

# **Manhattan General Service Meeting Minutes September 16, 2025**

**1. Welcome.** Meeting started – James T. DCMC at 6:32 pm

With the Declaration of Unity

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to serve the needs of the AA group within its geographical area, and act as the constituent part of the Southeast New York CNY Area 49 Committee and Assemblies.

Transcription turned on to assist with the production of minutes

Rename yourself instruction

To show your, first name, initials, service position, and group, or other entity.

Quorum statement

A quorum is needed for all Manhattan General Service business and approve all financial expenditures. The quorum for Manhattan General Service shall consist of the following. The meeting chairperson, who can also be the current elected DCMC, the alternate DCMC or register and at least one other elected officer. Recording Secretary or treasurer who may be appointed if needed. At least, 13 additional voting members, as specified in Article 8, Paragraph 3, the voting members of Manhattan General Service shall consist of the officers of the Manhattan General Service, the DCMCs, the GSRs, alternate DCMCs only if the DCMCs are not present and alternate GSRs only if the group GSR is not present

Meeting management positions

Keith P. is parliamentarian tonight

George B. is quorum checker

James T. is the timer

Voting procedures & other housekeeping measures explained

1. Alternates with exception of alternate DCMC, do not vote unless their primary is absent. Check the participation list for your primary, and do not vote if your primary is present.

2. Like SENY, Manhattan General Service uses a loose form of Robert's Rules of Order. Raise your hand, your virtual hand will be acknowledged by the chair for all motions, discussions, objections, and abstentions. There will be a 5-minute speaking limitation for the chair, 3 minutes for the Manhattan General Service offices, and 2 minutes on the other trusted servants.

3. Settings have been modified, so for this meeting recording, screen sharing and renaming oneself has been disabled, except I think we enabled it here, you will be unmuted and muted by the host and co-host, and you can chat with the host or co-host for renaming if needed.

## **2. Introduction of Attendees:**

### **MGSM Officers**

George B.- Alt. DCMC Manhattan  
Paul F.- Manhattan Treasurer  
Recording Secretary - absent  
Registrar - absent  
James T. - DCMC Manhattan

### **DCMs, Alt-DCMs, GRSs, Alt-GSRs, & Visitors**

Eddie M. A49. Archives Chair - visiting  
Richie k Alt-GSR Nu Garden  
Sylvia Alt-DCM 603 Grateful Group  
Tom F Alt-DCM 620 KISS and Reality Check  
Stef K - DCM 617  
Rob W. – GSR PAX Online  
Tom T. GSR Rainbow Room  
Darrell B GSR Midnite  
Annie - ALT DCM 613  
AL B.-Alt GSR Oxford  
Collin PG - GSR Broadway at 96t  
Jeremiah - GSR Steps 3 and 11  
Erik K - GSR Avenue B Clean and Dry  
Chris S. -??? could not hear her – muted mic  
Ezra W - GSR Learned and Humbled  
Trish Rose White – Alt-GSR Templeton  
Archie M - GSR Chinatown Group 601  
Dennis AD – GSR Oxford  
Niko V - Alt-GSR Learned & Humbled  
Olivia - GSR 11th Step Focus / Treasurer for District 602  
Ibrahim: GSR PALGIYA & Intl. Correction

## **3. Read Minutes for 3 Minutes.**

No questions. Minutes Accepted

#### **4. Officer Reports**

##### **A. Treasurer Report - Paul F.**

Actual income from groups and from individuals is: \$13,270,

Budgeted income from groups and from individuals is: \$13,456

Unfavorable balance of \$186 income under budget

For Manhattan, a few numbers of groups are really carrying the county.

Total expenses Have been \$10,519

Our expenses So far Have been 10,519.

