

OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 2022 ADMIN BODY MEETING MINUTES

Laura S. (Chair) Opened meeting at 6:35 with Serenity Prayer.

In attendance , Laura (Chair), Nancy M (Treasurer), Gina B, Fiona (Literature Chair), Jesse (RCM), John M (Secretary), Giorgio (H&I Chair), Mark R (Website Chair)

Not all sub-committees were present, Laura suggested we begin by asking those committees in attendance how we can better serve them.

H&I- Giorgio (Chair)- We are discussing having a learning day, we have a motion to set aside a specific amount of time at each meeting to discuss this (If time allows) but for right now, the learning day is still in the discussion phase. We are also discussing reviewing our policy as it has been a long time since we have gone through it. We are also reviewing which literature we should be bringing into the facilities. We discussed the long time tradition of having H&I representatives from home groups again.. For H&I and other committees that need support. We also had some discussion on the H*I procedures for joining and training.

Convention Committee-Gina Thanked the Committee for the support, Gina was thanked for her service. 1 case of basic texts being returned to Literature Sales. Gina stated the Convention cleared \$8,676.22. Gina stated she was cutting a check to ASC in the amount of \$7,126.22 Convention keeping 1550.00 in bank account to keep it open. Laura clarified that policy stated that all monies are supposed to be turned in to ASC after convention and that the groups haven't voted on whether they want to keep the convention committee going or to plan another convention. Convention committee plans on putting in several motions tonight regarding the future of the convention committee and the start up finances for that. Laura stated that the GSR's would have to decide on whether or not the groups are willing to let the 1500.00 stand while the motion goes back. (Back and fourth discussion about the finances and what each person felt are possibilities for the future). Fiona mentioned that Mid-Hudson Area is a not for profit organization and the administrative body acts as the board of directors.

Literature Sales-Fiona- Fiona Brought up that it is difficult that the literature is kept downstairs. We discussed the possibility of using smaller bins to keep it in, making it easier to move them around. Otherwise, literature is going well.

It was agreed among the group, Motions will be coming in new business tonight to handle some of the issues we brought up tonight.

Meeting was closed at 7:30PM.

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The meeting was held at 7:30 PM on November 3, 2022 at 33 Park Place, Goshen NY with a zoom link available on the area website for those who couldn't attend.

The meeting was opened by Laura S. Chair with prayer and the readings.

Reading of the old minutes- John M- Secretary

Treasurers Report- Nancy M. Treasurer.....Opening Balance \$2,526.54

Policy and Procedure report- Sandy- Nothing to Report

Regional Committee member- Jesse RCM- Really nothing to report Since the meeting is this coming Saturday.

Convention Committee Report- Gina B- Chair- I want to thank everybody for coming out to the convention to support and also to everyone that served. We had a successful convention and a great time for everyone who came. The convention made a total of \$8,676.22. We are turning over a check tonight for \$7,126.22. We are holding onto \$1,550.00. The reason is that we have a bank account with a tax id number and we need to keep 1500.00 minimum in the account or we will incur fees. We have a motion tonight to allow convention committee to keep 1500.00 in the bank. We had about 500 registrations in total. It would have helped a lot if more people would have pre-registered so we could better prepare for the crowd. Also, we have returned 1 case of basic texts to the literature committee. There were some questions and answers difficult to pick up on the recording.

Events and Activities- No Chair, No Report

Helpline- Freddie V- Chair- Helpline is running well...I am not tech Savvy and I need some help or I'm going to have to step down or I would be doing the area a dis-service. We will revisit Technical assistance for Freddie at New Business.

Hospitality-Hospitality is going good, there are some awesome snacks here so help yourselves. Everything is running good.

Hospitals and Institutions, Giorgio-Chair- We are still waiting for Otisville Prison. We have a trusted servant waiting for approval so he can go in...We had 1 new orientation. We now have a literature co-ordinator (Ken) so we have help with the literature. It was brought up that in our policy it is not specifically stated what literature we should be bringing into the facilities. We had some discussion about that, which I.P's etc. Ken and Rob C will explore that question and bring some ideas back to the committee next month.

