

## OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2015

Meeting opened by Vice-Chair at 7:35 with Serenity Prayer

The 12 Traditions and The 12 Concepts were read

<b><u>In Attendance:</u></b>	<b>Chairperson:</b>	Absent		
		Mike B.	845-492-1293	<a href="mailto:mb711true@yahoo.com">mb711true@yahoo.com</a>
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	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Eileen B.	845-551-7825	<a href="mailto:ladyluck5117@yahoo.com">ladyluck5117@yahoo.com</a>
	<b>Co- Treasurer:</b>	OPEN		
	<b>Secretary:</b>	Mary Ann R.	845-629-3112	<a href="mailto:mary.ann.rothstein@gmail.com">mary.ann.rothstein@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Co-Secretary:</b>	La Verne	845-234-3908	<a href="mailto:laverneceronr@yahoo.com">laverneceronr@yahoo.com</a>
	<b>Policy &amp; Proc Chair:</b>	Aisha	914-290-9325	<a href="mailto:aisha@frontiernet.net">aisha@frontiernet.net</a>

New GSRs were introduced: Leslie – Kicking It Live; Kenny – Hope On Thursdays

Secretary Report: Previous months minutes read by Mary Ann R. - copies distributed  
Accepted

Treasurer report: Delivered by Eileen C. – copies distributed in new format  
Treasurer Report was accepted  
Treasurer reported that upon requesting signature from Chair for check in the amount of \$120.00 for 6 months of rent for H & I Sub-Committee, found out of order because it is not in policy. Policy and Procedure Chair confirmed. Discussion ensued regarding past checks being written for this purpose since the sub-committee's move to Middletown approximately 2 years ago; most recently on April 2, 2015.

RCM: Documentation from last Regional Meeting forwarded to Open Arms Secretary via e-mail prior to meeting. Hard copy made available at Area meeting for reference, and also posted on website.

- Region is considering hiring a website person for maintenance.
- MARLCNA Convention – February 5, 6, 7

Policy and Procedure: Delivered by Aisha – See attached report – **Next Meeting Scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>**.

26 GSRs were in attendance; 28 group reports were submitted

<b>Group:</b>	3 – 7 – 11	<b>GSR:</b>	Sean
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Sunday – 6:30 – Montgomery	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotate Steps 3 – 7 – 11; 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Tradition of Month	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Everything good.	Sean	13yrs 12/27
<b>Special Needs:</b>			

<b>Group:</b>	Back from the Grave	<b>GSR:</b>	Steve S
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Mondays- 7:30 – Grace Community Church – Washingtonville	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Beginner	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>		Nancy	2yrs 12/28
<b>Special Needs:</b>			

<b>Group:</b>	Back to Basics	<b>GSR:</b>	Timothy W
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Middletown – 40 Smith Street (RECAP)	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Group is doing good and in need of trusted servants. Middletown Meetings are hosting a Christmas Marathon Meeting from 9:00PM on 12/24/2015 to 5:30PM 12/25/2015 and a New Year's Marathon Meeting	None	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

<b>Group:</b>	Change or Die	<b>GSR:</b> Alexis
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Friday @ 7:30-9:00PM - St. Andrews Church, Beacon	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	12 Steps, Tradition of month on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday(How and Why)	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All is well. Attendance is good.	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
		Aeric 3yrs 12/25 Ralph 22yrs 12/25

<b>Group:</b>	Clean and Crazy	<b>GSR:</b> Rafael
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Sunday, 7 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Monroe	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All well – Dana celebrating 1 year last Sunday of month 12/27/15	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
		Dana 1 yr 12/27

<b>Group:</b>	Hope on Thursday	<b>GSR:</b> Kenny R
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Thursday, 7:30 to 8:45, First Presbyterian Church 96 Main Street, Chester	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Topic	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	We are on our 2 <sup>nd</sup> month. Attendance is good. No open commitments at this time.	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
		None

