

# Queens County General Service Assembly

## 8.26.2024 Minutes

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**7:00 PM GSR Orientation w/Sean R., Service Sponsorship Chair**

**7:30 PM Meeting Begins**

- **Opening Service Prayer**
- **Statement of Purpose**
- **House Rules**
- **Officers Present**
  - Rajnaraine, DCMC; Maura, Alt DCMC; Gina, Treasurer, Saadi, Registrar; Malini, Secretary
- **Third Legacy Procedure**
- **Queens County General Service Inventory**
  - Facilitated by John W.; Noreen, Scribe
  - Inventory Responses will be provided separately
- **Secretary Minutes:** Motion made and passed
- **Treasury Report:**
  - Opening Balance: \$6,824.83
  - Income: \$1,544.14
  - Expenses: \$1,725.68
  - Prudent Reserve: \$3,600.00
  - Motion made and passed
- **7th Tradition Collection: \$86.00**
- **Announcements**
  - District 306 Potluck – Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – 7pm
  - Queens County 8th Annual Spiritual Breakfast – Maleen Banquet Hall Sunday, October 6th 2024 11am to 2pm
  - SENY Area 49 Assembly – Westchester Community College (Hybrid) Sunday, September 8, 2024 – 10am – 3pm, Service Workshop 9:30am
  - SENY Area 49 Committee Meeting Monday, October 7, 2024 7:30pm to 9:30pm, Service Workshop 7pm (Virtual)
  - NY Intergroup - The Bill W. Dinner – Terrace On The Park Saturday, November 9, 2024 - 6pm - 12pm
- **Elections will be held at the next county assembly meeting.**

**8:38 PM Meeting Ends with the Declaration of Unity**

**Minutes submitted by Malini McDonald, Secretary**

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Queens County Inventory – 08/26/2024

Members make decisions on a group level, find ways to bring vote to membership and get a wide input.

Regarding new people, feels the county fulfills its basic purpose of carrying the message and does a good job.

Find ways to attract new people and get members to volunteer for service positions, especially GSRs.

Feel we do a good job with primary purpose.

Service Sponsors do a good job letting people know how/what to do.

Can we do workshops re service and service sponsorship.

Individual group jobs are an important service. Kitchen/cleanup is vital.

Holding office is a great responsibility but sometimes the “shine wears off”.

Is there a specific format re what positions are available and who is serving. Show what service positions are available, who is serving, what is open to volunteer for.

GSR is the most important person – go to assemblies, talk to delegate, bridge between the group and the county.

GSR – I want to be transparent, why I’m here and what to bring back to group. When Committees make reports, I need to be clear that any member can be a volunteer on committees. As GSR, I can be involved and I can belong to any committees as my Group Members can as well.

Would like to see Standing Committee Chairs sit at one table to identify who is who, make it easy to identify.

We can get more information after than during meeting by talking with others after the meeting, passing info by talking one to one.

What we do, we practice in all our affairs. We are the conduit -0 what happens here and at the groups. Carry to groups jhow we can do better – principles before personalities.

Pose questions to all groups and get feedback.

Different districts have proper representation through GSRs.

District representatives should get to every group in the District to be familiar with each.

There is a lack of representation in Districts, lacking representation at district meetings how do we increase the number of people attending her to have each group represented. Many AA groups in Queens but not every group sends a GSR.

There is always room for improvement. We are very good supporting the primary purpose. From January last year to now there are more people attending tonight.

Some confusion between the group and county, difference between General Services and Intergroup. Need to explain the difference.

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Each Committee is listed with the Chair in the minutes, maybe put it on the Website.

Doing well by comparison, we can do better. Strain on other GSRs when there isn't full representation. Solicit creative ideas and ways to fill more GSR positions and show up at SENY assemblies. Meetings are hybrid, but get more people to show up in person.

Go to other groups and try to get GSRs from other groups. Having to represent 2 groups is tough, and getting an alternate GSR is tough, but keep at it. Be responsible.

Positive decision to be fully in-person is helping. Seeing people in person is better.

Improve website, search engine connects with intergroup instead of the County website, how to fix?

Be proactive, instead of waiting for people to come to me. Learn how the County works. Rockaway has many meetings, but not many GSRs.

Less districts, less DCMs. Queens is so big, get out more, DCSMs meet and go back to the groups.

There is not enough enthusiasm on the group level to get GSRs on group level, nobody volunteers. Have someone go to groups that do not have a GSR and explain the importance of GSR representation.

Announce during the secretary report to the group and to newcomers about volunteering for service and for the GSR position so people can hear it regularly. The importance of service below the group level. Make a flyer?

Group misses a lot of info when there is not a GSR from the group, important to attract more people to service positions.

Each group has business meeting one time monthly, announce re service positions at that time rather than during the secretary report at each meeting.

In the spirit of rotation, the old GSR should train the new GSR.

Clarify reports that are distributed more.

Good to do an inventory of ourselves tonight on County level and how can we improve/do differently.

Need Queens County to have meetings on the rewards of service and the responsibility of Service. Do meetings based on service.

There are 1x month traditions meetings, have a service structure meeting and share gifts received from service and how to reap benefits of service.

To new GSRs – at elections, come and vote and have your group's voice heard.

The importance of connection between GSR representatives and area delegates and alcoholics.

How do I find out about area delegates? (from moderator – Joanne M is area 49 delegate now)

Where does an AA get literature on concepts/legacies (in back of service manual)

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