!

ADCMC-Mark adcmc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report at request of DCMC

Treasurer treasurer@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- See attached report. In Favor: 39 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 3 **Treasurer Report Feb. 2025 Approved**

Registrar- Kasey registrar@suffolkgs-ny.org

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- 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.

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

- If you would like the minutes, reports, flyers or other information that is given out at the SGS meeting each month emailed to you, please contact rec-secretary@aasuffolkgs-ny.org with your Name, Group and Service Commitment. The minutes are emailed within a week of the SGS meeting for you to use in your GSR Report to your group.

Committee Reports:

Archives- Bobby- archives@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- Lots of people stopped by the CPC table at the Unity Breakfast. People did express interest to help outreach to various professionals.
- Thank you to everyone who has been attending the online committee meetings-great ideas about reaching out to students in colleges.
- I will be attending the SENY Convention with the area committee sharing time at the service table.
- I am speaking at a workshop-Professional Community and AA at SENY, Saturday, March 22nd, morning.
- Our committee meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, virtually @ 7:00pm.
 - Meeting ID: 93264505716 Password: 713704
- Next meeting is Thursday, April 10th @7:00pm

Corrections- Anthony- corrections@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report

Grapevine- Mike- grapevine@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report

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

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- Sober Shenanigans March 15. 6-11pm N. Bellmore

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

- Save The Date!!! May 17, 2025, 11:00am- 4:00pm. 474 Wantagh Ave, Levittown. Brunch will be served. Topics are on the flyer.

Literature- Jim- literature@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report

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

- No Report

Service Participation- Kathie- serviceparticipation@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- The Committee met on 2/27/95.
 - We would like to know what you need us to do for you.
 - Requested GSRs have microphone time for questions and suggestions on what they would like to see happen in Suffolk County.
 - Providing information: Resources for Delegates Questionnaire, Alphabet Soup, Does Your Group Have a GSR flyer, Help Wanted for group members wanting to find out more.
 - Watch for upcoming workshops in the fall.
 - Next virtual meeting, Thursday, April 3 @7:00pm. All are welcome!

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

- Went to committee meeting, met with SENY Service Sponsorship chair.
- Will have a table at SENY Convention.
- Will be doing Suffolk and SENY events.
- If you need a Service Sponsor, contact Regina.

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

- SIA meets at True North Church 8pm last Tuesday of the month
- Help Needed
 - Bulletin before April 10th
 - Hotline needs help
- Special Events is forming a planning committee for AA 90th Birthday Brunch
- Journey through the Steps – Alanon and AA in Port Jefferson.
- Island of Enthusiasm- April 4-5. \$60 includes dinner

Technology Committee- Christian- web@aasuffolkgsny.org

- No Report

Treatment Facilities (TF) - Vacant- treatment@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- Eddie has been appointed SGS Treatment Facilities. In Favor: 42, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

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

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- Post Wrap Up- 26 Responses from survey.
 - Speaker was great, walking past service tables was great. Venue was good-
 - Recommendations from responses and committee members will be passed to next UB Committee. These will include date and venue for next year.
 - Venue held 550, event was sold out but not everyone attended.
 - Seed money stays in UB Bank Account, overage is returned to SGS.

Additional Reports:

Treatment & Facilities: Bridging the Gap in both SIA and SENY will start helping those coming out of TF's beginning April 1st.

