

MAY 2023 MANHATTAN GENERAL SERVICE MEETING (MGSM)

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May 2023 Manhattan General Service Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

1. **Welcome.** The meeting was started at 631pm by DCMC Justin K

- Reading of Declaration of Unity
- Renaming Reminder re zoom
- Reading of the Manhattan County Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the organization is to serve the needs of the AA groups within its geographic area and act as a constituent part of the Southeastern New York (SENY) Area 49 Committee and Assembly.
- Introduction of New attendees: Rob W GSR of Pax; Hunter GSR of PALGIYA; Bethany GSR Big Book Magic; Dan S GSR Manhattan Valley; Ephraim GSR St Nicholas; Ezra W GSR Youth Enjoying Sobriety (YES).
- Introduction of Spiritual Servants of the Meeting
 - Keith P: Parliamentarian/Quorum Checker
 - Derrick J: Timekeeper
- Quorum - A quorum may conduct all MGSM business and approve all financial expenditures. The quorum for MGSM shall consist of the following: The meeting Chairperson, who can only be the currently elected DCMC, Alt-DCMC, or Registrar; At least one other elected officer; Recording Secretary; a Treasurer, who may be appointed if necessary; At least thirteen *additional* voting members, as specified in Article VIII, paragraph 3. (Article XI) (Emphasis Added) The voting members of MGSM shall consist of: The officers of MGSM, The DCMs, The GSRs, Alternate DCMs: only if the district's DCM is not present; Alternate GSRs: only if the group's GSR is not present).

2. **Introductions of MGSM officers, GSRs/Alt-GSRs, DCMs/Alt-DCMs:**

MGSM Officers:

DCMC: Justin K

Alt-DCMC: James T

Treasurer: Brenda V

Web Chair: Derrick J

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Registrar: Hillel H

Recording Secretary: John H

GSRs and Alt-GSRs:

Jon F: Alt-GSR Alive Again

Paul F: GSR Atlantic Group

Bethany: GSR Big Book Magic

Melissa: GSR Broadway at 96th

Paul G: GSR Chelsea Nooners

Janet B: GSR Exchange Views

Margaret R: GSR First Things First

Bob B: GSR Found a Way

Maggie M: GSR Grand Central

Tom F: GSR KISS

Dan S GSR Manhattan Valley

Andy B: GSR Not a Glum Lot (and Secretary for 601)

Hunter: GSR PALGIYA

Rob W: GSR Pax Online

Patricia S: GSR Potpourri

Germaine R: GSR for Powerless Group

Morgane S: GSR Save Her a Seat - Fridays

Casey M: GSR Save Her a Seat - Tuesdays

Andrew M: GSR Saturday Beginners

Natalie B: GSR 79th Street Workshop

Ephraim GSR St Nicholas

Jeremiah: GSR Steps 3&11

Ezra W GSR Youth Enjoying Sobriety (YES)

Attendees: Andrew K, Elizabeth M, Emmanuel M, Rob B

DCMs and Alt-DCMs:

Bill M: DCM 601

Derrick: DCM 602

Sylwia H: Secretary 603

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John M: DCM: 605/608

Zach B: DCM 613

Elliott: DCM 617

Stef K: Alt-DCM 617

George B: DCM 620

3. Review of Voting Procedures and other household matters.

Justin reviewed the voting procedures, who is eligible to vote and when:

a. The voting members of MGSM are the MGSM officers, DCMs and GSRs. Alternatives (with the exception of the alt-DCMC do not vote unless their primary is absent.) Check the participant list for your primary and do not vote if your primary is present.

b. Like SENY, MGSM uses a loose form of Robert's Rules of Order. Raise your virtual hand to be acknowledged by the chair for all motions, discussion, objections and abstentions. There will be a 5 minute limitation on the Chair, 3 minute limitation on the MGSM Officers and 2 minute limitation on the other Trusted Servants.

c. Settings have been modified for this meeting. Recording, reaction, screen sharing and renaming oneself has been disabled. Speakers will be unmuted and muted by the host and co-hosts. You can chat with the host or co-host for renaming.

4. Previous minutes: The previous minutes were reviewed and corrected and then accepted as written.

5. Treasurer's report:

Treasurer, Brenda V:

- Brenda shared the Treasurer's report
- Highlighted in the report is where we are currently in the year
- Total income YTD is \$6800
- Our administrative expenses to date (largely contributions made or to be made) total \$11000

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- Reminder to groups to make their contributions if they are able to do so rather than waiting until later in the year.
- Share-a-Day/MSAD contributions are a passthrough MGSM
- A motion was made by Paul G and seconded by Tom to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

6. Officer's reports:

DCMC Justin K:

- This will be our last county meeting until September
- Saturday June 17 will be the post conference Assembly (hybrid) to learn what happened at the recent General Service Conference
- Last week, JK got to speak at the 620 District Mtg
- Re MSAD (Manhattan Share-a-Day) on 8/12/23 at St James Church: there are 40 meetings and 80 speakers. Encouraging groups to reach out to Tom F to volunteer and attend MSAD; As a reminder, many groups choose to do a separate 7th tradition contribution for MSAD
- At last meeting, there was a decision to create an ad hoc committee to consider a workshop for "meeting post-pandemic"

Alt-DCMC, James T:

- Next assembly will be June 17: shared bus (with Brooklyn, to limit expenses) will pick up at 8am from 143 East 43rd Street, St Agnes' Church
- Next GSR Coffee Hour is the first Sunday in June at 3pm — virtually - where GSRs can come to ask questions and discuss what is going on.

