

S.I.A. Meeting Minutes: March 2024

Chairperson: Jim S.

- Opened at 8:00 pm
- Jim attended the annual Unity Breakfast as well as Area 49 Convention. At the Area 49 convention our treasurer Tom B. and Chairman Jim participated in a sponsorship game and Jim's role to play was the Big Book thumper, if anyone can believe that.
- Jim also attended our 1st bylaws committee meeting and wrote another great article in the monthly bulletin.

Alternate Chair: Allison M.

- Allison hosted our first bylaws committee meeting. That meeting will be held at the S.I.A. office the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. No changes were documented yet. The bylaws were done last in 2020.
- The speaker exchange was a success! Thanks to everyone who participated. The next speaker exchange will be held at True North Church on June 8th at 8:00 am.

Treasurer: Tom B.

- Please see attached

Corresponding Secretary: Zoie S.

- The mailing went out. Thank you everyone. The deadline is Monday.

Archivist: Evan H.

- We're working on the website and are looking for anyone that is familiar with wordpress software to help us out. If anyone is available please reach out to myself or Bob. Thanks in advance.
- We have a new room in the S.I.A. office and we're organizing it for a glass cabinet display.
- We're also still conducting interviews of AA members with 30 plus years of sobriety and would like you to sign our Big Book. The questions have been reworded and updated.

Bulletin: David V.

- New issues are out so please give feedback we'd love to hear some suggestions you might have.
- We are also looking to highlight service committees in future bulletins. So if you came in through the hotline and have a story you feel comfortable with sharing please come forward. These stories can be very inspiring and encouraging. Thank you all for your service.

Corrections: Ashley O.

- Ashley had a table and represented S.I.A. Corrections at the Unity Breakfast in place of SENY.
- In the process of getting the prerelease program up and running.
- Also starting a list of AA members who are willing to be the loving hand of AA when the struggling alcoholic, who was just released from jail in need of some direction, reaches out. It can be as simple as a phone call sharing a little of your experience with a hopeless person giving them a little bit of hope and connecting them to the rooms of AA.

Grapevine: Mike A.

- Mike represented S.I.A. with a table at the Unity Breakfast.
- Visited 3 groups in the month of March and April dates are open to fill.

Hotline: Howie L.

- Suffolk County Alcoholics Anonymous hotline is in desperate need for groups or single willing individuals to take 12hr shifts. This is an important aspect of our fellowship. A lot of people come in through the hotline. It is our responsibility as RECOVERED members to keep it going. This is NOT the responsibility of one volunteer who holds the chair commitment. The hotline is a simple and easy way to reach the sick and suffering alcoholic. That is our primary purpose. Please everyone can we band together, step up and help relieve some of this burden that Howie is so humbly bearing. Thank you all in advance, we need your help. Here is the sign up form <https://suffolkny-aa.org/hotline> any other questions feel free to reach out to Howie.

Institutions: Rob M.

- 37 people attended the institutions committee meeting this month.
- We have 59 open out of 458 commitments.
- We are in need of people willing to be a temporary contact for Bridging The Gap. You would take AA prospects to their first few meetings to connect them with a sponsor and home group.
- You can sign up here <https://suffolkny-aa.org/treatment/>
- These are 12 step calls they're not to be done alone.

Literature: Charlie D.

- All stocked up

Printed Meeting List: Rob S.

- New list printed. Boxes are at S.I.A. office

Online meeting List: Kit

- Up to date

Office Manager: Meredith

- S.I.A. office located at 33 Comac Loop Suite 1A-1 Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 The hours of operation are Mon - Fri 9 am - 3 pm Saturday 9 am - 1 pm. Please call before coming to make sure the office is staffed (631) 654-1150
- If you need to purchase items for your group please be advised that we do not accept bills larger than \$50.00.
- If you're interested in doing service at the S.I.A. office please contact me.
- If Google is searched under "Suffolk Intergroup" Google automatically defaults to "Alcoholics Anonymous" with the old address in Patchogue.
If Google is searched under "Suffolk Intergroup Association" then our correct address comes up. We are aware of the problem and David V. is working on it

Public Information: Laurie A.

- Radio ads are playing again. Laurie reached out to the local precincts for them to display AA literature and they were receptive.
- Committee meetings are yet to be announced

Schools: Matt G.

- Just nominated

Special Events: Heather

- Just nominated

Third Legacy: Ed A.

- If you need Traditions speakers, reach out. Ed booked some groups at the exchange.
- We have a Tradition's workshop on April 21st 10:00 am- 12 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church 510 Narragansett Avenue East Patchogue, NY 11772

Webmaster: David P.

- Please subscribe to the mailing list if you're interested in upcoming opportunities, service needs, announcements etc..
- Committee meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm

Al-Anon: Maureen

- Maureen represented Alanon at the Unity Breakfast and had 2 tables set up.
- Traditions 4,5 and 6 workshop with AA, on June 29th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at True North Church. Light hospitality will be served.
- Looking for AA members to speak at open Al-Anon meetings

EACYPAA: Caroline

- April 25th - 28th EACYPAA XX Convention being held at Hilton Long Island / Huntington located at 598 Broad Hollow Rd, Melville, NY 11747 the registration fee for this event will be \$40.00

Spanish Liaison: Jose R.

- No Report

General Service Liaison: Vacant

- No Report

New Business:

- Heather was nominated to take over Special Events This committee will be meeting on zoom on the 1st Tuesday of every month, at 8:30 pm.
- Matt G. was nominated to fill the Schools Chair

Suffolk Intergroup – Treasurer’s Report

Membership meeting, March 26, 2024

Statements of operations through 3/26/24:

- Numbers for 2023 are now final; will start preparing tax return next month (due May 15th each year)
- Year to date as of 3/26/2024
- The current checking balance is \$36,603
- The savings account balance is currently \$69,350, which represents 6 months Prudent Reserve against our 2024 Budget.

Acknowledgements of Group Contributions:

- If your Group needs confirmation of receipt, please reach out to me via email (not text). Now that the SENY Convention is done, I will update contribution letters as soon as possible

My contact info is: treasurer@suffolkny-aa.org // (631) 260-0693

Are there any questions?

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Tom B., Treasurer