Speaker exchange & Outreach no chair, no report

Literature sales- Fiona, Chair- Total sales last month were \$531.30, our inventory after sales came out to \$3,027.25. We received new literature so we came in early tonight and did a physical inventory which is \$4,158.15. We have new order forms with the new books on them including the new spiritual principle book & special edition white book. My order for this month came to \$847.45. We will likely need new order forms due to the increase on a few items since there was some confusion over when that would take effect.

Meeting list- Maryanne sent a text that she will need some assistance or she will need to step down. There will be no meeting lists tonight.

Website Committee- Mark R, Chair-Everything is going good...If you look on the website there are fliers for Thanksgiving events that are going on around the area. Meeting list changes were updated and that's pretty much it. We are going through the Committees to make sure we have the right information. Mark did not get minutes to post online, That has been corrected.

GROUP REPORTS 1:14:51

The Point- The meeting is doing great, We are at our new location The time is from 6 to 7 on Mondays, right down the street from Chopper in New Windsor. Its 1520 Jackson Ave in New Windsor.

Port Jervis- Jim (Inaudable)

Back From The Grave- Ashley, GSR- We meet Mondays, 7:30 Grace Community Church in Washingtonville, on 94...Everything is good.

Mid day Break- Faye, GSR- Meeting is going ok, we could always use support.

Breath of New Lives- Stephanie, GSR- The women are supporting. (Partly Inaudable)

Dopeless Hope Fiends- Janet, GSR- We meet Tuesdays and Sunday at Rock Hill Ambulance bldg....Everything is good.

Turn It Over- Mark, GSR-We meet at St. Andrews Church in Beacon, Tuesday nights at 7:30 Everything is going good.

Never Hopeless-Christie, GSR-We meet every Tuesday at 7:00, We have no Celebrants, Everything is good. Could use some support.

Just For Today- Jim, GSR- We meet at 49 Sussex Street, Port Jervis, From 7:30 to 9 on Tuesdays.

Back On Track-Ron, GSR- We meet at 10 Liberty Street, Across from the post office in the rectory, We need Support.

Change or Die II- Ben, GSR- We can always use some support. People are coming out, our bills are paid. We have 1 celebrant...Jimmy M with 30 Years, also on the same day we are having our group anniversary.

Staying Clean on Wednesday- Jim GSR- We meet at 60 Sussex Street, Port Jervis it's a 1 hour meeting with a rotating format.

Revival of the Spirit-Scott, GSR- We meet every Weds from 7:30 to 8:45, WE are a book chapter study meeting. We have Great attendance. At the end of this month, we Ryan celebrating 9 years.

Recovery by the River- Dom- We meet every Thursday night at 76 1st street, Newburgh, NY. No Celebrants, all is well. We are having our Gratitude brunch Thanksgiving day.

Back to Basics-Cornell, GSR- We meet on Thursday from 7 to 8:30 235 East Main Street. No Celebrant, attendance is good.

Staying Alive- Jim, GSR- Thursdays, 8-9 PM at 60 Sussex Street, Port Jervis. No Celebrants.

The Ties That Bind-Ronzette, GSR- We meet every Friday from 7 to 8:30 at 58 West Main...The attendance is better but we could always use more support.

Just For Today- Jim- We meet Fridays, 7-8:30 with a rotating format, no Celebrants.

Recovery on the Hill- Pat, GSR- We meet every Friday in Koneunga lake, we could use a lot of support this month we have Rob with 29 Years and Greg with 3 years!

Reflections- Edwin, GSR- We meet every Saturday at 12 noon at the Grace Community Church in Middletown, all are welcome. We are holding the Thanksgiving Marathon Meeting. We are asking other groups to get involved.

Steps to Life-Aaron, GSR- We are hoping to open up next Saturday, the 12th...The location will be at the King of Kings Lutheran Church, 543 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY. We also have Nick celebrating at the end of the month 33 Years!

Saturday Night Fever- Ken, GSR- We meet every Saturday at 10 PM, no Special needs, we are a literature study.

Steps On Sunday- Susanne, GSR- We meet at 62 Vaness street from 1 to 2:30. We use the Step Working Guide, We have our group celebration coming up.

