

Suffolk County General Service Assembly Meeting

Minutes April 18, 2025

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

In attendance: In Person: 62, GSRs: 30, Alt. GSRs: 5, Virtual: 23, GSRs: 18 Total attendees: 85, Total GSRs: 48

Guests: Anne- High Noon

Parliamentarian: Melissa

Spiritual Time Keeper: Brian F.

New GSRs and DCMs:

AA Anniversary Announcements: Laura-42 yrs, Scott B.-32 yrs, Eric-7 yrs

Volunteers for cleanup and monthly greeters: Thank you!!! 6pm on May 16, 2025

Hospitality Team: Thank you Tim, Bill and Christian for dinner and helping set up the district tables.

Concept 4: Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Voting Procedures: Voting rights shall be as follows: all Officers, except DCMC, Standing Committee Chairs, DCMs and GSRs shall have a vote. Alternate DCMs and GSRs will have a vote if their principals are not present. The DCMC, Liaisons and Guests do NOT have a vote.

Review minutes from previous month. **Minutes:** Accepted with amended punctuation.

Officer’s Reports (see Reports)

DCMC- Heather- dcmc@asuffolks-nj.org

ADCMC - adcmc@asuffolks-nj.org Vacant

Treasurer- treasurer@asuffolks-nj.org

Registrar- Kasey- registrar@suffolks-nj.org

Recording Secretary-Cyndy- rec-secretary@asuffolks-nj.org

Committee Chair Reports (see Reports)

District Meetings: Still need DCMs for Districts 106, 109, 112, 116, 117, 118, 119, 121

Hispanic District: Antonio District 114

- District 114 has 20 active Spanish groups. We currently have 10 GSRs.
- We focus on groups that don’t have GSRs. We try to keep them informed about what is going on in AA.
- Our district meetings are on Tuesday, 8-10pm @ Caminos De Sobriedad, 186 West Main Street, Patchogue.
- April 27, 2025, 3-5pm. You are all invited to a Workshop about the responsibility of the GSRs and the structure of General Service. Caminos De Sobriedad, 186 West Main Street, Patchogue

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Old Business: None

New Business: None

GSR Questions: None

Meeting closed @ 9:26pm with the Responsibility Statement

SCGS meeting: May 16, 2025 8pm@ Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Patchogue. New GSR Orientation: 7-8pm

Hybrid Meeting information: Meeting ID: 932 6450 5176 Passcode: 713704

SENY Post Conference Assembly: June 14, 2025, 9am-3pm, Westchester Community College, 73 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY. Hybrid Meeting Information: Meeting ID: 873 6681 5219 Passcode: 713104

Reports

DCMC- Heather dcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- It was brought to my attention that I failed to note that the vote last month was a substantial unanimity to pass vote, as all matters of policy, especially matters of finance are. I wanted to let members know going forward that any votes on matters of policy will require substantial unanimity.
- SENY CONVENTION I attended all 3 days. It was wonderful. Suffolk hosted a Grief Panel that had standing room only and not a dry eye.
- April 8, I attended District 114 I visited District 114 -and am delighted to have started a conversation with their DCM Antonio. Their district is robust and we have a lot to learn from it and I am going to suggest to the rest of the DCMs that they should go check it out for ideas of what they might do in their districts as they are setting a wonderful example we should take notes from.
- Pre-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY April 12, 2025. Much of Suffolk was there. I love that so much. Thank you to those who attended.
- Budget - Our Tom B has stepped up to act as interim treasurer and to sort out the numbers from the last assembly where the budget was voted down. He presented the new budget which is included in your packets. He said that while those numbers are a very good approximation if we wait till the next time to vote in the budget he can promise us accurate numbers. Body voted to wait.
- 75th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE will take place April 27- May 3, 2025- Nisaa is on her way!
- 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.
- I am serving on the General Service Conference Hospitality committee and will be taking delegates and/or their spouses to visit the INTREPID and I have agreed to also assist the tour going to Radio City Music Hall.
- The outcome of the conference will be reported to us in the Post Conference assembly: Next ASSEMBLY- JUNE 14!
- Post-Conference Assembly- This is where we will find out what happened on all the items we got so excited about on the delegates questionnaire, along with all the other agenda items.
- Remember- Suffolk will reimburse you for your travel to the Assemblies. I get so excited when I see an audience full of Suffolk!
- International Convention- Fast approaching! There are opportunities available for service at the convention. Flyers In your packets. If you or anyone in your home group is going to Vancouver with me you can say you did service at an international convention.

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- ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR- We need an accessibilities Chair! Please announce and think of people who would have a passion for serving in that role. And text me your recommendations.
- New Seventh Tradition Contributions flyer put out by World Services to teach your home groups what happens to the contributions they send down the triangle.

ADCMC- adcmc@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- Mark has stepped down.
- We will have a 3rd Legacy election next month. Please consider standing for this position.
- Responsibilities: The Alt. DCMC supports the DCMC and fills in for DCMC when needed. Provides new GSR Orientation.
- If you have questions about the role of the Alt. DCMC, contact Service Participation Chair, Kathy.

