

OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2016

Meeting opened by Chairperson Robin at 7:30 with Serenity Prayer

The 12 Traditions were read by Tommy L. and The 12 Concepts were read by Dan N.

In Attendance:	Chairperson:	Robin V.	845-346-5510	deliadoxie@aol.com
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	Treasurer:	Craig F.	516-410-4460	craig.f@live.com
	Co- Treasurer:	Open		

Robin welcomed everyone-The literature chair contacted me and he didn't receive the literature order. He contacted region and he was told that it will be here tomorrow so he chose not to come since he doesn't have anything. So I don't know how we're going to work this out. We had an issue because we've been dealing with this since back in January 2015, owing them money. They were refusing to fill his order until this money was paid. I called down there and spoke to someone and told them we would be paying them tonight, we were having our area service meeting and we do not write check outside of the meeting, so they agreed to fill the order. We're going to send them 2 checks because I just went over the checkbook and no, they weren't paid. Ant these are from January 2015, H&I owes \$481.19 and area owes a total of 4 invoices (1 was paid partially) \$1915.05. So we're going to pay both of them tonight along with our insurance bill, which is overdue. Is there an RSC next week (no) okay so we'll mail it down then.

Barbara – are you saying that we couldn't get literature because we owed them money?

Robin – they weren't going to fill it but then I talked to someone down there that I have a report with and she agreed to fill it so it's on it's way but it's not getting here until tomorrow. We've been disputing this for a while but I just went through the checkbook myself and didn't find any payments so we owe it.

Barbara – okay so who owes this money?

Robin – this body, back from January 2015.

Barbara – for what? Literature?

Robin – yes, the invoices are here if you want to look at them.

Craig - H&I owes \$481.19 from last year and literature owes a total of 1915.05 spread out over 4 invoices.

Barbara – so we were ordering literature and not paying for it?

Robin – apparently – going back almost 2 years.

Barbara – how did we even get to this point?

Sandy – I was told maybe about 2 months ago that the secretary of the RSO was talking with Eileen and had communicated with her about the previous invoices. Long story short is they had some issues and they had this new system put in and they went through their books and they found out that they credited our area for something another area paid. Gina was the treasurer at the time and Eileen reached out to Gina and it kind of went dormant. So when they handed me this invoice 2 months ago saying we need to pay of course now that they are in a situation where they need all their money. I let them know no one ever said anything to me and she said she had spoken to our treasurer and no one got back to her. So that's why last month when it was brought up I came here and told this body that they need to investigate it.

Barbara – what happened to the 11th concept that all this happened?

Craig – well we weren't the trusted servants when this happened. Just to bring you up to date, we became trusted servants in June so I don't know what happened before this I wasn't at the meeting. But from what I understand from talking to people that I know, they are looking at all the groups in the entire region and every body apparently owes them some type of money. As she said, they're changing over their accounting system and they found the flaws.

Robin – and the thing is this wasn't found until May this year. We've been dealing with it since May because I thought it was paid. Back then Eileen was the treasurer and she was supposed to go through the checkbook, I don't know if she ever did but it's falling on us now.

Sandy – and also, it was the special worker at region that made the misake.

Wanda – I'm sorry, you said H&I owes a literature bill?

Robin – yes back from 1/2/15, 1/24/15

Wanda – I challenge the validity of that because I have been ordering literature from NAWs for over 2 years and I have the receipts to prove it. We haven't been ordering literature from region as H&I for quite some time.

Robin – they sent me the invoices. If you want to look at them you can. This is from 2015 January, coming up on 2 years.

Wanda – there's no name on this. I have receipts at home.

Craig – how about we put you in contact with the person she was speaking to and you can let her know. Let's table the H&I one.

Lauren – I'm sorry that's not correct, Brian B was still ordering literature in January 2015.

Wanda – I will look at my receipts.

Robin – we should pay this and then dispute it, it is just too old.

(Some unclear discussion)

Craig we went through the checkbooks and we didn't find anything. I can go to the bank and have them print out the statements one more time. But at the end of the day it comes down to our word and they will not give us literature if this is not paid.

Marty – well if the dates are on there you can look in to it.

Steve – years ago we had this discussion that they weren't filling our orders. We claimed they owed us \$1000. So we should check with our literature chair with what they got.