Registrar, Hillel H:

- Nothing to report but a reminder to get registered in the SENY site www.aaseny.org if you are not already.

MSAD Chair, Tom F:

- MSAD had a planning meeting last night.
- There is also a recruiter for set-up and breakdown at the event.
- Contributions are beginning to come in.
- Flyer has been prepared and will be distributed.

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- Looking for contact information to get young people involved in MSAD
- Also looking to connect with the district covering archives to see what resources are available.
- Anyone interested in the planning committee, next one is Monday the 29th: 630pm-730pm on zoom 88913512831, Passcode MSAD2023. Planning committee meets alternate Mondays
- Questions:
 - Whom to contact if wanting to do service at the actual event? Email Tom at tomf07055@gmail.com or tel 570-236-2940

Web Chair, Derrick J:

- Our website is up and running and updated frequently: www.ManhattanAA.org
- We may have someone who will fill role going forward as Derrick is doubling service presently.

District Reports:

- **601:** Bill DCM for 601: said that they are reaching out to the silent meetings to update information on the SENY website; have contacted 4 of them. Their commitment is Grapevine/La Vina: have connected with the previous district for info and have effectively transferred bank account and post office box.
- **602:** Derrick J DCM for 602: looking to connect with other districts re possible shared commitment; will not be meeting in July or August; they meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month
- **603:** Sylwia Secretary for 603: last meeting in June until September; contacting silent groups in 603; they now have a Zelle account for contributions; looking to get district committee meeting listed on county website; commitment is accessibilities. *Reminder: to get listed on SENY website, email agenda@aaseny.org*
- **605/608:** John M DCM for 605/608: met last night, challenges include bank with a minimum charge for lower balance and difficulty with PO Box. They now have Zelle. Have been trying to attend MSAD meetings and attending meetings re their service commitment (corrections). Re service projects: looking at history of corrections in AA and planning a visit to

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GSO to understand that history. Looking to see how they can be of service to virtual meetings. *Thought about topics for proposed county workshop: how much is suitable for prudent reserve and a group's interaction re bank accounts.*

- **613:** Zach B DCM for 613: meetings have proceeded and their commitment is going well re treatment. Looking to determine how much is a suitable prudent reserve for district and then what to do with overage.
- **617:** Elliott DCM 617: their commitment is public information; reaching out to high schools in their district (will they be able to bring in pamphlets?); considering what to do in the fall. They have 4 GSRs from a total of 40 groups who are participating in the district meetings, trying to increase participation in order to broaden representation. Alt-DCM Stef got to speak with Bill C about treatment service opportunities.
- **620:** George DCM for 620: current commitment is literature; recently had a workshop (this past Saturday); planning gratitude cookout July 29 tentative date; second Monday of the month is their district meeting; last meeting before summer will be June 15; website is active: aadistrict620.org

7. 7th Tradition Break

8. Old Business:

No old business

9. New Business:

Gratitude Cookout: 620 hosts a gratitude cookout. Might there be interest in having one for MGSM and associated friends?

George made a motion re holding a cookout for the County; Tom seconded.

Discussion:

- Hunter suggested: yes, “as a sober ‘COVID baby,’ in-person events are very exciting.”
- Zach: District 613 “loves food and would love to be outside!”
Consider the Arthur Ross Pinetum

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- Paul asked about cost? George said that it could be potluck
- Margaret said that “it’s a fiesta” when First Things First does their cookout. “Just set a time and place and bring your sponsees. 618 is pro-picnic!”

Motion passes.

Question about whether there is interest in asking the delegate to present GSO financials to the county

Paul F mentioned a concern re finances

SENY Hybrid Chair Ad Hoc Committee

Counties can request assistance in purchasing a laptop for service officers who would be willing to be trained to do hybrid service

Motion by Derrick to form an ad hoc committee for the purpose of hybrid chair position for Manhattan County for the sole purpose of clarity and job creation; seconded by John M.

Discussion:

- John H: we live in a changing age and this is a great idea
- Ray S, GSR Exchange Views: how would this work? Parliamentarian intervened that, before addressing question, this is strictly discussion of the motion to form the ad hoc committee

Vote: 21 in favor, 2 against, 7 abstentions. Rob B spoke for the minority that we could put a pause on this for six months to then see where we are.

Second vote: 22 in favor, 5 against, 4 abstentions. Motion passes.

If interested in being on the ad hoc committee, email Derrick at hybrid@aaseny.org

10. Closing: Responsibility Statement. Meeting ended at 747

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