

January 2023, Manhattan General Service Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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

- Reading of Statement of Unity
- Renaming Reminder re zoom
- Reading of the 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 Spiritual Servants of the Meeting
  - Tech
  - Timekeeper
  - Parliamentarian/Quorum Checker
- 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 and Alt-DCMs**

**MGSM Officers:**

DCMC: Justin K  
Alt-DCMC: James T  
Treasurer: Brenda V  
Web Chair: Derrick T  
Registrar: Hillel H  
Recording Secretary: John H

**GSRs and Alt-GSRs:**

Jeanette: GSR Attitude Adjustment Group  
Cawsey W: GSR Bridge to Sobriety Group

Abby: GSR Chelsea Mornings  
Ruben: GSR Chinatown Group  
Don S: GSR Completely Sober Group  
Ray S: GSR 730 Exchange Views Group  
Janet B: GSR 1215 Exchange Views Group  
Michelle: GSR Fastbreak Group  
Elliot S: (outgoing) GSR Fastbreak Group  
Margaret: GSR First Things First Group  
Benson: GSR Greenwich Village Group  
Alex B: GSR for Hells Kitchen Group  
Andy H: GSR High Noon  
John L: Alt-GSR for High Noon  
Steve: Alt-GSR Living Now Group  
Laura H: GSR Morningside Heights Beginners Mtg  
Alex B: GSR New Life in Sobriety Group  
Andy B: GSR for Not a Glum Lot (and Secretary for 601)  
Elizabeth: GSR for NYU Group  
Octavio: Alt-GSR NYU Group  
Bex: GSR PALGIYA (and Secretary for 602)  
Germaine: GSR for Powerless Group  
Jeffrey P: Alt-GSR St Nicholas Group  
Casey: GSR Save Her a Seat Group  
Morgan: GSR: Save Her a Seat Friday  
Christine: GSR Serenity First Group  
Natalie B: GSR 79th Street Workshop  
Diarmuid: GSR Soho Group  
Jeremiah R: GSR Steps 3 and 11 Group  
Janine: GSR Straight 12 Group  
Emmanuel: GSR Sugar Hill Group  
Dan McS: GSR TGIF Group  
Loren G: GSR Tribeca Group  
Andre M: GSR You May Care After Group

**DCMs and Alt-DCMs:**

Bill M: DCM 601  
Derrick J: DCM 602  
Franklin M: DCM 603  
Zach B: DCM 613  
Stef K: DCM 617  
Frances P: DCM 618  
George B: DCM 620  
Dawn W: Alt 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 approved by acclamation

### **5. Treasurer's report:**

Treasurer, Brenda V:

- \$4500 in reserve allocations over what what was allocated
- Reviewed what was over and under in last year's expenses which will be used for this year's budget
- Questions:
  - Bex asked if there is any way to review report when there is no meeting in session. Brenda said that each time we meet, a progress report will be sent; link is access to report
- Zach B motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Jeffrey P. Motion carried.

### **6. Officer's reports:**

**DCMC Justin K:**

- Excited and exuberant that there are so many people attending

- Every district gets a different committee assignment. District assignments have been distributed to the DCMs. These assignments have not been done in this order since panel 59. Justin read the assignments

601	Grapevine/La Vina	Bill M.
602	GSR/Sponsorship	Derrick
603	Accessibilities	Frank M
605	Corrections	John M
608	Archives	John M
613	Treatment Facilities	Zach
617	Public Information	Stefanie
618	Cooperation with the Professional Community	Frances
620	Literature	George

- Reminder that we are all trusted servants; your participation is key. There are lots of different service assignments and we need people from different backgrounds to do service. The officers are available to answer questions. Suggestion to get a service sponsor.
- Grateful to all of you. Let's have fun.

**Alt-DCMC, James T:**

- Not much to report. Getting used to position. Predecessor did a great transition
- Looking forward to arranging the bus to take people to assemblies in counties

**Registrar, Hillel H:**

- Nothing to report but may reach out to see who filled position if you are in a new role
- If any questions, don't hesitate to reach out: [registrar@manhattan.aaseny.org](mailto:registrar@manhattan.aaseny.org)

~ Reminder by Justin K to register if you have not yet done so to get on mailing lists etc.