Robin – all the back orders were filed at one point. I do know that. But there is no way to prove we paid it, we don't have a check that was cashed.

Craig – once we pay all this we will have \$2000 in the bank.

Robin – and wanda we should be getting invoices when you order literature from NAWS.

Craig – she gives me one every month.

Wanda – yeah since I've taken it over I give my invoices every month. But the thing that's bothering me is we never got that literature. I took it over because we weren't getting the literature and weren't sure where the money was going. But we never got that literature.

Robin – Okay well this is two years ago and we have no proof that it was paid. So moving on, we were supposed to have an admin body meeting this Saturday. I need to postpone that a week because Washingtonville is having their Christmas parade at 6 PM so we won't be able to do that. So it will be on the 10th at 6 PM at St. Anne's church. Are there any new GSR's? Frank, Tommy, and Tawanda.

Secretary Report: Previous months minutes read by Lauren P. – copies were distributed and reviewed.
Motion to accept by Ronzette seconded by Tommy.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed by Craig F.
Craig – after everything is paid we are going to be under \$2000. So prudent reserve is \$2000. Once we get everything paid and get all our donations next month, anything over \$2000 will go to region.

John – it's anything over \$4000.

Craig – okay so first you tell me \$2000, now you tell me \$4000, when does that \$2000 apply?

John - \$2000 is the prudent reserve, we really shouldn't go under that without a group conscious. The maximum amount we should have at any one time is \$4000. That's to keep us under the \$5000 amount annually. So anything over \$4000 should be sent straight to region at the end of the month.

Craig – okay so we will build back up after we pay our bills. So we will put the invoice number on every invoice and check stub because that wasn't happening.

John – Craig weren't we supposed to pay the insurance too?

Craig – yes, \$1210 is for insurance. It comes down to \$24 per group.

Motion to accept by Michael J. and seconded by Doug

Policy and Procedure: Aisha – vacant position! There is no meeting this weekend so Robin just explained why, there wasn't going to be a meeting anyway. I think we do have a nominee for tonight. No changes.

Robin – there was a motion change from last month that wasn't put into policy yet.

Aisha – before I turn anything over I will update the policy for my term from 2012-2015. All new motions regarding policy change will be in the new policy.

RCM Report: Sandy – the operation is back up in the RSO, they got a \$50,000 credit line for literature so they are pretty well stocked. They have 500 regional meeting lists. The office hours are posted on the website because they have volunteers that are donating their time because they no longer have the paid special worker. The hours are posted every week so please check the website before you go. They need more members to help out. Since their new office is still under construction, we met in the same space but they are working on separating that space. Since they have taken over they came in with \$3559 balance that was at NAWS so they through that

in with the 50k that they got on credit. They have spent a total of \$49908.75 that they are going to pay back. NAWS has agreed that they don't have to start paying it back until July so they can start building up. Now in order for them to do that, they are going to need the supports of the areas. They did start investigating what they can do and what other areas are doing to compare what areas are getting from NAWS vs. them. What they found is they have not been charging shipping and handling fees. They need to do that but they have decided to give a 6% discount for any orders over \$500 and 8% on shipping and handling. I guess that was another way they were losing money. It is suggested that if we put H&I and the area order together It will be over \$500. They did have the zonal meeting at the end of October. This was at East Stroudsburg PA and Melinda is coming up in February. They are going to have more discussion regarding the FIPT and its all about that Baby Blue. They have some pamphlets that they are bringing up a discussion for mental health in recovery. So if you want to get involved, you can put in your input at MALIGNA. I sent Lauren a lot of information on what events are going on in the region. Their events have not been well attended. So they sent out dates so we don't have overlapping events – 1/21/17 3/11/17 4/15/17 and 5/20/17 and they will be sending up flyers to be distributed. They asked for us to give support. The hope is to have a convention in New York here again, that's the goal. All the reports at there, I sent them as well. They got \$1000 off their rent so they're looking good.

Robin – are any of the fundraisers going to be up this way?

Sandy – that's all the info I have, I will get the flyers when I can.

Ray – the \$50,000 that they're going to pay back in July is what? Back money?

Sandy – no, only the \$3000 is back money. The rest is from NAWS to stock them in literature.

