

Suffolk County General Service Meeting

Minutes

February 21, 2025

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

Number in Attendance: In person= 46, Online=25, Total= 71, GSRs= 44

Guests: Malini- SENY Convention Chair

Parliamentarian: Melissa J.

New GSR's and DCM's: Mary Jo- Neighborhood Sobriety, Mike-Sunrise Sobriety, Kevin- Eye-Opener Group, Kelly- Daytime Love & Service, Joe- Patchogue East Love & Service, Kurt B- East Islip Group

AA Anniversary Announcements: Frank- 24yrs, Pamela- 10yrs

Volunteers for cleanup and monthly greeters: 5 people volunteered for cleanup. Thank you. Thank you to the Tech Team for their work tonight.

Concept 2: When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

Minutes Review Minutes Amendment- Change SMART to START. Minutes approved with amendment.

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:

- Need DCMs for 106,109,112, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 121
- Discussed how going to other groups to encourage participation went.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None. Motion for Literature will be presented next month

Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement: 9:30pm

Next SGS meeting: March 14, 2025 * This is the 2nd Friday of the month due to the SENY Convention**

Delegates Day of Sharing: March 8, 2025 Westchester Community College, 73 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY, 15095 Meeting ID: 873 6681 5219 Passcode: 713104

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Officer Reports

DCMC- Heather- dcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- My Anniversary was in February- 10 yrs.
- Attended last assembly on January 18
- Attended the Unity Breakfast
- SENY Convention Program Committee – Suffolk will be having a panel on Grief- Saturday morning
- 75th General Service Conference will take place April 27 – May 3, 2025 – Serving on General Service Hospitality committee

NERAASA

The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members and Intergroup and Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.

NERAASA is a unique and vital event—a space where voices from every corner of our region come together to share experience, exchange ideas, and deepen our understanding of how we can best carry the message of recovery. It is through these rich discussions and heartfelt connections that we continue to strengthen not only our service structures but also the bonds that unite us in our common purpose.

Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee

- Virtual only. Going on NOW. You can go to neraasa.org to register. There is a \$35 cost.

Delegate's Day of Sharing (Hybrid), Saturday, March 8, 2025, Westchester Community College, 73 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY 10595 Meeting ID: 873 6681 5219 Passcode: 713104

- Presenters will share background information on the agenda items selected for the Delegate's Questionnaire. There will be a Q&A session after each presentation. **That is to allow you to help educate your home groups on how they will respond to the Delegates questionnaire.**
- What is the Delegate's Questionnaire? The Delegate's Questionnaire is a tool created by Area 49 to gather group feedback on selected General Service Conference agenda items. To encourage meaningful participation, the SENY Delegate selects specific agenda items that will engage and interest the Area, putting them together in the Delegate's Questionnaire for group response. The questionnaire will be ready by the end of February just waiting for the final agenda items and background. The deadline for the questionnaire will be April 12th.
- The final agenda items not yet released, but soon.
- Mark mentioned the SENY Budget did not pass at the assembly in January. It also did not pass at the subsequent vote at the Committee meeting. So there is some oversight being worked on to get a workable budget going in SENY.
- Download the Service manual from AA.org or purchase the print version here for \$4.00.
- Register your service positions!

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ADCMC- Mark- adcmc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org

- In January, I attended the SENY Area meeting and was able to listen to a very informative talk on Roberts Rules and how AA utilizes them in our fellowship by making sure that our spiritual principles are added to them.
- The SENY budget did not pass in January and is out for review on a few items and will be voted on again at the March meeting.
- The March SENY Area Meeting is Delegate's Day of Sharing, and I plan on attending in Person.
- The SENY Convention is coming up March 21st-23rd and I have registered for the weekend and the banquet, and I am very much looking forward to the event.

Treasurer- Frank- treasurer@aasuffolkgs-ny.org (See Attached Report) Approved. Yes- 59, No- 0, Abstention-0

Registrar- Kasey- registrar@suffolkgs-ny.org

- I was able to meet with the SENY Registrar since last month and received training. However, I am still just coming into the position. 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.

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

- The minutes are available within a week of the SGS meeting so that you can bring back the information to your home groups. To have the minutes emailed to you, please contact rec-secretary@aasuffolkgs-ny.org
- Any Committee Chair who would like the people Online to have the information provided in the room, please email that information or flyer prior to the SGS meeting.