<b>Group:</b>	Inner Visions	<b>GSR:</b> Laura S
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Friday, 8:00 to 9:15 PM, Highland Mills Senior Center	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Topic	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All is well. No changes. No special needs.	
<b>Special Needs:</b>		
		Umberto 1yr 12/18 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday due to Christmas)

<b>Group:</b>	It Works How and Why	<b>GSR:</b> Corey
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>		<b>Donation:</b> No
<b>Format:</b>		<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>		
<b>Special Needs:</b>		
		Barbara 27 yrs

<b>Group:</b>	The Joy is in the Journey	<b>GSR:</b> Barbara S
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Sunday, 5:30PM, RECAP, 40 Smith St, Middletown	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating format	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Need support with service commitments	
<b>Special Needs:</b>		

<b>Group:</b>	Just for Today	<b>GSR:</b> Jim B
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Tues 7:30, Fri 8:00 Port Jervis	<b>Donation:</b> No
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating format	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Tuesday meeting well attended. Friday meeting is better now. All commitments are filled.	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
		Natalie 1 yr 12/29 Jim B 4 yrs 12/29

<b>Group:</b>	Kicking it Live Gut "Level"	<b>GSR:</b> Lesly
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Thursday, 7:30PM, Goshen	<b>Donation:</b> No
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	The group is doing well, attendance is great. We can also use outside speaker; Open Arms Area Speaker Exchange program between groups in the open arms area	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
		None

<b>Group:</b>	Man Up	<b>GSR:</b> Doug W
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Monday, 7:00 – 8:30PM, Advent House	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Men's Meeting	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b> Dave S    6 yrs    12/21/2015
<b>Report:</b>	Nothing special to report	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	Just need support	
<b>Group:</b>	Men on Point	<b>GSR:</b> Steve R
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Monday, 7:30PM, New Windsor	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Men's Topic	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b> Tommy T    1 yr    12/28
<b>Report:</b>	All is well	
<b>Special Needs:</b>		
<b>Group:</b>	Narrowsburg Group	<b>GSR:</b>
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Wednesday	<b>Donation:</b>
<b>Format:</b>		<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	No changes	
<b>Special Needs:</b>		
<b>Group:</b>	Never Alone	<b>GSR:</b> Chris
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Wednesday, 7:00PM, Doc Fry Building, Warwick	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Open	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b> Jeffery    1 yr    12/31
<b>Report:</b>	Group is doing well. Attendance is very good. Group is having election for all commitments except GSR	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	New Way of Life	<b>GSR:</b> Randy N
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Friday, 7PM – 8:30PM, RECAP, 40 Smith Street	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Group is doing well	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	(The) Nooners	<b>GSR:</b> Jaqui R
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Mon – Fri, 12PM, First Presbyterian Church, Goshen	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>		<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b> Paul G    2 yrs    M 12/28
<b>Report:</b>	Group is doing well!	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	Reach Out	<b>GSR:</b> Kylee
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Tues, Goshen, 7:00- 8:00pm, 33 Park Place	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating – 1,2,3 First 3 weeks – with speaker, 4 <sup>th</sup> week popsicle topic meeting	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b> None
<b>Report:</b>	Doing well	
<b>Special Needs:</b>		
<b>Group:</b>	Recovery by the River	<b>GSR:</b> Dave C
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Thursday, 7pm, 76 First Newburgh	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Open Discussion	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b> Stan    4 yrs    12/17
<b>Report:</b>	All is good. Thanksgiving Day gratitude brunch 10 to 2	
<b>Special Needs:</b>		

<b>Group:</b>	Relationships	<b>GSR:</b> Ronzette B
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Tues 7:00PM – 75 Highland Ave. Middletown	<b>Donation:</b>
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Group is doing well. Every week a newcomer shows up, or a person making their first meeting. 11 <sup>th</sup> Group Anniversary on December 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	

