

OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2017

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

The 12 Traditions were read by Michael and The 12 Concepts were read by Carlos

In Attendance:	Chairperson:	Robin V.	845-346-5510	deliadoxie@aol.com
	Vice Chair:	Steve R.	845-706-3783	luckysaber1949@yahoo.com
	Secretary:	Lauren P.	845-820-1274	lpiazza830@gmail.com
	Co-Secretary:	Open		
	RCM:	Sandy C.	646-261-6215	charles@nyp.org
	Policy & Proc Chair:	John M.	914-447-2438	jmignone1@aol.com
	Treasurer:	Craig F.	516-410-4460	craig.f@live.com
	Co- Treasurer:	Open		

Robin welcomed everyone- First of all, does anyone else have receipts to give to Craig? If so, please hand them in. We talked about scheduling the next administrative body meeting, which we are supposed to do it quarterly. How about the second Saturday in March at St. Ann's?

Lauren – I just have a question, we used to do it here an hour before this meeting, can we do that? Does it have to be on a Saturday? Saturdays are hard.

Robin – this room is rented out before this meeting so we can't but we can talk about scheduling it at a different time. Also, I got an e-mail from the church asking us as a meeting to please check the bathrooms. They have asked that we check them before we leave because they are saying that people are leaving them a mess. We don't want to lose our meeting space, a lot of meetings meet here. Are there any new GSR'S? (Sharon – Turn it Over, Mike – Reach Out, Bill – Recovery by the River)

Secretary Report: Previous months minutes read by Lauren P. – copies were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept by Michael seconded by Barbara

Treasurer Report: Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed by Craig F.

Craig – the only check that didn't clear was the check to Temple Sinai for H&I's rent, I spoke to the chair and that will be deposited in the next two weeks. I also went to check on why we were getting charged 2 statement fees, I forgot to ask about E&A.

James, we were asked to submit the order for literature as soon as possible so that they don't get the order so late this way she is not scrambling at the last minute. There is also a shipping charge that she said we can avoid paying somehow. It is suggested that we have a standard order that we can just make copies of and send it in unless we have a special order. Any questions?

Robin – I had sent you an e-mail because region had e-mailed me in regards to an invoice we had paid but we didn't pay the shipping cost on one of them. I forwarded the e-mail to you.

Craig – yes she spoke to me about that, we just have to pay the shipping cost.

Motion to accept by Laura S. and seconded by Lexi

Policy and Procedure: John – I wrote it this time so it'll be quick. It's been a month of sorting old policies and minutes. I got boxes of stuff from Aisha. Policy didn't meet last week because I had the flu, however I've been working on going through new business from the past 5 years of business to see if all the motions have been put in the policy which we hope to have updated before the election. It would help to have the benefit of at least 1 administrative body meeting by then because it would help to have an opinion on what should be in there from all the old stuff. One thing important to say, with the efforts that we're going to put in to the new policy, it's more important than ever that anyone with a commitment whether administrative or subcommittee and chairs and vice-chairs understand that if we're going to work had on the policy that they be familiar with their part. I've been working on planning an agenda for each upcoming policy meeting including reviewing the policies and procedures for each subcommittee which I should have a current copy of each. That being said, it's important I remind the subcommittee chairs and vice chairs that the subcommittee policies can only be changed here at the ASC, meaning if the subcommittee takes a vote on an issue regarding a policy change or something added or removed from the policy, before it goes through that item should be brought here and placed as an item under new business as a new motion and until then no changes should be made as the GSRs are the ultimate authority. We meet next Wednesday February 15th at 142 Stage road in Monroe. We will complete the review of old minutes and all are welcome to attend.

RCM Report:

Sandy—I did make the meeting on the 14th, I sent Lauren all the reports. They're in need of trusted servants but we did get some service in place. Larry is the new chair and the website person is now Chris and the treasurer is a new person. The BOD is holding the secretary until we get one so if you're interested please try to come and help. They're going to have a survey online to give them an idea of the new literature they are proposing. One is on mental health and one is on meditation. So that is on the website, you can go there and take the survey so we can give them some kind of feel on what we think about it. It will be discussed more at MALIGNA and we're going to have a policy chair there so we'll also be reviewing the policy because there seems to be 2 going around. Outreach has a new chair Willie P from the Bronx. The rent went up to \$1800 but they did get more space. The convention chair John stepped down but they are still going to continue on working on the convention for the region. There is an H&I learning day June 10th from 2-5 at Christopher St. They are also asking that we get our reports in. The beginning balance was \$10,611.57 and the bills came to \$6,356 and the closing balance was \$3,908.53. They talked about the literature because she did send an email to me and Robin about trying to get it through email and not faxing. Just remember we have trusted servants in the office not workers.

Mark – are they staying above water?

Sandy – for the most part yes, they don't have to start paying back the debt until July and for the most part everyone is ordering from them. The trusted servants came together and cleared out the room and are really taking care of things.