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

- Having a Step Workshop quarterly. The first workshop is March 29, 2025, 10am-2pm. There will be 3 AA and 3 Alanon speakers.
- Looking for AA speakers to come in to Alanon meetings.

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

- Spoke one on one with an Electrician Apprenticeship instructor from IBW Local 25 union in Hauppauge. Gave a presentation with slides, courtesy of AA.org, left literature for display, very supportive.
- Supplied more pamphlets and meeting lists to the Legal Aid office at Central Islip Court Building
Group presentation with Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk at their Central Islip office.
- Met with coordinators of the Family Development, Housing, and Community Affairs. Explained what our fellowship is, and to share with the clients they serve.
- Finally, CPC table at Unity Breakfast was an amazing attraction. Thank you to Anabel, SENY CPC for assisting with outreach
- Our committee meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month virtually @ 7:00 pm
Meeting ID: 932 6450 5176 Passcode: 713704
- Next meeting is Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 pm
- Committee members are always needed!

Corrections- Anthony- corrections@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report

Grapevine- Mike- grapevine@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- No Report

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

- Next Event- Sober Shenanigans on March 16th. Go to website for information
- LICYPAA is not just for young people! We want to show people that sobriety can be fun.

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

- L.I.S.T.S. Committee Meeting – February 9, 2025.
- Theme: 90 Years of the 5th Tradition
- Nassau County is the host county this year.
- In attendance was Nassau, Suffolk and Queens and Brooklyn

What was discussed:

1. Contribution from each county will be \$800
 2. Event will take place in May 17th
 3. Went over list of meeting topics
 4. Kristen will call on venues where we want to have event
 5. Flyer will be designed once venue is determined
 6. Program will be completed once venue is selected with the number of classrooms we have available to use for the meetings. Topics will be mailed to Heather as soon as they become available.
- Suffolk County will provide the Meditation. I have found someone to lead the meditation.
 - Each county will have time slots and each topic will have two speakers and a Q & A
 - Next committee meeting will be on March 9th @ 4pm on Zoom

Literature- Jim- literature@asuffolkgs-ny.org

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- No Report

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

- No Report

Service Participation- Kathie- (Dean J. gave report)

- Creating a flyer to take to home groups about the Service Participation Committee.
- Committee has 4 members which includes a new GSR and 3 others who have service experience.
- Looking for a new DCM to attend.
- Need current Committee Chairs to email a brief description of what they would like to see our committee do in this rotation.
- Our goal is to help everyone get involved in service whether you are a new or medium GSR or a DCM with SENY experience.

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

- No Report

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

- SIA meets last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. The New Rep orientation starts at 7pm and the regular meeting starts at 8pm.
- Journey through the Steps, March 29, 2025 at 300 Terryville Rd, from 10am-2pm. AA and Alanon speakers.
- The Events Chair is planning a Birthday Brunch for AA's 90th Birthday on June 9, 2025.
- The Bulletin is looking for new articles.
- Speaker Exchange, March 8, 2025. Exchange starts at 8am, doors open at 7:15am, at True North Church, Bohemia.

Technology Committee- Christian- web@aasuffolksny.org

- No report

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

- No report

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

- This year's breakfast came off great. I have received feedback that the service tables received good traffic and even that the Grapevine sold out, as did the Big Book's at the literature table.
- The post breakfast survey was launched on Monday this week, 2/17 and responses are being received. If you purchased GA or a table of 10 for the breakfast and have received the survey, please take the time to fill it out. So far, the feedback has been positive.
- We will schedule a post-breakfast committee meeting after we have received more survey responses, so that we can take inventory of the event and prepare recommendations/observations for next year's committee.
- Thank you all again for being part of the 2025 Unity Breakfast.

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Additional reports:

Redistricting Report- Michelle

- Chair is Scott M.
- First meeting was held in February.
- Reps from almost all counties in SENY were there.
- We are looking at whether the County service level is helping us or hurting us.
- There is a great deal of research that has to be done.
- We are working on what will be a long process.
- If you know anyone who has information or knowledge on redistricting, please contact me so that we can have them as a committee guest. Email me at eide2359@gmail.com

SENY Convention-Malini, 2025 Convention Chair

- March 21-23, 2025 Westchester Marriot.
- Theme: Working Together, Increasing Trust
- Annabel B. has created a well-rounded weekend featuring 3 sides of triangle, young people, old timers meeting, great entertainment and hospitality.
- Saturday night is the banquet and dancing.
- Deadlines: Booking a hotel room is Feb. 27, Banquet deadline is March 3. Please fill out meal preference and who you would like to be seated with. Pre-Registration for Convention deadline is March 14.
- Scholarships are available.
- Emails have gone out to DCMCs to secure speakers for panels.
- Visit www.aaseny.org website or email Malini at convention@aaseny.org for more information.

