

# Suffolk County General Service Meeting

## Minutes

July 18, 2025

### Welcome

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

In attendance: In person: (GSRs:) Virtual: (GSRs:) Total attendees: (GSRs:)

Parliamentarian: Jane

Spiritual Time Keeper: Lisa

Guests: Joel

New GSRs: Susan- Huntington Station New Life Group, Nick- Riverhead and Pike Club Groups, Bernardo- Bridgehampton Group.

AA Anniversary Announcements: Kasey- 10 yrs, Cyndy-30 yrs. My apologies; there was another anniversary, 28 years, but I didn't get the name. Congratulations everyone.

**Tradition 7:** "Every A.A. group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

**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, Recording Secretary, Liaisons and Guests do NOT have a vote.

**Treasurer Report (Frank)** [treasurer@aasuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:treasurer@aasuffolkgs-ny.org) (See attached)

✚ Group contributions were up in June. While contributions are still down a little, experience has shown that this is normal for the summer months.

✚ **Questions:** What are discretionary funds and what is the procedure to use it? We vote on what to do with the money. It may be contributed to the other service entities.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted In favor: 39 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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Minutes from June 2025 meeting: Accepted

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

### **1. Service Participation Motion: Motion to request a budget of \$950.00 for Service Participation in 2025.**

Background:

1. Service participation committee would like to have a workshop in Hampton Bays to attract members and provide information for districts that do not have DCM's approx—\$700

+ District 105 — Aquebogue – Baiting Hollow – Cutchogue – Fishers Island – Greenport  
Jamesport – Mattituck – Manorville – Orient – Ridge – Riverhead – Sound Beach –  
Southold – Wading River

+ District 106 — Amagansett – East Hampton – Montauk – Sag Harbor – Shelter Island-  
Wainscott

+ District 112 — Eastport – East Quogue – Hampton Bays – Quogue – Remsenberg  
Westhampton Beach

2. We would also like to provide 30 service manuals for new GSR's @ \$5.00 each --\$150
3. Ask It basket, flyer printing and supplies approx – \$100

### **+ Discussion:**

+ Will there be food at the workshop? Yes. 500 is for venue.

+ Are there any GSRs from the targeted area? Yes, and the idea is great. DCM 105 has 9 listed GSRs.

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- ✚ Was there a reason that the Hampton Bays area was chosen rather than Riverhead which is more central to the east end? We did not know about any Riverhead venues.

In favor: 49   Opposed: 0   Abstentions: 0   **Motion Passes**

### 2. Archives Motion: To move the Suffolk General Service Archives to an off-site storage facility.

Background:

- ✚ I can't do my job as the current Archives Committee Chair because I am not allowed to access the Archives material.
- ✚ I have asked other Archives Committees like Nassau and SENY and was told they use off-site storage.
- ✚ This would allow me to move forward with the Archives and encourage both local and state participation, which could also be the beginning of our digital archives.
- ✚ Documents need to be physically scanned into a computer. The books we currently have need to be sorted, organized and updated periodically.
- ✚ Currently we cannot even display our material unless we make arrangements a month in advance.
- ✚ Let us use the present to preserve our past and insure our future.

#### ✚ Discussion:

- ✚ What size do we need and what is the cost? The smallest 5x5 would handle our needs. The first month is free or discounted. It would be approximately \$80 per month.
- ✚ What is the location? Just west of Waverly, south of Sunrise Hwy.

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- + Where would the money come from? We have discretionary funds that could be used.
- + Has there been a thought to go to SIA and use their space. Bob R. declined to have our archives stored at SIA.
- + What are we storing and is it airtight? What we have is still unknown because I can't access our Archives. The storage facility I am looking at is indoors.
- + LYCYPAA pays \$30 monthly at a storage facility in Bohemia, there are many locations, would you like that information? I am looking for something convenient which is why the cost might be higher.
- + The file cabinets that we currently have are fire proof and waterproof? I want to move away from the file cabinets and put the files into plastic totes.
- + Who gets the key? The Archives Chair would have the key.

In favor: 47    Opposed: 2    Abstentions: 6

**Minority Opinion:** The idea is great, but it should be postponed until location, price and key holders are determined. There is not enough information to make an informed decision.

+ 3 people changed their minds.

Discussion was reopened.