<b>Group:</b>	Saturday Night Fever	<b>GSR:</b> Dan N
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Saturday, Methodist Church Goshen, 10pm	<b>Donation:</b>   Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	The meeting is well attended. The meeting on the first week of the month has changed to a speaker topic meeting	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	Treasurer – requirements 1 year clean and legal means of support	

<b>Group:</b>	Some are Sicker than Others	<b>GSR:</b> Terrence A
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Friday, 6:00 to 7:30, 9 Johnston Street, Newburgh Ministry	<b>Donation:</b>   Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Open Discussion – Beginner	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>		
<b>Special Needs:</b>		

<b>Group:</b>	Spiritual Solutions	<b>GSR:</b> Ryan K
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Thursday 7:30PM Washingtonville	<b>Donation:</b>   No
<b>Format:</b>	Living Clean Book Study	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All is well	
<b>Special Needs:</b>		

<b>Group:</b>	Steps in the Right Direction	<b>GSR:</b> Sarah
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Wed, 7:30, RECAP, 40 Smith Street, Middletown, NY	<b>Donation:</b>   Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Group is doing well	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	

<b>Group:</b>	Steps to Life	<b>GSR:</b> Jaclyn E
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Sat, 7:30, St. Anne’s, Washingtonville	<b>Donation:</b>   Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All is well	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	

<b>Group:</b>	Turn it Over Group	<b>GSR:</b> Hector O.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Tues, 7:30PM, St. Andrews, Beacon	<b>Donation:</b>   Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All is well	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	

<b>Group:</b>	Wednesday Night Newcomers	<b>GSR:</b> Eminent
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Wednesday, 7:30PM, St. Andrews, Beacon	<b>Donation:</b>   No
<b>Format:</b>	New Comer Open (Beginner)	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Nothing new to report.	
<b>Special Needs:</b>		

Troy                      7 yrs                      12/30

<b>Group:</b>	Women's Time For Change	<b>GSR:</b> Ronzette B	
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Mon 7:00PM – 40 Smith Street, Middletown	<b>Donation:</b>	No
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	The group is doing well. Attendance picks up and goes back down depending on the weather		
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

**Sub –committee Reports:**

<b>Area Website</b> <a href="http://www.openarmsarea.com">www.openarmsarea.com</a> Mark R 914-447-4566 <a href="mailto:mark@albrohvac.net">mark@albrohvac.net</a>	Meets First Tuesday of every month 5:30 PM 18 Little Britain Road Newburgh, NY	Website has been refined about 95% Minutes posted for Area and Region Intent is to address policy at next meeting now that site is fixed.
<b>Events &amp; Activities</b> Lauren P. 845-820-1274	<b><u>WE MOVED:</u></b> Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:00PM RECAP 40 Smith Street Middletown, NY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowling event was OK; Small turn out; Made \$28.00; check to turn in</li> <li>• Next event is Karaoke &amp; Baking Competition; Friday January 15<sup>th</sup> 6 to 11PM; \$5.00 at door – See flyer</li> <li>• Looking to do a Red and White affair in February – forgot flyer for approval – will email it.</li> </ul>
<b>Helpline</b> Dereck D. 845-803-2211 <a href="mailto:oaahelpline@gmail.com">oaahelpline@gmail.com</a>	Meets 7:00PM Immediately before Area Service Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helpline team met and added three new volunteers to the call schedule.</li> <li>• The new helpline number 800-498-5224 was added to the Times Herald Record Public Service Announcement page</li> <li>• The new helpline number was given to WSO</li> <li>• The old messaging service with Byrnes was discontinued</li> <li>• Helpline number has been aired on WALL Radio Show</li> <li>• 17 calls this month</li> <li>• Treasurer wrote check for \$29.33 to pay monthly service fee.</li> </ul>
<b>Hospitals &amp; Institutions</b> Gil T 845-219-4324 <a href="mailto:i22rock@yahoo.com">i22rock@yahoo.com</a>	Meet 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of month 7:30pm 75 Highland Ave Middletown, NY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have 11 commitments</li> <li>• Need help with commitments</li> <li>• 18 members showed up</li> <li>• 4 new members one was orientated</li> <li>• No literature was given to us</li> <li>• Samaritan Village needs a speaker; excellent commitment</li> <li>• January 23<sup>rd</sup> Regional H &amp; I Learning Day</li> </ul>
<b>Literature</b> James	Apologies that no literature order was placed this month. We will have literature next month.	
<b>Meeting List</b> Stefan <a href="mailto:Stefan.davenport1@gmail.com">Stefan.davenport1@gmail.com</a>	Meets ½ hour before Area Meeting	New lists – 1,000 copies - \$75.00; Logo added; added Port Jervis 6:00 PM Sunday; Checked time for Middletown; will update E&A meeting time and place