Redemption Group- Reggie, GSR- We meet at 2PM Sunday in Middletown at 540 M&M Road, Rotating Format, We could use some support.

The Joy is in the Journey- Barbara, GSR- We meet every Sunday from 5:30 to 7 at 35 East Main Street at the Congregational Church, We need Support. We are a rotating Format so please stop by. We have Rob Celebrating 8 Years.

3-7-11 And More-Lauren, GSR- We meet every Sunday at 6:30 at the Brick Reformed Church in Montgomery, We need Support.

Clean and Crazy- Aesha, GSR- We meet every Sunday from 7 to 8:30 at 142 Stage Road in Monroe, First Presbyterian Church.

OLD BUSINESS_

Motion carried over from January- "By Giorgio – To Change the Clean time requirement for the hospitality commitment at Open Arms Area from 6 months clean to 'a willingness to serve'. (Total Votes = 24) Yes=16 MOTION PASSES

NEW BUSINESS- New Motions

- 1) TIME SENSATIVE- By Gina B and 2nd by Aaron- 'To get an accountant to advise us on whether we should become a charity or how to handle our convention profits.' (Also by Janet, motions combined) (Questions, discussion) 15 Yes MOTION PASSES
- 2) TIME SENSATIVE-By Gina and 2nd by Aaron-'For convention committee to hold \$1,550.00 in the convention bank account to keep the account open' (For one month until ASC decides on whether to keep Convention going). (13 yes) MOTION PASSES
- 3) Motion by Gina B 2nd by Aaron- To make Convention Committee a Standing Committee. (Also to Plan another Convention in Two Years.) Back to Groups for December Vote
- 4) Motion by Gina B 2nd by Aaron to have \$2,500.00 seed money returned to convention committee. (Motion is Tabled until decision is made on motion 3. (\$2,500.00 will be held in area account) Agreed by Maker
- 5) By Home Group Saturday Night Fever 2nd by Christie.."To remove article E from the "GROUPS JOINING OPEN ARMS AREA" section of the Open Arms Area Policy which States "Any group within the Open Arms Area that does not adhere to the NAWs FIPT Policy concerning distribution of un-approved literature shall be removed from the ASC meeting list and will not be supported by the Open Arms Area." (Discussion) TABLED FOR RESEARCH (AGREED BY MAKER to table motion for research)
- 6) Motion By Giorgio, 2nd by Scott L- To Create a new position for area entitled "Greeter". This position would not require Clean time. The position is to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the area meeting, get attendees to sign attendance sheet and hand out forms & envelopes to involve new comers on the area level. BACK TO GROUPS FOR CONSCIENCE.
- 7) Ken has offered to help Freddie V with Helpline.

NOMINATIONS-

NOMINATIONS FOR OPEN COMMITMENTS WERE CALLED FOR.

Angela was nominated for Events and Activities... (Will return next month).

Meeting List Mark was nominated as Vice Chair for Meeting List Committee....

Motion to close at 9:12 PM

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NOVEMBER 2022 TREASURERS REPORT

October Closing Balance.....\$3,487.04

ITEMS PAID OUT THIS MONTH:

GNYRSC.....2022/23 INSURANCE BILL.....\$1,164.19

Guardian Storage Bill.....DEBIT.....\$154.00

First Presbyterian Goshen CK 1382.....Area Meeting rent.....\$60.00

First Presbyterian Goshen..CK 1833.....H&I rent.....\$40.00

MONIES RECEIVED THIS MONTH:

October Literature sales.....\$537.30

Group Donations:

Reflections.....\$35.00

Clean and crazy.....\$24.00

3-7-11 and more.....\$19.00

Turn it over.....\$15.00

Nooner and ½.....\$237.00

Just For Today.....50.00

Steps on Sunday.....\$27.00

Breath of New Life.....\$45.00

Dopeless Hope Fiends.....\$26.00

Recovery By The River.....\$86.00

The Point.....\$111.00

Back To Basics.....\$21.50

Back from The Grave.....\$35.00

TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS.....\$752.50

TOTAL OPENING BALANCE FOR NOVEMBER.....\$3,427.65