

**DRAFT MANHATTAN GENERAL SERVICE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
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November 2023 Manhattan General Service Meeting  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

**1. Welcome.** The meeting was started at 632pm 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: Betty, GSR of Step by Step; Sara E, GSR Save Her a Seat; Beth C, GSR City Group (Lunchtime mtg); Paul C, Alt-GSR, Chelsea Mornings; Berlin C, Alt-GSR, Serenity on Sunday Morning; Jerome, GSR Mid-Harlem.
- 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  
Recording Secretary: John H

**GSRs and Alt-GSRs:**

Emmanuel M: GSR Sugar Hill  
Berlinda C: Alt-GSR ????  
Max G: GSR, Amazing Grace  
Paul F: GSR Atlantic Group  
Bethany: GSR Big Book Magic  
Melissa: GSR Broadway at 96th  
Abbey: GSR, Chelsea Moornings  
Paul C: Alt-GSR, Chelsea Mornings  
Paul G: GSR Chelsea Nooners  
Beth C: GSR, City Group  
Janet B: GSR Exchange Views  
Colleen G: GSR Grand Central  
Tom F: GSR KISS  
Barry: Alt-GSR KISS  
Chris T: GSR, Lenox Hill  
Darrell B: GSR, Midnite  
Sharon R: GSR, NewButWest  
Andy B: GSR Not a Glum Lot (and Secretary for 601)

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Elizabeth M: GSR, NYU  
Rob W: GSR Pax Online  
Larry S: GSR Potpourri  
Germaine R: GSR for Powerless Group  
Rob B: GSR, Renaissance  
Vanessa M: GSR Saturday Beginners  
Sara E: GSR Save Her a Seat  
Natalie B: GSR 79th Street Workshop  
Betty: GSR, Step by Step  
Jeremiah: GSR Steps 3&11  
Janine W: GSR, Straight 12  
Glenn D: GSR, 319 24/7  
Ezra W GSR Youth Enjoying Sobriety (YES)

Attendees: Jerome, GSR Yonkers; Shawn M; Valmore

**DCMs and Alt-DCMs:**

Bill M: DCM 601  
John M: DCM: 605/608  
Frances P: DCM 618  
George B: DCM 620  
Dawn: 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 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 \$15090
- Brenda shared a list of groups that have contributed YTD
- Sara E asked whether the Save Her a Seat contributions were for the Tuesday or Friday group
- Tom asked if KISS group had contributed
- Brenda shared that ways to contribute are listed on the Manhattan county website
- A motion was made by Betty and seconded by Frances to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

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**6. Officer's reports:**

**Alt-DCMC, James T:**

- On October 2, James attended the Area 49 committee meeting; on October 8, he attended the Manhattan General Service Picnic in Central Park; was a speaker on October 14 at Westchester Share-a-Day; on November 5, chaired the MGSM Coffee Hour; on November 11, helped coordinate the bus to the Area Assembly in Westchester.

**Web Chair, Shawn M:**

- Our website is up updated with events: [www.ManhattanAA.org](http://www.ManhattanAA.org)
- December events will be added by 11/30/23.
- It's always helpful to share a flyer if your event has one.

**DCMC Justin K:**

- This is the last meeting of 2023, welcoming those who are new to service here and thanks to those whose term is up. If you have a replacement, please be sure that they register on [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org)
- A list of save the dates was sent with some errors; an amended list will be sent after this meeting.
- There is a note From the Delegate on [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org) One of the items for consideration is a new pamphlet focusing on Asian-American members of AA.
- Consider the new Grapevine app; it's great.
- Also please consider writing an article for the area newsletter The Link.
- Note that the only time that a group's or district's event is on the SENY website is if the event is in conjunction with SENY.
- SENY Convention registration will be released shortly.
- Two items of new business for later: the election of a MSAD chair; and whether people will be interested in meeting in person going forward.

**District Reports:**

- **601:** Bill DCM for 601: this coming Saturday from Noon-130pm, they will be holding a workshop on writing an article for the Grapevine. Flyer was shared with the group.
- **602:** absent
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- **605/608:** John M DCM for 605/608: had monthly meeting this past week. Topics working on are Archives and Corrections. Connected with DCM of Brooklyn who is also working on Archives. Other project re Corrections has involved engaging Toby (SENY Corrections Chair) on how to get people engaged. They don't plan to meet in December.
- **613:** absent
- **617:** absent
- **618:** Frances, DCM of 618: they have had two meetings, one where Justin spoke, and another that involved CPC chair Devon who is coordinating with clergy. They have a website they encourage you to check out.
- **620:** Dawn, alt-DCM for 620: they are still looking for someone to take current commitment Literature; they are hosting their annual Alcolthon fro 12/24 6pm to 12/25,

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6pm at Grace Church 310 West 139th Street. Changed meeting to last Monday of the month at 6pm but will be meeting in December on 12/18.

**7. 7th Tradition Break**

**8. Old Business:**

No old business but a note 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).

**9. New Business:**

**The election of Manhattan Share-a-Day (MSAD) 2024 Chair**

Paul C stood to serve as MSAD Chair.

He was elected by acclamation.

**Question about whether there is interest in returning to in-person MGSM meetings.**

Justin took a straw poll in an effort to gather information for consideration of this topic at a future date.

**10. Closing:** Meeting adjourned at 714pm