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On Oct 13, 2023, at 6:59 PM, nicholas letizia <nickletizia@yahoo.com> wrote:

AREA MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2023 OPEN ARS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

The meeting was held on October 5, 2023 at 33 Park Pl.

The meeting was open by Giorgio chair at 7:30 with prayer and reading

Old minutes were read by Nick

Regional committee member, Jesse, not present

Policy and procedure, Sandy, nothing to report

Meeting list mark no changes

Events and activities, Angela, the Halloween dance on October 21 from 6 to 10 PM, we have tickets here for purchase and flyers for the GSR's, \$10 ahead of time \$12 at the door.

One meal one drink included kids under 13 and newcomers 90 days or less are free. We are asking for \$500 in seed money.

Literature, Fiona, literature order total \$269.55, September sales were \$464, inventory after sales is \$2684.75. I found the last check, notified Suzanne and deposited it.

Region is out of one and two year medallions. We sold out of one years last month and have none tonight, should have them next month.

Helpline, Brian, helpline meet at 6:30 PM before area we had seven calls, and zero missed calls we are still working On creating an updated policy, we can always use trusted servants

Treasure, Suzanne, opening balance for October is \$4027.32

Public relations, Rafael, our subcommittee meeting the last Tuesday of the month via zoom or next meeting is scheduled for October 31, we did not meet this past month are planned agenda is committee business and presentation preparedness

Convention committee, Gina, We currently have \$5650.23 in the bank, October 28 is the masquerade ball in Maybrook food is included, November 18 we're having a dinosaur speaker jam in Maybrook that is a free event! We need a check for \$149.90 for one year of rent, nominate Eileen for treasure

Hospitals and institutions, Girard, quorum Seven people, total attendance was 10, all is going well

Website, Mark, posted the minutes, anyone with flyers please email to mark@albrohvac.net

The point, meeting needs support, We have gym with one year

Just for today, Jim B, all groups are now named just for today

The redemption group, Lauren, J, no changes

The ties that bind, Ronzette, the group meets every Friday at 7 PM at 58 W. Main St., Saint Paul's Church. The group is doing well.

Saturday night fever, Bryan, we meet at Goshen at 10 PM at the gosehn youth center group is growing in the meeting as well attended, we have Cynthia with her first miracle year and Ken with eight years

Steps to life, Aaron, group is doing great, but we can still use support. This month we have Kevin with 34 years, Nick with 34 years and Malcolm with 18.

Neuner, Barbara, T, Meeting needs support, this month we have Donna be with 34 years

Recovery by the river, Jason, D, we are a beginners meeting, and the doors are open, November 23. We are having our annual gratitude brunch.

Revival of the spirit, Jamie B, group anniversary on November 15, this month we have Eric with two years

Turn it over, Mark, all is well, this month we have Tony with his first miracle year

The joys in the journey, Barbara S attendance is good

Women, guiding women, Angela, we need members that need clean time requirement to take commitments

Back on track, Ron S, nothing to report

Keys to success, Jason We are a beginners meeting and are looking for a male and female speakers

Dopeless Hope Fiends, Janet, Group could use support

Steps on Sunday, Laverne, Meeting is doing well, well attended, this month we have Phyllis S with 31 years

Breath of new lives, Laverne, Need support and trusted servants

Back from the grave, Tom, group is doing well, and all positions are filled, this month. We have Tom W with 31 years.

Clean and crazy, Aisha group is doing well, could use trusted servants, this month we have Sandy see with 36 years

Old Business

INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE CALCULATION OF VOTES CAN BE FOUND AT END OF NEW BUSINESS REPORT

Motion was made by the Saturday Night Fever Group and seconded by the Reflections Group to remove zoom from the area service committee (eg. Area service in person only). The intent is simplicity. Each GSR was given an opportunity to have their thoughts on the motion heard from the floor for an informed group conscious. After hearing all GSR's present, Chairperson Giorgio read subsection F from our policy aloud for the floor to hear: "Sub-committee Chairpersons may vote only on procedural matters. Procedural matters will be defined as all issues dealing with manner in which our ASC meeting is run". Each Sub-committee Chairperson was then given an opportunity to have their voice heard.

Pros were unity and us following our seventh tradition. Cons are we are being self supporting and tougher for addicts to serve.

The total number of voting GSR's present was 20 with a total of 5 additional votes for subcommittee chairpersons for a total of 25 votes. After, first accounting for abstentions (1 abstention), as "Abstentions will have no effect on calculating the vote", there was a total of 24 votes to be counted. This is important to note as this changes the "PASSING REQUIREMENT OF 2/3 MINIMUM OF ALL GSR'S (MINUS ABSTENTIONS)" to 16 in order for the motion to pass. Chairperson, Giorgio, now called for all opposed. The total number of opposed votes was 6. This left a total of 18 votes left for those in favor of the motion to be accounted for the motion to pass. THE MOTION PASSES WITH MORE THAN 2/3 MAJORITY in favor of the motion. No further action is necessary.

New business

A motion was made by Aaron G. And seconded by Barbera S stating "The removal of the home group Saturday Night Fever from the open arms area for continued and blatant disregard for area policy and having non NA approved literature" Intent: uphold area policy to only used NAWS approved literature their actions against policy are egregious based upon a motion that was removed earlier in the year when they agreed to remove the literature. Each GSR was given 2 to 3 minutes to have their thoughts heard, and the motion goes back to the groups to be voted on in November. Convention committee nominates Ilene as treasurer, no one opposes, she is appointed convention committee treasurer.

Policy and procedure is open