**The motion was postponed until September. The information needed for September is cost, location and who will hold the key.**

### GSR Participation:

- + How are other groups handling the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition- cash in the basket and/or digitally? Stonybrook FreeThinkers uses PayPal QR code or a link. Some groups do Venmo as well. It is possible that someone might have to break their anonymity in order to establish these types of methods. Young, Wild and Free is a 501c and has to have the signatures

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changed every rotation, but the name of the account is Y, W and F. This is a good workshop topic.

**District Meetings:** Starting in September, we will transition away from district meetings being held during the SGS meeting. DCMs will schedule district meetings during the month which will also facilitate the participation of those GSRs who participate online.

**Thank you!!!**

🌈 Thank you to our fabulous Hospitality Team and Tech Team!

## Announcements

**There is no Suffolk General Service Meeting in August!**

**Next SCGS meeting: September 19, 2025** 8pm@ Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Patchogue.

New GSR Orientation: 7-8pm Hybrid Meeting information: Meeting ID: 932 6450 5176

Passcode: 713704

**Next SENY Assembly: \*\*\*Sunday,\*\*\* September 21, 2025**, 9am-3pm, Westchester

Community College, 73 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY. Hybrid Meeting Information: Meeting ID:

873 6681 5219 Passcode: 713104

Meeting closed @ 9:30pm with the Responsibility Declaration

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## Reports:

### Officers

**DCMC** (Heather) [dcmc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:dcmc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ I went to the International Convention. I will be writing an article for the Bulletin.
- ✚ The packet on the tables contains CPC flyer, PI flyer, email from Past DCMC about group Grapevine Reps, script for GSRs, flyer for NYS Informational Workshop.

**Alt. DCMC** (Jim) [adcmc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:adcmc@aasuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ Seventh tradition contributions hit a record high in 2024, reaching 11.25 million dollars. Of which a little over 4 million was from individual contributions and a little over 7 million from groups.
- ✚ AAWS , our printing operation showed gross profit up 13% from 2023 to 7.64 million from 6.763 million in 2023. This money pays the balance and cost difference over seventh tradition contributions for total cost of services at GSO.
- ✚ The prudent reserve at 6.56 months down again from 2023 at 6.95 months. The group conscience is that it should be between 9-12 months.
- ✚ There will be another capital expenditure of 2.03 million to retrofit the General Service Office. This could create yet another drawdown from the prudent reserve.
- ✚ The financial highlights of the budget in 2025 are projected to have a little over 1 million in surplus. It is likely that literature sales will carry us. The big increase of 13% in those literature sales is largely, if not all, because of the new Plain Language Big Book coming out. But there is concern about the projections especially when we increased losses in the Grapevine in LaViña. The overall lost cost for both of these services was 1.42 million dollars between both of them. The projected 2025 budget is showing a little less than \$600,000 as a loss which projects over net \$800,000 in savings.
- ✚ A little FYI information regarding total costs of services provided by GSO on our behalf:

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1. The average cost per member in AA was \$6.48
2. The average cost per group was \$72.79

**Registrar** (Kasey) [registrar@suffolkgs-ny.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:rec-secretary@aasuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ If you would like the SGS Meeting information emailed to you, please either email me or fill out the [Google Form](#) in the digital packet.
- ✚ Emails are sent:
  - ✚ The day after the meeting with the Minutes, Treasurer Report and Flyers.
  - ✚ On the day of the meeting with the Agenda, Minutes and Treasurer Report for approval.

## Standing Committee Chair Reports

**Archives: (Bobby)** [archives@aasuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:archives@aasuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ No Report

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**(CPC) Cooperation with the Professional Community** (John V.) [cpc@asuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:cpc@asuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ CPC/PI Workshop – This will be a comprehensive discussion, open to members and professionals, on Sunday September 7th from 3-6pm, Whitestone, Queens.
- ✚ I attended the International Convention in Vancouver. I was privileged to serve on a CPC panel with two other health professionals.
- ✚ The committee is looking at why there is only one group that is located in a hospital. We are looking into why groups are not being held in hospitals as much as they used to be.
- ✚ Next virtual meetings will be August 11<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>. All virtual information is on the website.

**Corrections:** [corrections@asuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:corrections@asuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ No Report

**Grapevine** (Mike) [grapevine@asuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:grapevine@asuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ The AA Grapevine is selecting stories from the fellowship and making audible stories. If you are selected, you will have your story in the Grapevine.

