

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE MARCH 2024 MEETING**

January 2024 Manhattan General Service Meeting  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

**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: John H, GSR for Renewal West; Roberto L, GSR Pax; Isaiah, GSR Chapter 5; Pat, observing for Fast Break; Marsha, GSR Templeton; Raj, DCMC Queens County (visiting); Mary Ann, GSR 12th Street Workshop; Mina, GSR West Side Young People; Beth, GSR City Group (Lunchtime)
- Introduction of Spiritual Servant of the Meeting
  - Derrick J: Timekeeper, Quorum Checker, Tech
- 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  
Hillel: Registrar

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Recording Secretary: John H

**GSRs and Alt-GSRs:**

Bethany: GSR Big Book Magic  
Melissa: GSR Broadway at 96th  
Isaiah: GSR, Chapter 5  
Paul C: Alt-GSR, Chelsea Mornings  
Paul G: GSR Chelsea Nooners  
Beth C: GSR, City Group  
Olivia: GSR, Clean and Dry  
Janet B: GSR Exchange Views 12:15  
Colleen G: GSR Grand Central  
Tom F: GSR KISS  
Dan S: GSR, Manhattan Valley  
Darrell B: GSR, Midnite  
Meghan M: GSR, Morningside  
Sharon Ro: Alt-GSR, NewButWest  
Alex B: GSR, New Life in Sobriety  
Ian: GSR, Ninth Avenue  
Elizabeth M: GSR, NYU  
Karen: GSR, Oxford  
Roberto L: GSR Pax  
Larry S: GSR Potpourri  
Germaine R: GSR, Powerless Group  
John H: GSR, Renewal West  
Jeffrey P: Alt-GSR, Saint Nicholas  
Victor P: GSR, SAM&KISS  
Sara E: GSR Save Her a Seat (Tuesday)  
Morgane S: GSR Save Her a Seat (Friday)  
Natalie B: GSR 79th Street Workshop  
Marsha P: GSR, Templeton  
Mary Ann: GSR, 12th Street Workshop  
Mina: GSR, West Side Young People  
Ezra W GSR Youth Enjoying Sobriety (YES)

Attendees: Margaret, MSAD Co-Chair; Sherry P, GSO Conference  
Hospitality Chair; Rick S, 618 Web Chair; Raj B, DCMC Queens  
County; Saadi H, SENY Convention Chair; Eddie M

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**DCMs and Alt-DCMs:**

Bill M: DCM 601  
Derrick J: DCM 602  
Sylvia: Secretary for 603  
John M: DCM: 605/608  
Elliot S: DCM 617  
Frances P: DCM 618  
George: 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 accepted as written.

**5. Treasurer's report:**

Treasurer, Brenda V:

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- Brenda shared the Treasurer's report and last year's year-end numbers; total income in 2023 of \$13,236 (-384 below anticipated income) but expenses were lower than anticipated as well.
- Bill (DCM 601) had a question about bank fees; Elliott asked for clarification on certain numbers; Tom F (GSR, KISS) asked about bank fees for Stripe as well; Hillel (Registrar) clarified that there was carry-over income from the previous year; John H (GSR, Renewal West) asked about lower rent expense.
- Motion was made to approve year-end treasurer's report and passed
- Brenda noted that we will now have access to Zelle which is a no-fee way for groups to contribute. s

**6. Officer's reports:**

**Registrar, Hillel:**

- Hillel explained role and that many new members of MGS have registered themselves and their group representation
- Encouragement to have groups appoint an Alt-GSR and for that person to register their service
- Isaiah (GSR Chapter 5) asked for clarification on registration.