**Web Chair, Derrick J:**

- Our website: [www.ManhattanAA.org](http://www.ManhattanAA.org)
- If anyone has web skills, hit up Derrick to volunteer

- Pointed to map to find what District you're in
- Think of the website as your bulletin board including county and area events

### **MSAD Chair, Tom F:**

- Pleased to be serving as MSAD Chair
- Planning meetings start January 30; flyer will be available on website
- Looking for people to fill volunteer spots
- Question as to when MSAD will be is still being worked out

~ Elliot shared a story of a woman at a meeting who said that her warm welcome at MSAD was instrumental in her recovery.

~ Justin K reminded all that there is a QR code for contributions to Manhattan County.

### **District Reports:**

- 601, Bill: just elected last week. They will be going after groups, marketing for GSR attendance at district meetings
- 602, Derrick: had most recent meeting last Wednesday. Outlined 602 district map and reminded all that the map is available on website. Excited about district commitment of GSR sponsorship
- 603, Franklin: had monthly meeting last Tuesday. Reminded GSRs in 603 to attend monthly meeting
- 613, Zach: had great meeting last week; Next meeting the second Monday in February
- 608, (and acting for 605) John G: outgoing DCM, coming to the end of term. Grateful for the opportunity to serve and will now be treasurer for 608 and 605. January meeting is switched to January 23 this month.
- 617, Stef: possibly outgoing DCM.... First meeting of the year will be virtual on Tuesday the 24th. Will be attending SENY Public Info meeting this Thursday. Looking for more GSR representation in the district. Elections for new DCM and new district secretary will be next Tuesday
- 618, Frances: they meet on the 2nd Wednesday of month in person at the little room at 96th Street. Looking for more GSR participation and looking forward to CPC commitment
- 620, George: meet every second Wednesday of month, virtually. District service positions are filled. Planning on annual dinner dance in September

## 7. Old Business: none

## 8. New Business:

### 2023 Budget Presentation for Approval:

- Treasurer, Brenda V: presented proposed budget
- Document distributed with proposed budget
- Administrative expenses are going up a bit because of increased in-person attendance
- Update will be distributed after each meeting
- Reminder to groups that MSAD has its own account in county budget to receive contributions from groups
- Question by Tom F re what are 'pass through payments?' Answer: that sometimes county receives contributions for other entities (like MSAD) that are received and then forwarded to said entities
- Question by Bex re district budgets, what are they intended for? Answer by Justin K that those funds are allocated for district to use funds for their service commitments
- Question by Paul F re whether we are a legal entity and if there is a 990 return that can be made available? Answer by Brenda that we are not a 501c3, but rather an unincorporated entity, and that we do not need to submit return to IRS. Mike O filed paperwork for unincorporated corporation (akin to a social club) so we could claim our name and set-up bank accounts so long as we remain not-for-profit
- Question by Jeffrey: as to clarify what is MSAD. Answer by Mike O: Manhattan Share-a-Day which is also categorized as an unincorporated corporation(akin to a social club).
- Question by Ray re what does rent line item apply to? Answer by Justin K that it is for zoom.
- Motion to accept by Jeffrey P, seconded by Tom F. Motion carried.

No other new business but the following are Informational items and Upcoming Events:

1. The SENY calendar has been replaced; big changes: Calendar is broken down by counties and events can be downloaded to one's personal calendar
2. The Link (SENY service newsletter) is available
3. Every month there is a Manhattan Concept Meeting on 1st Wednesday of the month
4. Saturday February 11 is next Area Assembly in-person at Westchester community college campus in Valhalla

5. NERAASA: Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly is coming up; scholarships available
6. Delegates Day of Sharing is coming up
7. Next Manhattan General Service Meeting is March 21
8. SENY Convention is March 24-26 in person along with an opportunity to attend virtually; service opportunities available; scholarships also available

**9. Closing:** Responsibility Statement. Meeting ended at 757pm