**Literature** (Jim) [literature@asuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:literature@asuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ This month 2 books were bought. We have 3 crates of literature. I can get any books your group may want.

**(PI) Public Information** (Brian) [pi@asuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:pi@asuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ We used all 100 packets from last month. If you need a Sponsor A Doctor packet, email me.
- ✚ Two articles will be in the Bulletin; one will be about a member's experience with the Sponsor A Doctor program.
- ✚ We will have more packets and cover letters in September.



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### **Service Participation** (Kathie) [serviceparticipation@aasuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:serviceparticipation@aasuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ This month's meeting finalized details about the workshop on letting GSRs know why the group's voice is important.
- ✚ Workshop will be @ Hampton Bays UMC, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> with at least 2 presenters.
- ✚ The Committee wants you to tell us what your group would like SGS can do for your group? How can we carry the message better?
- ✚ We are planning a carpool to the Assembly Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have a list at the Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> SGS meeting.
- ✚ The Help Wanted Flyer highlights Unity Breakfast, PI and CPC.

### **Service Sponsorship** (Regina) [servicesponsorship@aasuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:servicesponsorship@aasuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ No Report

### **Treatment Facilities:** (Eddie) [treatment@aasuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:treatment@aasuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ About a month ago, I was informed that St. Charles Detox had over 30 no-shows.
- ✚ I am working with other TF coordinators to see what their commitment attendance is like.
- ✚ There are 11 open commitments at the St. Charles Detox this month. Please bring to your groups.
- ✚ BTG: We had 86 calls in 90 days. The BTG Committee provides contacts for people coming out of institutions. The committee needs much more help, both women and men. There are no East End contacts. We need people to sign up.

### **Unity Breakfast** (John V.) [unitybreakfast@aasuffolkgs-ny.org](mailto:unitybreakfast@aasuffolkgs-ny.org)

- ✚ The first committee meeting was held on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ Positions have been designated.
- ✚ In search of a venue for dates in February or early March.

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- ✚ The committee meets virtually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 8pm. Upcoming meetings are August 11<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ There is an event page on the Suffolk General Service website.
- ✚ Thank you to the Tech Team for set up with page and virtual link.

## Liaison Reports

### Al Anon: (Matt)

- ✚ Al-A-Teen has a huge resurgence in Suffolk County. The meetings are chaired by Al Anon members. If you would like more information, go to the Al Anon website.
- ✚ Journey Through the Steps- AA and Al Anon Steps 7-9 Sat Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> in Port Jefferson.

### Hispanic Liaison:

- ✚ We are working on a census as outlined in the Hispanic Committee guidelines. The census is done every 5 years. The last census showed 3,000 members.
- ✚ We celebrated the Hispanic District's 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- 60 members attended.
- ✚ We are still collecting tickets for the Hispanic Convention, August 29-31<sup>st</sup> at the Intercontinental Miami Hotel, 100 Chapel Plaza, Miami, Florida, zip code 33131.

### LICYPAA Liaison (Bri) website: [licypaa.carrd.co](http://licypaa.carrd.co), contact: [outreach.licypaa@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.licypaa@gmail.com)

- ✚ We are a service committee across Long Island. We host events to show people that you can still have fun in recovery. You do not have a young person to join LICYPAA or participate in our events.
- ✚ Two upcoming events:
  - ✚ LUAU- July 20<sup>th</sup> @ Robert Moses State Park, parking field 2. There will be games, yoga, music and lots of fun! There is a suggested \$10 contribution.
  - ✚ The Annual Campout is September 12-14<sup>th</sup> @ Wildwood State Park.
- ✚ Meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of month @ 8pm. The Zoom address is on our website.

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### **Joy of Service** (Jim S.) [adcmc@aasuffolks-ny.org](mailto:adcmc@aasuffolks-ny.org)

- ✚ SENY hosts two Joy of Service Workshops.
- ✚ Suffolk County will host the Joy of Service Workshop this October. We are looking at a target date of October 18<sup>th</sup>,
- ✚ If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please email me with your name and home group.