The budgeted that we have for expenses up to

eight and a half months Is \$18,130. Now, at first glance, it may sound like we're really keeping costs down. Because we've only actually spent \$10,519, and we budgeted \$18,130. And reason that we're behind is because, and I had to do some distributions to other entities:

New York Intergroup - \$285 has been paid,

SENY - \$1,708 to be paid

GSO - 1,846 to be paid

Manhattan Share Day - people have been very generous

No questions after report completed

Keith P. – Spiritual parliamentarian

A vote is needed to accept the financial report

George B.- Alt. DCMC- Manhattan

Make a motion, accept the treasurer report

Archie M - GSR Chinatown Group, District 601

Second.

James T DCMC – vote was take and passed unanimously

##### **B. Registrar – James T (covering for open position)**

Please register, your service positions at the Manhattan or SENY website. Needed to be known and get email from the District, County, SENY & GSO

##### **C. Alt-DCM - George B.**

Attended Bronx Share Day last weekend

Attended the SENY committee meeting  
Orientation for new GSRs and DCMs  
Bus going to assembly this Sunday \$10 round trip, it leaves from St. Agnes Church  
143rd, East 43rd Street between Lexington and 3rd Ave. Email Alt-DCMC if you want  
to reserve a seat.  
Bus leaves at 8 AM in the morning

**D. DCMC - James T. - DCMC Manhattan**

Chaired Manhattan General Service Concepts 6 meeting  
Attended Post-Conference Assembly on June the 14th  
Went to Brooklyn Share Day on June the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Chaired Concept 7 meeting  
Attended International Convention from July 3-6  
Attended the SENY Area Committee July 7<sup>th</sup>  
Chaired Manhattan General Service Concept 8 meeting  
Chair Concept 9 meeting Sept 3rd  
Attended the SENY Area Committee Sept 8th  
Attended District 618 Recovery Unity, & Service Workshop Sept 13rd

**5. DCM Reports**

**District 601** – DCM Not Present - Archie M – GRS Chinatown reporting  
Literature Booth at Manhattan Share-A-Day  
Going strong and going well  
Lots of groups, and we meet once a month

**District 602** – DMC not present - Darrell B GSR Midnite Group reporting  
Meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm virtually  
Extensively use over the summer of a What's App group communicate with people and  
keep them apprised of meetings coming up.  
special project outreach to groups in our district who do not have a GSR.  
Using spreadsheet from registrar to plan on attending business meetings and doing  
outreach to silent groups.  
Service commitment is Treatment Facilities – brainstorming on ideas to fulfill that  
service

**District 603** – DCM 603 Paul C.  
Hosting a workshop on Manhattan Sharer Day on October 12<sup>th</sup>, on what steps, you  
need to be cleared to enter the Department of Corrections. As well as how to take the  
steps you need to take.  
Will take someone to their first AA meeting

Will be sending a GSR from 603 to the National Corrections Conference this November. It's in Nashville, Tennessee.  
Sending a GSR to the NERAASA Conference in 2026.  
Hosting a one-day workshop in late winter or spring 2026  
Paul C is the program chair for Manhattan Shared Day.  
Email is msad-program@manhattan.aaseny.org. Thank you.  
We've been busy.

#### **District 605-608 Report – absent**

#### **District 613 Report Annie – ALT DCM 613**

Reporting for DCM Natalie

Meetings on June 9<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, and September 8<sup>th</sup> – currently holding meetings virtually.

Grapevine La Vina Workshop was scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> but was canceled due to severe weather and flooding that affected the venue.

Hope to host this workshop in 2026. The district still has some excess funds, and we are still having discussions about what to do with these funds to encourage more Aas to serve as GSRs and participate in service below the group level.

Hosting a workshop titled, Have a Voice in AA on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 to 8.45 at the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Workshop. Presentations by our Area 49 delegate, Nissa and Area 49 Registration Officer and former Manhattan DCMC, Justin.

Workshop is open to all. There will be pizza and soda, and flyers will be distributed in the coming weeks, and we can also send those out if you would feel so inclined to share those as well.

Next district meeting is on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **District 617 Report – Stef K – DCM 617**

Our next meeting will be next Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 p.m., we meet the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Supporting Manhattan Sharer Day, which, as mentioned, is Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

A workshop in fourth quarter, sometime between November and December on service and service sponsorship. That's our district's commitment for this rotation.