2025 S.C. G. S. TREASURER REPORT

AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025

		2025	% OF	2025		
		BUDGET	BUDGET	YTD	February	JANUARY
INCOME	Group Contributions	\$17,000.00	19.2%	\$3,260.61	\$925.48	\$2,335.13
	Cash 7th Tradition	\$1,000.00	24.5%	\$245.00	\$121.00	\$124.00
	Unity Breakfast			\$385.00	\$385.00	
	Online 7th Tradition*	\$5,500.00	18.6%	\$1,021.34	\$0.00	\$1,021.34
	*Minus Fees	(\$150.00)	20.3%	(\$30.51)	\$0.00	(\$30.51)
	TOTAL INCOME	\$23,350.00	20.9%	\$4,881.44	\$1,431.48	\$3,449.96
OFFICER	DCMC	\$1,300.00	42.5%	\$552.58	\$552.58	
DCM &	Alternate DCMC	\$1,300.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
COMMITTEE	Recording Sec	\$150.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
EXPENSES	Registrar	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Treasurer	\$450.00	4.4%	\$19.60	\$19.60	
	DCMs	\$250.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Accessibility	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Archives	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Corrections	\$100.00	20.3%	\$20.29	\$20.29	
	CPC	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Grapevine Subs	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Grapevine Rep	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Literature Rep	\$300.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Public Information	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	SIA Liason	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Service Sponsorship	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Treatment Facilities	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Tech - Equip. & Web	\$2,200.00	17.1%	\$376.72	\$330.36	\$46.36
	Sub-Total:	\$7,850.00	12.3%	\$969.19	\$922.83	\$46.36
OPERATING	GSR Miles to Assem.	\$4,000.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
EXPENSES	Rent	\$3,700.00	100.0%	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	
	Storage & Supplies			\$0.00		
	Insurance	\$900.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	LISTS	\$1,000.00	80.0%	\$800.00	\$800.00	
	Big Meeting	\$600.00	15.2%	\$91.00		\$91.00
	Hospitality	\$3,200.00	16.1%	\$516.56	\$197.34	\$319.22
	General Service Events	\$1,200.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Website/Tech Reserve Draw Down			\$0.00		
	Contribute to AAWS	\$0.00		\$0.00		
	District Workshops	\$400.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	PO Box Rental	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Unanticipated	\$400.00	0.0%	\$0.00		
	Sub-Total:	\$15,500.00	33.0%	\$5,107.56	\$4,697.34	\$410.22
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,350.00	26.0%	\$6,076.75	\$5,620.17	\$456.58
	NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$0.00		(\$1,195.31)	(\$4,188.69)	\$2,993.38

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AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025		

						FEBRUARY	JANUARY
Previous Month's Account Balance						\$40,716.00	\$37,723.08
Net Income (Loss) for Month						(\$4,188.69)	\$2,993.38
Error in previous month's Reserve Account							(\$0.46)
Book Balance						\$36,527.31	\$40,716.00
Deposits In Transit:							
February						\$ (925.48)	\$ (1,143.08)
January							\$ (124.00)
January							\$ (2,335.13)
Outstanding Checks						\$ 399.29	\$ 91.00
Check cleared for Less (No. 2048 for hospitality)						\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Unreconcilable Difference						\$ (4.30)	\$ (6.00)
Balance per Bank						\$36,036.82	\$37,238.79
Balance per Books				\$36,527.31			
What we Need:							
	Prudent Reserve			\$11,675.00			
	Website Overhaul			\$4,264.00			
	Expenses Left to Pay			\$17,273.25			
	TOTAL			\$33,212.25			
	FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISCRETIONARY USE			\$3,315.06			

2025 Unity Breakfast

2025 Unity Breakfast – “commUNITY through UNITY”

February 16, 2025 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Huntington Hilton in Melville, 598 Broadhollow Rd, Melville, NY

Budget Report

TICKETS

	Qty	Cost/		
550 Tickets	546	\$ 44.00	\$ 24,024.00	
Tables of 10 (45 Tables)	45	\$ 440.00	\$ 19,800.00	
General Admission (100)	96	\$ 44.00	\$ 4,224.00	
Revenue:	546		\$ 24,024.00	

			<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Beginning Balance:				\$ 3,260.23
Overage from '24 UB to GS			\$ (260.23)	
				\$ 3,000.00
Hilton Deposit Check			\$ (500.00)	
				\$ 2,500.00
Receipts:			\$ 23,722.66	
				\$26,222.66
Hilton Rental Check w/ Sound	550	\$ 38.44	\$ (21,637.10)	
				\$ 4,585.56
Hilton			\$ (187.96)	
				\$ 4,397.60
Wristbands (500)			\$ (165.00)	
				\$ 4,232.60
Bookmarks - Northport Copy			\$ (95.00)	
				\$ 4,137.60
Staff Gratuity			\$ (1,000.00)	
				\$ 3,137.60

Final Balance 3/10/25 **\$ 3,137.60**

Cash to Treasurer - Feb Meeting \$ 360.00
 Outstanding:
 Big Books (2) \$ (24.00)

3/10/2025

NOTES

Total potential sales

Sold out as of 1/17/25

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4 comp tickets

<u>Notes</u>
\$260.23 (overage from UB 24)
Paid September 17, 2024* #1011
Paid EFT - July 15, 2024
Paid February 12, 2025* #1012
Paid February 16, 2025 #1015
Paid February 16, 2025 #1014
Paid February 16, 2025 #1017
\$640 cash gratuity #1013

Capital One

Paid February 16, 2025 #1016