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:	By the Book	GSR:	Cheryll H.
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday 7:30-8:30 PM	Donation:	No
Format:	Living Clean	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Support is needed	None	
Special Needs:	Need trusted servants		

Group:	Back From the Grave	GSR:	Jim K.
Day, Place, Time:	Monday 7:30-9 PM – 2839 Route 94 Washingtonville	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Beginner's	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well	None	
Special Needs:			

Group:	Change or Die	GSR:	Ray L.
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 7 PM – St. Andrew's in Beacon	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Steps/Traditions from Green & Gold book	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is okay	None	
Special Needs:	None		

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:	All is well and attendance is great	Aisha	30 yrs 2/26/17
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Friday Night Lights	GSR:	Joey L.
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 10 PM – 115 Main St Goshen	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Open/Beginners	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Big meeting with mostly beginners		

Special Needs:	Would love to have more experienced members
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Group:	Hope on Thursday	GSR:	Rachael K.
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday 7:30 PM - Chester	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating – splits the 1 st 2 Sundays: Men & Women	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Attendance is great and positions were all filled in January		
Special Needs:	None		

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

Group:	The Joy is in the Journey	GSR:	Angel P.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 5:30-7 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Everything is going good		
Special Needs:	None		

Barbara	26 yrs	2/26/17
Jackie	4 yrs	2/26/17

Group:	Kickin’ It Live Gut Level	GSR:	Darren P.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 12-1:30 PM – 40Smith St. Middletown	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting is doing well		
Special Needs:	None		

Iona	16 yrs	2/26/17
Fabio	6 yrs	2/26/17
Marie	1 yr	2/26/17
Lucious	15 yrs	2/26/17

Group:	Miracle of Change	GSR:	James B.
Day, Place, Time:	Wednesday 7-8 PM – 265 Van Ness St Newburgh	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing well		
Special Needs:	None		

Ashley	1 yr	2/22/17
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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 awesome		
Special Needs:	None		

None

Group:	Never Alone	GSR:	Aimee H.
Day, Place, Time:	Wednesday 7-8:30 PM – Warwick	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Book reading, step, JFT	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting is doing well		
Special Needs:	None		

None

Group:	New Way of Life	GSR:	Joey L.
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 7-8:30 PM - 40 Smith St Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is very well		
Special Needs:	None		

Vanis	27 yrs	2/24/17
Nettie	24 yrs	2/24/17

Group:	Nooners	GSR:	Barbara T.
Day, Place, Time:	Monday-Friday 12-1:30 PM – 33 Park Pl. Goshen	Donation:	No

Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u> None
Report:	No more \$10 books	
Special Needs:	None	

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> Justin 5 yrs 2/27/17
Report:	All is well	
Special Needs:	None	

Group:	Recovery By the River	GSR: Bill M.
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday 7-9:30 PM – Newburgh	Donation: Yes
Format:	Beginners	<u>Anniversaries</u> Barry T. 15 yrs Warren 1 yr
Report:	All is well	
Special Needs:	Could use members with more experienced members	

Group:	Reflections	GSR: Jennifer
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 12-1:30 PM – 22 Sweezy Ave Middletown	Donation: Yes
Format:	JFT	<u>Anniversaries</u> Carrie '7 yrs 2/25/17
Report:	Group is doing well	
Special Needs:	None	

Group:	Relationships	GSR: Diana M.
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7-8:30 PM – 75 Highland Ave. Middletown	Donation: No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u> None
Report:	Doing good, attendance is up	
Special Needs:	None	

Group:	Saturday Morning Awakenings	GSR: Ellen W.
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 10-11:30 AM – 265 Van Ness St. Newburgh	Donation: Yes
Format:	JFT	<u>Anniversaries</u> Group Anni 2/25
Report:	Meeting attendance is good	
Special Needs:	None	

Group:	Saturday Night Fever	GSR: Carlos V.
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 10-11 PM – 115 Main St. Goshen	Donation: No
Format:	Speaker Topic	<u>Anniversaries</u> None
Report:	Everything is good. We have a lot of support.	
Special Needs:	None	

Group:	Steps in the Right Direction	GSR: Diana M.
Day, Place, Time:	Wednesday 7-8:30 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation: No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u> Patti C. 5 yrs 2/22/17
Report:	Doing well	
Special Needs:	None	

Group:	Steps on Sunday	GSR: James B.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 1-2:30 PM – 172 Liberty St. Newburgh	Donation: Yes
Format:	Step Meeting	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Report:	Group doing well	
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:	Steps & Traditions	<u>Anniversaries</u> None
Report:	All is well	
Special Needs:	None	

Group:	Turn It Over	GSR:	Sharon R.
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7:30-9 PM – St. Andrew’s Rt 9D Beacon	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Open/Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing well, attendance is great.	Dave M.	28 yrs 2/21/17
Special Needs:	None	Ryan	1 yr 2/21/17

Group:	Up Front	GSR:	Lexi F.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 5:30-7 PM – St. Andrew’s Rt 9D Beacon	Donation:	No
Format:	Just for Today	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No Report	Lexi	25 yrs 2/26/17
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:	All is going well	Chelsea	1 yr
Special Needs:	None	Kim	4yrs
		Sherry	8 yrs