SIA Hotline- Howie

- The only requirement to work the 24 hour hotline is sobriety.
- If 1/6th of the groups in Suffolk County takes one week commitments, the entire year would be covered.
- There are 14 shifts for each week. The shifts are 8am-8pm and 8pm-8am
- Please go back to your group to discuss filling as many shifts as possible. It doesn't have to be all 14 shifts. Shifts cannot be split between two people.
- Email Howie at phones@suffolkny-aa.org suffolkaa-ny.org

SIA Treatment Facilities- Rob

- TF Committee meets Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025 at True North Church, Bohemia.
- Will be holding a TF Committee Speaker Exchange to exchange commitments with others who chair meetings in facilities.
- No open male commitments. 2 female open commitments still need to be filled.
- New commitments will be added next week. The commitments are updated frequently on the SIA website.

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- Need help with outreach to contact nursing homes, psych units, sober homes etc., about bringing literature and meetings into the facility.
- BTG provides sober people who are newly released from Treatment Facilities with a temporary contact who helps the person get to their first few meetings. There is no sobriety requirement for temporary contacts.
- Looking for people to take various BTG commitments.

2025 S.C. G. S. TREASURER REPORT

AS OF JANUARY 31, 2025

		2025		% OF
		BUDGET	JANUARY	BUDGET
INCOME	Group Contributions	\$17,000.00	\$2,335.13	13.7%
	Cash 7th Tradition	\$1,000.00	\$124.00	12.4%
	Online 7th Tradition*	\$5,500.00	\$1,021.34	18.6%
	*Minus Fees	(\$150.00)	(\$30.51)	20.3%
	TOTAL INCOME	\$23,350.00	\$3,449.96	14.8%
OFFICER DCM & COMMITTEE EXPENSES	DCMC	\$1,300.00		
	Alternate DCMC	\$1,300.00		
	Recording Sec	\$150.00		
	Registrar	\$100.00		
	Treasurer	\$450.00		
	DCMs	\$250.00		
	Accessibility	\$100.00		
	Archives	\$100.00		
	Corrections	\$100.00		
	CPC	\$100.00		
	Grapevine Subs	\$500.00		
	Grapevine Rep	\$100.00		
	Literature Rep	\$300.00		
	Public Information	\$100.00		
	SIA Liason	\$100.00		
	Service Sponsorship	\$500.00		
	Treatment Facilities	\$100.00		
	Tech - Equip. & Web	\$2,200.00	\$46.36	2.1%
	Sub-Total:	\$7,850.00	\$46.36	0.6%
OPERATING EXPENSES	GSR Miles to Assem.	\$4,000.00		
	Rent	\$3,700.00		
	Storage & Supplies			
	Insurance	\$900.00		
	LISTS	\$1,000.00		
	Big Meeting	\$600.00	\$91.00	15.2%
	Hospitality	\$3,200.00	\$319.22	10.0%
	General Service Events	\$1,200.00		
	Website/Tech Reserve Draw Down			
	Contribute to AAWS	\$0.00		
	District Workshops	\$400.00		
	PO Box Rental	\$100.00		
	Unanticipated	\$400.00		
	Sub-Total:	\$15,500.00	\$410.22	2.6%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,350.00	\$456.58	2.0%
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$0.00	\$2,993.38	

Previous Month's Account Balance	\$37,723.08
January Net Income	\$2,993.38
Error in previous month's Reserve Account	(\$0.46)
Book Balance	<u>\$40,716.00</u>
Deposits In Transit:	
December	\$ (1,143.08)
January	\$ (124.00)
January	\$ (2,335.13)
Outstanding Checks	\$ 91.00
Check cleared for Less (No. 2048 for hospitality)	\$ 40.00
Unreconcilable Difference	<u>\$ (6.00)</u>
Balance per Bank 01/31/2025	<u><u>\$37,238.79</u></u>