20 GSRs were in attendance; 26 group reports were submitted

Group:	3 – 7 – 11	GSR:	Michael J.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 6:30-8PM – Montgomery	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotate Steps 3 – 7 – 11; 1 st Sunday Tradition of Month	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well	None	
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Back From the Grave	GSR:	John M.
Day, Place, Time:	Monday 7:30-9 PM – 2839 Rt 94 Washingtonville	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Beginner's	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is good	Nancy M. 3yrs 12/26/16	
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Back to Basics	GSR:	Ronzette (Fill-In)
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday 7-9:30 PM – 40 Smith St Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing alright, they could always use more speakers	None	
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Change or Die	GSR:	Ray L.
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 7:30-9 PM – St. Andrew's Church Beacon	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Read out of It Works How & Why	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting is going well, good attendance, all commitments filled	Ralph P. 23yrs 12/30/16	
Special Needs:	None	Marty C. 22yrs 12/30/16	
		Aric M. 4yrs 12/30/16	
		Jeff B. 4yrs 12/30/16	

Group:	Clean & Crazy	GSR:	Tommy L.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 7-8:30 PM – 142 Stage Road Monroe	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating – splits the 1 st 2 Sundays: Men & Women	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting is doing well attendance is great. Commitments are up this month.	None	
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Dopeless Hope Fiends	GSR:	Doug B.
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7-8:30 PM – 96 Lake Louise Marie Rd Rock Hill	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Have been having a treatment facility visiting the meeting. Attendance is up to about 35		
Special Needs:	Could use members to carry a good, clear message		

Group:	Hope on Thursday	GSR:	Rachael K.
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday 7:30-8:45 PM – Chester	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Just for Today	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Attendance is great and group anniversary was a success		
Special Needs:	All positions open this month, elections will be held		

Group:	Innervisions	GSR:	Laura S.
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 8-9:30 PM – Highland Mills	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Speaker Topic	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	It Works How & Why	GSR:	Frank W.
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 7-8:30 PM – 40 Smith St Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing well. Attendance is outstanding.		
Special Needs:	Could use more speakers for the traditions		

Group:	The Joy is in the Journey	GSR:	Barbara
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 5:30-7 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group doing well		
Special Needs:	Need support		

Group:	Just For Today	GSR:	Tawanda
Day, Place, Time:	Tues 7:30PM, Fri 8PM Port Jervis	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Tuesday meeting is well attended		
Special Needs:	Friday meeting needs support		

Group:	Keys to Success	GSR:	James B.
Day, Place, Time:	Monday 6-7:30 PM – 3 Commercial Pl. Newburgh	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Speaker	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group doing well		
Special Needs:	Needs support		

Group:	Men on Point	GSR:	Joe M.
Day, Place, Time:	Monday 7:30-9 PM – New Windsor	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Men's Topic	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Never Alone	GSR:	Aimee H.
Day, Place, Time:	Wednesday 7-8:30 PM – Warwick	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well		

Special Needs:	None
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Group:	Newcomer's Group	GSR:	Ronzette (Fill-In)
Day, Place, Time:	Wednesday 7:30-9 PM – St. Andrew's Beacon	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Beginner's	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing fine, attendance is flexible.	Warren	1yr 12/28/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	New Way of Life	GSR:	Randy N.
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 7-8:30 PM - 40 Smith St Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well	Dreen	11yrs 12/30/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Nooners	GSR:	Barbara T.
Day, Place, Time:	Monday-Friday 12-1:30 PM – 33 Park Pl. Goshen	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No report	Boston	27yrs 12/29/16
Special Needs:	None	Paul G.	3yrs 12/29/16

Group:	Pay It Forward	GSR:	Cheryll H.
Day, Place, Time:	Monday 7:30-9 PM – 113 Wolcott Ave (Rt. 9D) Beacon	Donation:	No
Format:	Open Beginner's	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No report	None	
Special Needs:	Need trusted servants and support		

Group:	Relationships	GSR:	Diana M.
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7-8:30 PM – 75 Highland Ave. Middletown	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group Anniversary 12/28/16 – 12 years	None	
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Saturday Night Fever	GSR:	Dan N.
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 10-11 PM – 115 Main St. Goshen	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting is well attended.	None	
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Steps in the Right Direction	GSR:	Sarah A.
Day, Place, Time:	Wednesday 7-8:30 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Doing well	None	
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Steps on Sunday	GSR:	James B.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 1-2:30 PM – 172 Liberty St. Newburgh	Donation:	No
Format:	Step Meeting	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group doing well	James B.	8 yrs 12/18/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Steps to Life	GSR:	Rob C.
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 7:30-9 PM – St. Anne's Washingtonville	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Open, Step, Topic	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Attendance is good, no issues, doing well	None	