**Alt-DCMC, James T**

- James chaired the virtual coffee hour on Dec 3; attended SENY committee meeting on Dec 4; attended service participation meeting on Dec 7; on Jan 3, attended the 12-concepts meeting; on Jan 7, hosted virtual coffee hour; on Jan 8, attended the SENY area committee meeting
- James will also be coordinating with Brooklyn County to charter a bus to go to Westchester for the upcoming area assembly

**DCMC Justin K:**

**District Reports:**

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- **601:** Bill, DCM for 601: December 2 workshop on the Grapevine; dozen attendees; workshop was positive. The district also had two outstanding items: to track down PO Box (which they did); and to track down the individual who was the signer on the bank account and they hope to have the change to new signers done by end of the month.
- **602:** Derrick J, DCM for 602: service commitment this term is sponsorship, still looking to do an event; they have a volunteer to serve as secretary; they are looking for someone to chair sponsorship commitment; Derrick attended convention committee meeting and is loosely serving as tech chair encouraging people to register for convention on the site.
- **603:** Sylvia, Secretary 603, giving report tonight: service is accessibility; looking to do one workshop on the topic; outreach to quiet groups in area.
- **605/608:** John M DCM 605/608: clustered is because midtown districts had a lot of commuters rather than people who resided so they decided to cluster; had first meeting of the night last night; looking for new secretary. Service topics working on are Archives and Corrections. Have contacted SENY corrections chair to coordinate and serve. Scanning archival materials.
- **613:** absent
- **617:** Elliott, DCM 617: low number of GSRs participating from the district despite outreach. Commitment is Public Information; reached out to high schools to carry the message.
- **618:** Frances, DCM 618: they have a few new GSRs who have brought vigor to CPC commitment; excited for 2024 and working closely with CPC chair Devon who is coordinating with clergy. Doing well financially.
- **620:** Jeffrey P, alt-GSR for St Nicholas filling-in for George who is the DCM for 620: they had a great Christmas alco-thon! Working on upcoming workshop in April; commitment is literature; they now meet the last Monday of every month so that they can provide information that comes from the county.

## 7. 7th Tradition Break

## 8. Guests

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**Sherry P, Co-Chair for GSO Conference**

Sherry is inviting people to serve hospitality at the upcoming GSO conference in NYC in April. People serving in this capacity are invited to the opening banquet of the conference (which is fun!) and then give NYC tours to the partners of the delegates to the conference (theater, Mets ball games, sightseeing, etc.). Many of these people have never been to NYC.

To volunteer, email Sherry at [sherry.p.inservice@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.p.inservice@gmail.com); for questions, call 646-477-2421. The costs of the entertaining is on you individually.

The volunteers will be invited to a meeting at the end of January.

**MSAD Chair, Paul C; Margaret, MSAD Co-Chair**

Paul is getting up to speed. They have their first in person meeting at St. Pauls 315 W 22nd Street tomorrow (1/17/24) 630pm to 8pm and will be looking to fill positions and for people to take service information back to their groups. They will be holding monthly planning meetings going forward. Paul's email is [msad@manhattan.aaseny.org](mailto:msad@manhattan.aaseny.org)

**Saadi H, SENY Convention Chair**

Theme of the convention is connecting with love and service; March 15-17, 2024. For info, email [convention@aaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaseny.org); registration is \$27; hotel per night is \$157. If folks want to attend but money is an issue, please encourage applying for a scholarship. Our very own DCMC Justin K is one of the speakers. Encouragement to book hotels as soon as possible because hotel rooms sell out. Registration deadline is February 22 in order to get name tags and hotel room with discount rate.

**9. Old Business:**

No old business (but carry-over reminder that a committee has been appointed to update the county's bylaws with group consciences that have been approved and to correct some type-os that exist in the bylaws).

**10. New Business:**

**Approval of 2024 MGS Budget**

Brenda V, Treasurer presented proposed budget. Some redistributions from previous years; coming into the year with almost \$7k.

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John M, DCM 605/608 asked about expense allocation listing for reimbursement of district expenses. Brenda explained that it is listed by service topic.

Motion was made to approve the report. Motion carried.

**Straw poll on interest in providing a bus to the SENY Convention.**

Justin took a straw poll.

**Final Fridays - topic for consideration/straw poll**

GSO has a Final Friday (of each month) tour and meeting (at 11am) of the GSO office (archives, what is AA, etc.) Justin took a straw poll of interest. Margaret volunteered to answer questions, having participated in this activity with groups before. For further questions, email Justin directly.

**11. Closing:** Meeting adjourned at 754pm with the responsibility statement.

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