### **SENY Ad Hoc Redistricting** (Michelle)

- ✚ Our last mtg was 07/02.
- ✚ The research of our areas continues, and has branched out to the individual counties.
- ✚ The Poll I have been reporting on will be available in August.
- ✚ The DCMCs will be receiving an email and are being asked to print them for their monthly mtgs.
- ✚ The Sharing Session is still on target for the late fall/winter. This is NOT your typical workshop. The committee members will be there to hear what you have to say about our current structure at both the SENY & County level. We want to hear from you!

### **SIA Liaison-** (Dawn)

- ✚ No report

# 2025 S.C. G. S. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

## AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

	2025	% OF	2025	1ST			
	BUDGET	BUDGET	YTD	QTR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<b>REVENUES</b>							
Group Contributions	\$17,000.00	43.4%	\$7,383.55	\$4,070.73	\$1,812.28	\$257.50	\$1,243.04
Cash 7th Tradition	\$1,000.00	82.6%	\$826.00	\$396.00	\$133.00	\$161.00	\$136.00
Unity Breakfast			\$498.65	\$385.00			\$113.65
Online 7th Tradition*	\$5,500.00	39.4%	\$2,167.34	\$1,021.34	\$155.00	\$469.60	\$521.40
*Minus Fees	(\$150.00)	44.5%	(\$66.76)	(\$30.51)	(\$5.40)	(\$14.52)	(\$16.33)
<b>TOTAL RVENUE</b>	\$23,350.00	46.3%	\$10,808.78	\$5,842.56	\$2,094.88	\$873.58	\$1,997.76
<b>OFFICER DCM &amp; COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>							
DCMC	\$1,300.00	42.5%	\$552.58	\$552.58			
Alternate DCMC	\$1,300.00	2.3%	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Recording Sec	\$150.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Registrar	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Treasurer	\$450.00	53.2%	\$239.28	\$49.20	\$115.28	\$19.00	\$55.80
DCMs	\$250.00	37.6%	\$94.00	\$0.00		\$94.00	
Accessibility	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Archives	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Corrections	\$100.00	20.3%	\$20.29	\$20.29			
CPC	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Grapevine Subs	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Grapevine Rep	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Literature Rep	\$300.00	9.0%	\$27.00	\$0.00		\$27.00	
Public Information	\$100.00	44.1%	\$44.07	\$0.00			\$44.07
SIA Liason	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Service Sponsorship	\$500.00	2.2%	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$11.00		
Treatment Facilities	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Tech - Equip. & Web	\$2,200.00	37.6%	\$827.11	\$427.13	\$206.31	\$135.40	\$58.27
Sub-Total:	\$7,850.00	23.5%	\$1,845.33	\$1,049.20	\$347.59	\$290.40	\$158.14
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>							
GSR Miles to Assem.	\$4,000.00	15.2%	\$609.36	\$200.92	\$129.60	\$69.08	\$209.76
Rent	\$3,700.00	100.0%	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00			
Storage & Supplies			\$0.00	\$0.00			
Insurance	\$900.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$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	46.5%	\$1,486.45	\$716.58	\$255.24	\$231.34	\$283.29
General Service Events	\$1,200.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Website/Tech Reserve Draw Down			\$0.00	\$0.00			
Contribute to AAWS	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00			
District Workshops	\$400.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
PO Box Rental	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Unanticipated	\$400.00	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Sub-Total:	\$15,500.00	43.1%	\$6,686.81	\$5,508.50	\$384.84	\$300.42	\$493.05
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$23,350.00	36.5%	\$8,532.14	\$6,557.70	\$732.43	\$590.82	\$651.19
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	\$0.00		\$2,276.64	(\$715.14)	\$1,362.45	\$282.76	\$1,346.57



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## AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

				JUNE
Previous Month's Account Balance				\$38,652.69
Net Surplus (Deficit)				\$1,346.57
Error in previous month's Reserve Account				
Book Balance End of Period				\$39,999.26
Deposits In Transit:				-
Outstanding Checks:				-\$1,243.04
		#1001	\$190.08	
		#1004	\$131.76	
		#1007	\$10.86	\$332.70
Check cleared for Less ( No. 2048 for hospitality)				
Unreconcilable Difference				-\$4.33
Balance per Bank				\$39,084.59
Balance per Books				\$39,999.26
What we Need:	Prudent Reserve			\$11,675.00
	Website Overhaul			\$4,264.00
	Expenses Left to Pay			\$14,817.86
	TOTAL			\$30,756.86
	FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR			
	DISCRETIONARY USE			\$9,242.40