

AREA MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2023 OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE The meeting was held on August 3, 2023 at 33 Park Pl. New York with a link to the zoom platform for those who could not attend in person The meeting was opened by Giorgio at 7:30 with prayer and readings - quick announcement: "If any member receives a call or msg from the church stating that the church could not host the area meeting; we must not take it upon ourselves to send that information out to the fellowship without having first contacted the Chairperson. As per our policy under the chairperson's description of responsibilities sub-section A "The area committee chairperson is responsible for conducting Area Service Committee meeting, preparing the agenda, and various administrative duties." This means that the chairperson is responsible for handling the information from the church and in turn trying to find an alternate meeting spot for the time being. We must wait for instruction from the Chairperson before giving out misinformation and causing confusion within the fellowship. This is made clear in our 5th Concept For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined." Old minutes were read by Nick Treasurers report was given by Bennett, treasurer, opening balance is \$4000 Policy and procedures Sandy, chair, nothing to report Regional committee member, Jesse, there was one motion on the floor, "all future policy revisions when presented to area should be presented with track changes, or a page of summarization of what changes have been included" The intent is to keep track of our policy, updates and changes in conjunction with the past policy so that all RCM's and or committee members can see track changes to date. Last month at our area service committee meeting our convention chair wanted to know why the RSO charge them \$400 to receive insurance for an event and the E&A committee did not have to pay the same. The current insurance policy does not cover overnight events. When an area is having an overnight event, the certificate of insurance must include a rider with a fee of \$400. The current policy the GNYRSO has for all areas does not cover overnight events. This is why the CC was charged that fee. As for the NA committee, who also had an overnight event did not get charged additional \$400 for their insurance coverage is because the GNOYRSL committee member who fulfilled their application, was not aware that there was an overnight event. Having said that it was an error that they were not charged a fee as they should have been charged. In the future all overnight events will be charged a \$400 fee. Quick announcement by Chairperson Giorgio: "As per the Open Arms Are policy under the Events and Fliers section; subsection A. All Sub-Committees will notify the Open Arms Area of any events at least 90 days prior to an event. FLIERS for events must be approved a minimum of 60 days before the event. Fliers for that event will be provided to area for distribution to GSR's at least 30 days prior to the event. What this means is that no sub-committee is exempt from our policy and there is no standing special provision for any one subcommittee from this policy. All subcommittees must follow the time line for Event and Flier approval as voted on and approved by the conscious of the members of the Open Arms Area." Convention Committee trusted servant: "I believe (a member) has something to say" Convention Committee trusted servant: "The convention committee is exempt from policy but since I can't find this in the minutes it's a moot point" Chairperson Giorgio: "To (a member's) point; I have reviewed all motions and amendments to the Open Arms Area policy over the last 3 years and have found that there has never been any such motion or amendment to our area policy making the Convention committee exempt from following the Open Arms Area policy. I have also spoken with our previous Chairperson and she has also made it clear that there was never any such amendment voted into policy making the Convention Committee exempt from following policy. We cannot give special provisions for one sub-committee and not all. Going forward in order for flyers to be approved and to go onto the website all sub committees must follow the approval time line stated in the Area policy. In order for policy to be amended a motion will need to be presented to the body by the end of Sub-Committee reports." Convention committee, Gina V, chair, Alexce our treasurer has stepped down, Jamie B took arts and graphics, bank account is \$5315.38 -\$1500, we meet the first and third Monday on zoom, Saturday, August 12 there will be a fish fry from 12 to 6 at Davidge Park in Middletown. Saturday, September 16th

In Maybrook we will be having a dance, Saturday, October 28 and Saturday, November 18 we will be having a specialty raffle, \$20 a ticket for a chance to win electronics Events and activities, Angela chair, we have the Halloween dance October 21 at 6 to 10 PM at 33 Park Pl.. Our flyer is still in the works area policy states we have 60 days before the event to hand it in who can I email it to you for approval? We're working out the final details for December 2 3 to 8 PM ugly sweater speaker jam. Helpline, Brian chair, we are still working on revising policy and training procedures, we had a missed call due to the website technical difficulties. We were able to return a call and get the person to a meeting and gave them info for a meeting the following day, still in need of trusted servants Meeting list, Mark, nothing to report Public relations, Rafael, our subcommittee meeting the last Tuesday of the month via zoom, or planned agenda is committee business review update presentation deck Literature, Fiona, July sales totals \$815, inventory after sales is \$2453, July literature order for August area was \$826.40 which includes the HNI literature. Expenses of \$103.17 for more order forms. HNI, chair, Gerard, not president Website, Mark chair, old flyers of minutes are up-to-date Back on track, Ron GSR, needs support, Ron celebrating 29 years Monday meditation/TGIF, Paul GSR, nothing to report Keys to success, Jason GSR doors are open every Monday 6 to 730 attendance and members are increasing Women, guiding women, Angela, acting GSR, we meet Mondays from 7 to 830 in Middletown. We have a decent attendance, but could use support and filling our open positions. Just for today, Jim GSR, This month we have yadi Celebrating her first year Back from the grave, Tom GSR well attended. Our positions are filled, we have Ray with four years and Rafael with 31 years. Dopeless Hope Fiends, Janet GSR need support for Sunday and Tuesday please, this month we have Janet celebrating 26 years the last Tuesday Revival of the spirit, Jamie GSR, nothing to report, This month we have Nick with six Rob with eight, Sarah and Jamie with three Recovery by the river, Jason, GSR, group is meeting outside, east side of church facing river. We meet every Thursday at 7 to 830, Tori will be celebrating 27 years. Back to basics, The group meets at 35 East Main St. in Middletown every Thursday at seven to 8:30 PM and attendance is great, Paula and Gilbert first miracle year and Cheryl with 15 years Reflections, Edwin GSR we meet every Saturday at 12 noon and we could always use support, we have no celebrants this month Recovery on the hill, Pat, GSR, nothing to report Steps to life, group is doing good needs support Steps on Sunday, Michelle, GSR, group is doing well, we are a step working guide study, this month we have Michelle with 17 years The redemption group, Lauren, GSR, no changes Ties that bind, Ronzette GSR, group is doing well attendance is steady Turn it over, Mark acting GSR, We need more people coming to the meetings Breath of New lives, Suzanne, GSR, women's meeting could you support Clean and crazy, Aiasha GSR, group is doing well still in need of trusted servants, this month we have our 37-year group anniversary August 27 Old business speaker exchange, policy chair, greeter and hospitality and outreach homebound are all open. Bonnie was nominated for hospitality and accepts and Joseph was nominated and accepts greater. new business Motion was made by Gina B and seconded by Lauren J to allow all committees to distribute flyers and submit the month before. The intention is that we are doing monthly events. Each GSR' was given an opportunity to have their thoughts on the motion heard from the floor for an informed group conscious. This motion will go back to the groups and be voted on. Bennett makes an announcement that he is stepping down as chair and is nominating Suzanne to take his position and she accepts and is voted in Policy and procedure open Co secretary open Co treasurer open Rcm alt. Open Area meeting closed with Serenity Prayer