Treasurer treasurer@asuffolkgs-ny.org (See attached report)

- Treasurer's Report: In favor: 39, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0. **Report Approved**

Registrar- Kasey registrar@suffolkgs-ny.org

- 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.
- If you are in person, use the QR code to scan the code. If you are online, the link is in the chat.
- 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@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- If you would like the Minutes, Treasurer's Report, flyers or other information provided at the SGS meeting each month emailed to you, please contact rec-secretary@asuffolkgs-ny.org with your Name, Group and Commitment. The minutes are emailed the day after the SGS meeting so that you have current information to report to your group. This information can also be accessed on the SCGS website: aasuffolkgs-ny.org under the Minutes tab.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities/Special Needs- accessibilities@asuffolkgs-ny.org Vacant

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

- The Al-Anon event, in participation with AA, A Journey through the Steps, Steps 1-3 on March 29th was a success. 50 people attended.
- The 2nd quarterly workshop on Steps 4, 5, 6 will be June 28, 10am-2pm, at True North Church, Bohemia. There will be 3 Al-Anon speakers and 3 AA speakers.
- Al-Anon is always looking for AAs who are interested in speaking at open Al- Anon meetings about how you suffered with the disease and your history with it.

Archives- Bobby- archives@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- Met with Bob R. from SIA. We are planning Archive events.
- Call me if you are interested in joining the Archive Committee.

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

- Held Informational Table at SENY Convention with Lots of interest from attendees.
- Reaching out to professional colleges to offer presentations to their students.
- Sending emails to therapists and social workers in Smithtown, letting them know that AA can be complimentary to their current treatment with patients.
- Helping SENY CPC with a location for a workshop with invites going to professionals.
- Will attend the LISTS event in May.
- Anyone with **Bold** ideals on whom to share information about AA to, please reach out to John V. and attend our monthly meeting: 2nd Thursday of the Month from 7-8 pm. Meeting ID: 932 6450 5176 Passcode: 713704

Corrections- Anthony- corrections@asuffolkgs-ny.org No Report

Grapevine- Mike- grapevine@asuffolkgs-ny.org

- Ordered new Grapevines, they will be here in May.
- If your group would like to have a Grapevine subscription, you can go online @ aagrapevine.org
- Contact me if you have questions.

LICYPAA Liaison- Nick & Bri-website: licypaa.carrd.co, contact: outreach.licypaa@gmail.com

- Saturday May 10th 2pm-5pm LICYPAA is hosting a Unity, Service, Sponsorship Workshop in Hauppauge! This is a free event with 7th tradition basket being passed. We will have refreshments and 3 Panels on Unity, Service, and Sponsorship. 2 speakers for each panel followed by a Q&A with breaks in between each topic. Heather our GSR DCMC will be speaking on one of the topics!
- LICYPAA's Annual CAMPOUT at Wildwood State Park will be held **September 12-14th, 2025** - SAVE THE DATE! Flyer to come soon.
- LICYPAA Annual Luau will be held sometime in July at Robert Moses State Park.
- LICYPAA is always looking for new members so if you're interested in being in service, join our business meetings on every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 8:15pm. The meeting information is on the LICYPAA Who We Are flyer.
- Please email me with any service opportunities for LICYPAA to be a part of!

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

- 90 Years of the 5th Tradition is the theme.
- Topics: Meditation meeting, Chairperson not Scared Person, What is a Group Inventory, Transparent Treasurer, No Mystery- this is our History (Archives), Sponsorship Every day, On the Firing Line (Technology) and so much more! Nisaa, our SENY Delegate will be speaking at the event.
- There will be service tables from Suffolk, Nassau, Queens and Brooklyn.
- **May 17, 2025, 11:00am- 4:00pm.** 474 Wantagh Ave, Levittown. Brunch will be served.

Literature- Jim- literature@asuffolkgs-ny.org No Report

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

- We are beginning the Sponsor a Doctor program. We provide doctors with information about AA and how to get someone into recovery.
- We are creating a Beginner's Packet for Doctors. We would like you to take the packets back to your groups and give them to people who would be interested in taking the packet to their doctor and discussing it briefly with their doctor, not in detail.

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- We plan to have the packet available next month. You can also email me and we can make arrangements for you to get the packets.

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

- The committee met on April 10.
- We are planning a fall workshop in the Southampton/Quogue area. The workshop will focus on GSR Responsibilities and General Service structure. This may be held with SIA cooperation.
- We introduced open mic last month for GSRs to ask questions. We also have the “Ask-It-Basket” for anyone who doesn’t want to come to the mic. You can write down your question and it will be answered.
- We discussed providing Service Manuals for GSRs.
- We’ve created Help Wanted Flyers to take back to your group to see if people in your group might want to get involved in various committees. Each month we highlight two committees.

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

- Attended the SENY Convention in March and chaired the Grief and Bereavement Workshop
- Met with SENY Service Sponsorship Chair and we are planning a Service Sponsorship event for the fall of 2025.
- Have been invited to sit on the Service Sponsorship Panel, District 620, in Harlem.

Suffolk Intergroup Association Liaison- Natalie- SIA Website: <http://suffolkny-aa.org> No Report

Technology Committee- Christian- techteam@aasuffolkgsny.org

- The minutes, events, district information and contact information, are on the SCSG website- www.aasuffolkgs-ny.org
- If you don’t see something that you want to have such as an event or a flyer associated with Suffolk County, contact us either by phone or email.
- We have a great team who all receive any email you send.

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

- There are 498 meetings in facilities in Suffolk County. We have 9 open commitments.
- Bridging the Gap-We have helped 5 people coming out facilities with having a temporary contact to help them get to their first meetings. We need more people to sign up for the Temporary Contact Program.

Unity Breakfast- John V. has been appointed 2026 Unity Breakfast Chair. In favor: 51

Other Reports:

SENY AD HOC Redistricting- Michelle

- This is an on-going committee that is doing a lot of research. I will report to you only when I have something to tell you.
- There will be a poll sometime in August: What is your take on AA? What is your knowledge level about AA?
- We want everyone in AA to get this poll, not just service people and will go out as an email blast. Your DCMC will get the email and distribute the poll to as many AAs as possible.