Special Needs:	None	
Group:	Turn It Over	GSR: Mark H. (Fill-In)
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7:30-9 PM – St. Andrew’s Rt 9D Beacon	Donation: Yes
Format:	Open/Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Report:	All is well with the group	
Special Needs:	None	
Group:	Up Front	GSR: Lexie F.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 5:30-7 PM – St. Andrew’s Rt 9D Beacon	Donation: Yes
Format:	Just for Today	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Report:	No Report	
Special Needs:	None	
Group:	Women’s Time For Change	GSR: Bianca S.
Day, Place, Time:	Monday 7-8:30 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation: No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Report:	Group is doing good	
Special Needs:	None	

Sub –committee Reports:

Area Website - www.openarmsarea.com Mark R - 914-447-4566 mark@albrohvac.net	Meeting – TUESDAY BEFORE AREA - 5:30PM 18 Little Britain RoadNewburgh, NY
Report: • None	
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Ronnette B. (845) 775-7862	Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 6:00PM RECAP, 40 Smith StreetMiddletown, NY
Report: • We only met one week because of thanksgiving. We discussed how successful the Halloween Dance was. • We’re having a Dinosaur speaker Jam on Saturday January 7 th from 3-9 pm at St. Anne’s in Washingtonville. Food & drinks will be sold.	
HELPLINE Derek D. 845-803-2211 oaahelpline@gmail.com	Meets First Thursday of the Month 7:00PM Before Area
Report: • Chairperson still open • We only got 3 calls last month • PI chair contacted me to add the helpline # to his business card so we’re going to ask the helpline volunteers to ask if it is for PI and then we can send it to Rafael	
Hospitals and Institutions Wanda M. (845) 313-8476 wandam_naservice@yahoo.com	Meets every 1st Wed of the month 7:30pm 75 Highland Ave Middletown, NY
Report: • We have not met yet, we’ll meet next Wednesday at 6:30 because were • I spent \$349.86 on literature • We have a potential new commitment at New Hope Manor in Barryville • I put in a housekeeping motion for reimbursement if myself or the vice chair need to go down to regional • We always could use trusted servants. 6 months clean time is required.	
LITERATURE James T.	N/A
Report:	
MEETING LIST Mark H. (845)-797-5571 email – flat3flat7flat5@aol.com	N/A
Report: • 1,000 new lists were printedfor distribution to GSRs for \$82.00 in green	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 were give to H&I • Get rid of the orange meeting lists • All websites are up to date • I will be adding PI meeting time and place – 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 at the first Presbyterian church 142 Stage road in Monroe • Spiritual Foundation 9 Johnston St, Newburgh- Newburgh Ministries Friday at 6 PM needs to be added • My name and number is in the minutes so if something changes before the next area meeting, please reach out to me and let me know ahead of time. 	
PUBLIC INFORMATION Rafael openarmsareapi@gmail.com	2nd Wednesday of each month 7:30 PM 1 st Presbyterian Church 142 Stage Rd, Monroe
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We plan on seeking trusted servants at our first meeting and to discuss and formulate policy, I've spoken with experience members and solicited their support. • We plan to attend the Monroe Woodbury Community Drug Addiction Forum "Save a Life" on December 13th from 7-9 pm at the MWHS • I ordered 500 business cards for \$26.73 but I put the wrong phone number so I will be ordering more at my own expense • I would like to order basic texts and pamphlets, maybe we can hook up with H&I to order literature and reach the \$500 limit to get the discount Sandy was talking about. 	
Speaker Exchange Jim 646-753-2527 jbeaton63@gmail.com	Monthly meeting to be held immediately prior to Area Service at 7:00.
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting this month • I'm currently making a list – people have suggested I make a data base – and the GSR's can bring the list to their home group and anyone interested in speaking can sign up. 	
Outreach John 917-716-3102 jbet250@yahoo.com	2 nd Wednesday of each month-Goshen Presbyterian Church 33 Park Place
Report: See attached report	

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN POSITIONS:

Co-Chair(4yrs clean time), Co-Secretary(2yrs clean time), Co-Treasurer(5yrs clean time), Policy & Procedure(5yrs clean time), Helpline, Alt. RCM

Steve volunteered for Co-Chair. Aisha asked qualifying questions. Stepped out for vote. **Passed.**

John M. volunteered for Policy and Procedure. Aisha asked qualifying questions. Stepped out for vote. **Passed.**

Quorum - 20

Motions that went back to groups from last month-

Motion Maker: Policy & Procedure

Seconded: Barbara T.

Motion: To add to fiscal policy (item X) "all disbursements of funds are to be conducted during the Open Arms Area Service Committee meeting only"

Intent: To adhere to the 5th and 7th concepts and to discourage any NA member from using personal monies in the purchase of any NA related necessities.

Amended: **Intent to just state:** To adhere to the 5th and 7th concepts.

For: Against: Abstained:

John – we have a problem with this, it's out of order.

Aisha – you know what, table this. John and I will work on it with policy.

Lauren – hold on, that motion already went back to the groups.

John – but it changed since then

Lauren – no it didn't change since it went back to the groups.

John – but it can't be voted on because it was improperly stated.

Aisha – can you explain that?

John – what happened is that I asked a question about what would happen if we needed to order literature from somewhere else in the middle of the month. I was told that you can't buy literature with a check so I let it go but found out since, still by far the most common way to buy literature is by check. So it was misstated to the groups, the groups didn't know that we needed to get a check and because of the bad information we can't vote that in. That's how it was stated, it's in the minutes that way.

Barbara T – no it says that if we order online we need a credit card.

John – right, so I spoke to the girl and she laughed like I did. When she was done she said 90% of NA pays by check because no one has a credit card. The most popular way to get literature at world is by mailing in a check and order form like every other area. So my concern is, if we were able to that in situations like tonight, James realizes he can't get literature in time he can get it from world. He can call the treasurer and say here's the order form I need a check. This is the 4th time this year we don't have literature. He can do it. Good reasons for not doing a good job are no longer acceptable.

Craig – maybe I'm wrong, I don't know. But I was told that we're always supposed to go to the next step ahead of us. So the groups support the area, the area supports the region, and the region supports the world. We gotta work out our differences like we're doing now, pay our debts, and work things out. If we skip them, and they don't get money from us that they're counting on then it starts this whole cycle. I mean if someone was proven to be fiscally malfeasant with the money I would understand. Since I've been the treasurer we've been paying out debts. I don't see any reason, last time we skipped region we paid exuberant fees.

John – Craig, you're out of order and I'll tell you why. Once again you failed to read the policy. It's out of order for us to send motions back to the groups that are already in our policy. If someone is going to take a commitment at that level I would suggest reading policy. That's why I'm taking this commitment. The incompetence is getting over the top.

Craig – I think incompetence isn't the right word, it's insulting. I'm not here to insult anyone. I'm not talking about the policy, I'm asking you a question. You keep trying to chastise me like I did something wrong. I'm asking you a question, why are we bypassing the region to buy books from world.

John – the policy is clear. It says the literature chair, in the event that the region is not able to responsibly fill his needs, can go anywhere he wants to purchase the literature and that the treasurer and chairperson should assist him in doing so. It's clear in the policy.

Craig – he should have been here tonight even though there was no literature. He could have a budget to operate with outside the meeting like everyone else. H&I has a budget, Outreach has a budget, all these other people have budgets so he needs to have an emergency fund so that if something like this happens he can buy his own literature.

John – my point is, whether he does or doesn't, if you're not allowed to write a check, how can we service the groups needs?

Craig – I think that part of the policy is in conflict with the 3rd concept

John – regardless, the ultimate authority is the NA groups, not the people on the administrative body.

Craig – so what did the groups say?

John – the groups said when literature is unable to be purchased from region like it has a lot of times lately, that James can purchase the literature from anywhere else.

Robin – it doesn't say that in our policy.

John – and that's another issue Robin because you were the secretary and you were supposed to make sure it was in there. We voted it 1/13, motion by the policy committee that the literature chair has the authority to go outside the region if region cannot responsibly fulfilled his needs. It was voted in by the groups yet my home group had to argue over it twice this year. So again, I ask, let's call it what it is that everyone read the policy and abide by it.

Lauren – but that's part of the problem, It's not in the policy

Aisha – what policy is that? The last one we have under the fiscal policy "All literature purchased for sale and use by open arms areas service committee shall be purchased from the greater NY region"

John – all that means is that the people who were supposed to make sure it gets in there at the time didn't do it. But we all remember when we empowered Stephan to make sure he had literature every month, whatever he's got to do.

Craig – I remember that, I was at that meeting. But Stephan was a more pro-active literature person and he would know ahead of time and get the money a month ahead of time. He didn't wait till the last minute. I agree with what you're saying I just wanted the get the information. That's why I'm saying the person who is the literature chair should be here whether he has literature or not. He's the one that has to get his heels off the floor when it comes to getting literature. Someone else said, and I don't know if you were here, that he should get a prudent reserve so he doesn't run out. He bought the literature and said he had a prudent reserve and now we don't have any literature.

John – so the real problem, the pink elephant in the room is starting to come out. Why are we wasting out time, let's talk about what it really is.

Craig – he needs some help

Michael – in my opinion, the way the policy is written right now is in conflict with our primary purpose. If we can't get literature because of a policy it's in conflict with our primary purpose and carrying the message comes first. If we can't have literature how we gonna do that? That needs to get amended.

Craig – and I think also that the vigilance of the people on the literature committee, we have to establish some type of prudent reserve of literature doesn't get sold for days like this. He was supposed to have that. So he's not here to speak for himself, I don't know why he chose not to come but that was a bad move. But when he ordered all that literature from Maryland someone asked him that in this room and he said "I have enough now" and apparently he under ordered somewhere and he went in to the prudent reserve and didn't say anything. So we'll reach out to him and find out. We should never run out of literature. He should be able to call me ahead of time so I can have the check ready when he gets here. He should always be a month ahead and I think he is operating month to month. That's just a matter of him being shown how to do inventory like that. He needs some help so I'll help him is no one else wants to help him. That's the issue, if that's the case then we can keep up the primary purpose and he can always call me and let me know that he needs a check the day of area so when he comes here he'll get the check and always be ahead.

John – there are several funds that might need to be accessed. The point of the motion is a good strong one but the groups need to come first. We have to make exceptions for when things go wrong to get them the money they need. That's all I'm saying.

Aisha – so that's something we'll work on so we can move on

Robin – okay so we're not voting on that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motions 1:

Motion Maker: Outreach Chair - Jon

Seconded: Rachael

Motion: To have a \$25 monthly allowance for the Outreach Subcommittee starting January 2017

Intent: To cover rent and subcommittee expense

Robin – this is a policy change so it will go back to the groups

Aisha – isn't it housekeeping because it's a subcommittee?

Robin – no it will change policy, they aren't asking for the money tonight

Aisha – isn't their fiscal allotment \$100?

Robin – they don't have one

Craig – that was given to them last month as a start up fund

Robin – yeah, this is for them to have a monthly allotment so that's a policy change. Are there any pros and cons?

John – you mean a rotating fund? There's a big difference.

Robin – yeah. It's a policy change it has to go back to the groups.

Goes back to the groups.

Quorum: 19

Motions 2:

Motion Maker: Wanda M

Seconded: Rob C

Motion: For H&I chair, vice chair, or designated representative to be reimbursed for travel expenses of gas and tolls to attend the regional monthly meeting when required/necessary; not to exceed \$65 once a month. Reimbursement will occur after receipts are produced.

Intent: To allow H&I chair attendance at regional in accordance with area policy.

Rafael – don't all subcommittee chairs get that?

Robin – I'm suggesting that this should be for any subcommittee

Aisha – it is for any subcommittee

Robin – it doesn't say that in our policy. All it says is that any reimbursements have to be approved.

John – it was in there up to a certain amount.

Wanda – it's in policy item #5

Robin – "Travel expenses for all representatives must have prior approval from the ASC"

John – that's what she's asking. It's for this month right?

Wanda – it says I need approval prior to, that's why I'm asking. Yeah, it's for this month.

Aisha –it’s required by any subcommittee chair to go to their regional meeting, it’s part of policy.

Wanda – but it says I have to request for the expenditure prior to the travel.

Robin – okay this is housekeeping. Maybe, John, at your policy meeting you can suggest putting that in there. Any pros and cons? None? Okay let’s take a vote.