I realize it's time for me to rotate off. The DCM position at the end of this year, because it's my second back-to-back. I've been doing it for 4 years.

We'll hold elections in October or November, and unfortunately, the alternate DCM. Step down, so, Here's to more prayer, meditation, and pausing. Thanks for letting me update everybody.

#### **District 618 Report – John H GSR Renewal West**

I'm John H covering for Josh the DCM. District 618 is the Upper West Side

Event (Recovery Unity Service Workshop Sep 13) attended by James, Nissa and Justin as well as Matt our Accessibilities Chair for the area.

Our district is task with accessibilities Manhattan County

We meet in-person normally, our in-person meetings are the second Tuesday of month at the Little Room on 96<sup>th</sup> Street at 7.30 pm.

During July and August, we met virtually.

Really good Food, we had a ton of pizza and sandwiches Drinks and stuff,

District website updated by project to sort through all the groups that were still meeting, where are their current meeting places, virtual or not. Thus, having an accurate meeting list that we could give to newcomers at meetings in our districts.

**District 620** Report – Tom F Alt DCM 620

Gratitude Cookout on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Morningside Park at 122 Street and Riverside.

Couple hundred people attended. There were displays and giving out literature

September 27<sup>th</sup> is our 8<sup>th</sup> annual dance. And that will be in St. Philip's church 204 West 134 Street NY. George B has tickets. The tickets are \$40.

October 4<sup>th</sup>. Reality check group will be having its group anniversary. We have professional musicians.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Break**

**MSAD** - DCM 603 Paul C. program chair

Manhattan Share Day will Sunday, October 12th doors open at 8, and we are there until 5 pm. It is at the Bayard Rustin Educational Complex 351 West 18th Street.

Sunday selected to make it easier for the Hispanic District to attend and run program sessions.

Manhattan General website ManhattanAA.org has a link to the MSAD webpage and all information about the MSAD event and planning meetings.

I just sent an email out to all the DCMs.

Pre-registration and volunteer form is on the MSAD website

## **6. New Business**

**Vacant Registrar - James T. - DCMC Manhattan**

The registrar had to resigned.

The DCMC give a job description of the Registrar officer as a part of the SENY team to register new groups & GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs and other County service volunteers with SENY and the GSO.

Plan to have elections for the new registrar at the November MGSM

Archie M - GSR Chinatown Group, District 601 volunteers for the Registrar office

Keith P. Spiritual Parliamentarian reminds the DCMC that a vote is needed

George B makes a motion to elect Archie M as Registrar

The motion was seconded by Darrell B

A vote was taken, and Archie M was elected unanimously

**Vacant Web Chair - James T. - DCMC Manhattan**

The county needs a Web Chair. This is an appointed position

The DCMC give a job description of the website responsibilities of the Web Chair

Olivia - GSR 11th Step Focus / Treasurer for District 602 Volunteered to be the Web Chair

James T. - DCMC Manhattan Appoints Olivia as Web Chair

Migration to from Squarespace [James T. - DCMC Manhattan]

The DCMC states the availability to migrate the counties website from the Squarespace service to the WordPress service that SENY is using.

After some discussion pro and con the meeting conscious was to get more information on the reasons and costs of migrating to the SENY web service

[DCM 603 Paul C.] All right, well, then I would make a motion. I would like to make a motion that we transfer over our web site from Squarespace to WordPress.

[George B.- Alt. DCMC- Manhattan]

I'd second that.

[Keith P. Spiritual Parliamentarian]The Chairperson can table a motion or postpone until the next meeting

Table: To the next meeting, in which case it would have to be then made the motion and seconded again.

Postpone: To the next county meeting, once you've gathered more information.  
That is your decision as chairperson.

Motion on Website migration was postponed by James T. - DCMC Manhattan

**7. Close Meeting** - Paul F. (AG) Motion to close

Second by George B. Alt. DCMC- Manhattan

Meeting closed - James T. - DCMC Manhattan at 9:43 PM  
The responsibility statement.