<b>Public Information</b> OPEN	OPEN	
<b>Speaker Exchange</b> Jim <a href="mailto:jpbeaton63@gmail.com">jpbeaton63@gmail.com</a> 646-753-2527	We decided since we are just starting out, planning a meeting in December would not be good being it is such a busy month for all. On January 7 <sup>th</sup> , at next area I will definitely have an approved flier for GSRs to bring back to their groups. The booking and speaker exchange meeting will be the third week of every month. Location and time will be on the flyer. Any group member can come to exchange for speakers or your group can nominate a speaker exchange rep. I think GSRs have enough to do.	
<b>Outreach</b> OPEN	OPEN	

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OPEN POSITIONS:**

The following positions remain open:

**Co-Treasurer:** 5 years clean requirement

**Outreach:**

**Public Information:**

**RCM Alternate:** 4 years clean requirement

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Housekeeping Motions:**

<b>Housekeeping Motion #1:</b> To get a check for back rent of \$40 and current rent of \$20 for the month of December		<b>Intent:</b> To bring H & I rent current to date		
<b>Mover:</b> Wanda		<b>Second:</b> Tim W		
<b>Quorum:</b> <u>20</u>	<b>In Favor:</b> <u>18</u>	<b>Opposed:</b> <u>0</u>	<b>Abstain:</b> <u>2</u>	<b>(Passed)</b>

<b>Housekeeping Motion #2:</b> To hold off and not make a Regional donation this month so that literature may be purchased to support area groups.		<b>Intent:</b> To be fiscally responsible.		
<b>Mover:</b> Wanda		<b>Second:</b> Tim W		
<b>Quorum:</b> <u>20</u>	<b>In Favor:</b> <u>19</u>	<b>Opposed:</b> <u>0</u>	<b>Abstain:</b> <u>1</u>	<b>(Passed)</b>

**Motions to take back to groups:**

<b>Motion # 1:</b> To go back to ordering literature from the GNYR <b>Pros:</b> None <b>Cons:</b> None	<b>Intent:</b> To support Region
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<b>Motion # 2:</b> To amend Area policy to include payment of past, present and future H & I sub committee rent for it's monthly meeting . Rent is \$20.00 a month and currently late for October and November. This money is to be issued separately from the \$350 revolving literature fund and the bi-annual allotment of \$150.00 for learning days. <b>Pros:</b> None <b>Cons:</b> None	<b>Intent:</b> To continue to maintain a monthly meeting site that is central to the Open Arms Area H&I subcommittee commitment sites.
<b>Mover:</b> Wanda	<b>Second:</b> Tim W

<b>Motion # 3:</b> To accept the attached changes (13) to the policy <b>Pros:</b> None <b>Cons:</b> None	<b>Intent:</b> To update plicy for typographical errors, wording corrections and for clarity and to be in line with current procedures
<b>Mover:</b> Policy and Procedure Committee	<b>Second:</b> Tim W

**GREIVANCES:**

An addict named Lesley pointed out that she couldn't get a vote from her group on the policy changes without a current copy of the policy. It was pointed out that a copy of the Policy is on the website, and will need to confirm that it is current policy.

Meeting closed at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann R