

OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting was held on December 7, 2022 at 7:30 PM at 33 Park Place, Goshen NY with a link to the zoom platform available on the Open Arms Area website for those who could not attend live.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by Laura S, Chair with serenity prayer and readings.

Old Minutes- were read by John M. (Secy) and accepted.

Treasurers Report -was given by Nancy M. (Treas) and accepted Opening Balance was \$6,375.37.

Policy and Procedures- Sandy, Chair- Nothing To Report

RCM- Not Present

Convention Committee- Gina B.-Chair- All bills have been paid and our bank balance is currently \$1,547.00 which is exactly what we are supposed to have in there. Happy National Sponsorship day!

Events and Activities- No Chair, No report

Helpline- Freddie V, Chair- Im still having trouble navigating the tech side of things but I am on top of it. I get emails whenever we get a missed call and I get back the person right away. So for now, things are going well.

Hospitals and Institutions- Giorgio, Chair- I actually have no new info since we are set to meet next week. I came to show support for the motions on the floor. There is interest in a starting up new presentations at OCJ, we need to work that out.

Public Relations, Speaker Exchange, Outreach committees- No Chair, No report.

Literature sales- Fiona, Chair- Novembers total sales came to 617.00, our final inventory was 3,973.05 this was a physical count. I placed an order for 634.40.

Meeting List, Mark R (filling in)- We have not heard from MaryAnne. Mark stated that Maryanne needed to give up the commitment as chair. Mark stated that there were no meeting lists tonight since he had no time to prepare them.

Website- Mark R- Chair- The meeting list was updated on the website as well as the minutes and anyone who sent fliers. We had 543 hits on our website this month. All is good.

GROUP REPORTS:

The Point- Meeting Is strong- We could use support

Just For Today- Jim, GSR- We meet 5 days a week in Port Jervis, No celebrant.

Back from The Grave- Ashley, GSR- Were doing good, Nancy will be Celebrating 9 Years!

Mid day Break- Faye, GSR- We could use support, all is fine.

Breath Of New Lives- Stephanie, GSR- Tuesdays at 6:30, doing pretty good. Stacie will be celebrating 14 years.

Never Hopeless- Christie, GSR-We meet Tuesdays at 7:00, alls good

Dopeless Hope Fiends- Janet, GSR- We meet Tuesday and Sundays, Sundays cold use support, No Celebrant.

Turn It Over- Marl, GSR- No Celebrant, We really need more people to come out.

Revival of the Spirit- Scott, GSR- We meet every Wednesday at the youth Center in Goshen 7:30-8:45.

Recovery By The River-Dom, GSR- Doing Well, Thanksgiving Brunch was Successful. We have 3 Celebrants!

Back To Basics-Cornell, GSR- We have Herman celebrating 19 yrs this month and our group is doing well.

Recovery On The Hill-Janet, GSR-We need a lot of Support. We meet on Fridays.

Change or Die- Alexce- Kate will be Celebrating 7 Yrs.

Reflections group- Edwin, GSR-We meet every Saturday at 12 noon at Grace Community Church in Middletown....It is a Just For Today meditation Meeting. Celebrants-Frank B 17Yrs, Roger with 9 Yrs. Thanksgiving Marathon went well. All Monies Collected went to the Salvation Army for the use of the Building. Dec 10 is no meeting.

The Ties That Bind-Ronzette, GSR- We meet every Friday at 7PM, Were doing ok. We could use support.

Steps To Life- Aaron, GSR- We are now open in New Windsor at 543 Union Avenue, King Of Kings Church.We have Heat and A/C In Summer.

Saturday Night Fever-Ken, GSR- We meet every Saturday at 10PM, We are a beginners Group, Literature Study. No Changes. Guatamala Brian celebrating 4 years on the 3rd Saturday.

Steps On Sunday-Suzanne, GSR- We meet every Sunday at the Grace UMC Church. No celebrants this month.

Redemption Group- Reggie, GSR- Redemption group meets on Sundays at 2PM, 540 M&M Road at the Church Gymnasium.

3-7-11 and More- Group Has Closed, We donated Back our Literature. (Some discussion on how to distribute literature...H&I will use it)

Clean and Crazy- Aisha, GSR- We meet on Sunday at 7PM In Monroe, Rotating Format, No Celebrants.

OLD BUSINESS-

Motions Carried Over From November.

MOTION #3-To Make Convention Committee a Standing Committee also To begin Planning a Convention in 2 years.

TOTAL OF 17 GSR'S (Questions asked and answered) 10 YES MOTION PASSES

MOTION #4- Motion to create a new Area Position entitled "GREETER". Greeter would arrive at least 15 Minutes before meeting to greet people at door, pass sign in sheet and hand out forms etc.

Unanimous Yes

MOTION PASSES

Follow up on Accountant Motion from November- Laura spoke to a fellowship familiar accountant, (Arnie) He stated that there are many Conventions without 501 Corp or Non-Profit Status. Arnie stated that we should be doing a return. He suggested we donate away all profits and that we continue to keep detailed records to show where any profits have been spent. No further action was taken at this time. (Discussion was taken including members experience with non-profits)

Tabled Motion From November- Motion to remove language from our policy regarding FIPT approved Literature which was tabled in November has been ruled out of order. (There was some argument regarding the order and Roberts Rules)

13 members voted YES to postpone motion until January..In order for Chairman to consult Roberts Rules of Order on Ruling Motions out of Order.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Fiona to remove Saturday Night Fever group from Area meeting list as they are using unapproved (gray) literature for their literature study meeting. (Heated Discussion followed) Saturday Night Fever GSR will discuss this

(Continued)...with his group. (Continued Discussion much of which was inaudible) Laura read the NAWS Bulletin regarding Gray Literature. Issue will be brought up again for action in January. Motion to table motion until January 2023 made By Janet and Seconded by Gina. Majority agrees to Table Motion.

Motion by Bennet, Seconded by Dom- We will look into options regarding forming a 501 C3 Corp or create a cost effective non-profit for our area. This Motion was accepted as assistance in the form of an adhoc committee. Laura Called for a vote on Forming Adhoc for this purpose 8 YES 4 NO 2 Abstain. MOTION PASSES.

TABLED MOTION FROM NOVEMBER- Gina's Motion regarding \$2,500.00 Seed Money for Starting up convention will go to the floor for a vote in January. Due to this motion being made and seconded, the money is currently being held in the Open Arms Area account. Please be prepared to vote on this at January Meeting.

OPEN POSITIONS

Meeting List Chair- Meeting List Mark was Nominated as chair... No One Opposed....ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Events and Activities- Angela was Nominated as Chair, No One Opposed...ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Public relations, No Nomination

Outreach/Homebound- No Nomination

Speaker Exchange- No Nomination

Greeter Position- Victoria volunteers and takes position with no requirement.

Motion To Close at 8:58 PM