For: 19

Against:

Abstained:

Passed

GREIVANCES:

Meeting closed at 9:45

In Loving Service,
Lauren P.



Outreach Sub-Committee Agenda

1- Meeting Location, Date and Time

- Meeting Location- First Presbyterian, Goshen NY
- We Meet- Second Wednesday of each Month, Meeting Starts at 7 PM

2- December Meeting Topics

- Subcommittee Meeting participation is down for the second month in a row.
- Flyer with contact information, including Coordinators by Location- In Progress.
- Outreach Website Page and Email Address-Subcommittee to Discuss requirements and then discussing with web designer.
- Visiting isolated groups- Recent list of groups with no representation at last 2 consecutive ASC Meeting reflects 12 groups. List will be distributed at next Outreach Subcommittee Meeting for review.

3- Gathering Sub-Committee Members and Support

- Member has taken Coordinator Role, covering Highland Mills, Monroe, Washingtonville, Chester and Goshen.
- Still need Outreach Coordinators for:
 - o Beacon
 - o Newburgh, New Windsor
 - o Monticello, Rock Hill
- Requesting GSRs announce at home groups of the need for Outreach Coordinators.

4- Homebound Meetings

- One Outreach Homebound Meetings Scheduled.
 - o This Outreach/Homebound took a meeting in for its first NA baby.

5- Items for ASC

- Subcommittee received \$100.00 to cover expenses after last ASC Meeting. So far of the \$100, \$23 spent on supplies (plastic bin, notebook, paper, binder, folder, etc.). This leaves a balance of \$77.
- Receipt for supplies equaling \$23 attached.
- Order placed with Area Literature Chair, for 5 Sets of Meeting Readings, 5 Infinite Medallions. Cost will be deducted for balance on reflected at next ASC Meeting.
- Donation for rent covering Dec paid per the treasurer.
- Next rent donations due in January 2017.

- *Certificate of Liability Insurance: Oct 2016 - Oct 2017*

6- Motion

\$25 monthly allowance starting Jan 2017. To cover rent & other expenses.

Open Arms Area Treasure's Report
November 1, 2016 thru November 30, 2016

<u>Beginning Balance (in Bank) including Prudent Reserve November 1, 2016</u>	<u>+\$5,433.36</u>
Total Group donation	+ \$ 519.88
Total Literature Sales	+ \$ 837.75
Entertainment & Activities	+ \$681.92
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Total Collected on November 3, 2016 Area Meeting	= <u>\$2,039.38</u>
 Money paid out during November 2016:	
Check #1409 H&I Lawanda M.	\$350.00
Check #1410 First Presb. Church Area Monthly Meeting Rent	\$50.00
Check #1411 Copies of Minutes Lauren P.	\$48.52
Check #1414 Freedom Voice Help Line Payment 11/9/16 thru 1/9/17	\$53.40
Check #1415 N.Y. Region Literature Bill - Invoice 11863	\$785.79
Check #1416 Meeting List Printing Mark H. – Mark H. Did Not Pick Up Check	\$75.00
Check #1417 Outreach Startup Funds – Hivalito B.	\$100.00
 <u>Total checks written and cash paid out</u>	 <u>\$1,462.71</u>
 Total Beginning Bank Balance November 1, 2016	 +\$ 5,433.36
Deposits and Other Credits	<u>+\$ 2,039.38</u>
Sub Total	+\$ 7,472.74
Checks and Other Debits	<u>-\$ 1,462.71</u>
<u>Balance Available 11/30/16</u>	<u>\$ 6,010.03</u>

GROUP DONATIONS

3-7-11	\$ 73.00
Turn It Over	\$ 30.00
Clean & Crazy	\$ 14.00
Men on Point	\$ 21.00
Back from the grave	\$ 27.00
The Nooners	\$ 45.15
Recovery by the River	\$ 5.14
Friday Night Lights	\$ 75.10
Woman's Time for Change	\$ 24.07
Joy is in the Journey	\$ 30.00
Steps on Sunday	\$ 4.85
Never Alone Group	\$ 13.00
Inner Visions Group	\$ 29.00
Steps to Life	\$ 50.00
Reach Out	\$26.32
Men On Point	\$26.25
Spiritual Solutions	\$10.00
Up Front Group	\$11.00
<u>It Works How & Why</u>	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
<u>Total Group donations</u>	<u>\$520.88</u>