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 Road Newburgh, NY
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Report:

- New website – I’ve tried to do some work but the other subcommittee member was not available so I need some help.
- On the old site, we posted the meetings and new meeting list. We also changed meeting time for E&A and policy.
- Lauren – I checked out the new site and it looks awesome but I think with the small font and the color scheme it can be hard to see what’s on it.
Mark – I agree, that was the first thing I said and we will be working on that.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ronzette B. (845) 775-7862

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 6:00PM

RECAP, 40 Smith Street Middletown, NY

Report:

- We met 2 Thursday’s last month. The speaker jam went over well considering the weather. We had 70-80 people although we basically broke even, we gave the church a \$75.00 donation and let the group get their 7th tradition since we went into their meeting (with their approval)
- The red & white affair is going to be here on February 18th (Saturday). We’re going to have speakers in recovery from 5-7 PM followed by dinner and a dance. I have tickets for sale.
- We’re planning on doing the karaoke & bake off since it was such a success last year. That will be on a Friday night.
- And we’re planning on doing a lip sync battle in May

HELPLINE

Derek D. 845-803-2211
oaahelpline@gmail.com

Meets First Thursday of the Month

7:00PM Before Area

Report:

- We took only 7 calls in Januaray
- There was a delay in the posters but we will have 100 posters for PI by next week
- Robin – are we advertising in the record at all?
- We’re in the record, we’re on the radio. I’m hoping to get with Pi on something to give us a boost.

Hospitals and Institutions

Meets every 1st Wed of the month 7:30pm

Report:

- We met last night and there were 15 members in attendance
- We had 35 presentations last month
- We will be receiving \$300 for literature this month
- We started New Hope Manor in Barryville
- I participated in a NAWS conference call that only 20 members were on but 1 was from New Zealand.
- We are always in need of trusted servants with 6 months of total abstinence clean time and we talked about that extensively in this conference call. What that means is no DRT's (drug replacement therapy) or MAT's which is medically assisted treatment, good ol' Vivitrol. They have to be clean for 6 months and everyone totally agreed on that on the NAWS conference call. That's a big theme. Suboxone and methadone is cut and dry but this Vivitrol is a big thing. They have to be off it for 30 days before they can do H&I service. That is not negotiable and no committees are negotiating that. We just have to keep them on the honor system. Marlow and Willie P. were on that call also.
Marty – does your policy address the DRT's and MAT's?
Wanda – no, MAT is a new term that just came up but we're in the process of going over policy again but things have happened and people haven't shown up but this will be going in. But the 6 month clean time is already in the policy.
Marty – I understand that but that policy you make at your subcommittee has to come before the body because the area has to vote on that.
What's the objective?
Wanda – That you have to be completely abstinent. That's the objective. For someone on DRT's or MAT's to go into a facility and say we're a program of complete abstinence, come to a meeting - it doesn't make sense. (a question was asked that couldn't be heard) You have to keep them on an honor system. If they tell us they're clean we have to take their word unless they tell us.
Joey – because NA promotes that the 12 steps are our solution not the 12 steps and medication.
Wanda – yes and that's a NAWS H&I thing, that's the first I heard that acronym.
Jim – it was my understanding that we had contacted NAWS and they didn't have an opinion on this.
Wanda – they have an opinion, I was on the conference call.
Lauren – that was when Wanda went to the regional meeting
Wanda – right, region had no opinion. This is NAWS. But it's still up to each area and region what they want to do but everyone said they have a 0 tolerance for the purpose of H&I service. And we as a subcommittee have agreed because we've had some issues. (lots of unclear discussion)
Robin – if they want to go over their policy and change things they can but then they have to bring the entire thing here to be approved.
John – that's not the case Robin. Here's the thing, the chair and the vice chair and the members might agree and may all be unanimous but the 50 NA groups might disagree. The NA groups make the decision.
Wanda – "All subcommittees must have prepared and written policies and guidelines which must be submitted for approval by the policy chair" it does not say the ASC, it says the policy chair. Now, every time we've submitted policy we brought it in, handed it to the chair, and the policy chair reviewed our policy and told us what to change. The ASC had nothing to do with it and that is our policy as written.
John – the ultimate authority over the Open Arms area policy is not me, it's the ASC. And the policy that you have right there is missing a lot of our policy.
Wanda – but I have the January 2016 policy in my hand and until it says that I go by the policy.
John – okay but the 4th tradition is what it is. Autonomy is autonomy and the subcommittees get dictated to by the groups of this area.
Wanda – then our policy needs to be adapted to state that.
Rafael – we don't have to argue this. If the policy needs to be changed let's do that.
- I didn't participate in the regional meeting last month because there is no phone line right now but I've been communicating with them via e-mail.

LITERATURE James T.

N/A

Report:

- Last month we sold \$846.65 worth of literature
- We bought \$1233.98 worth of literature cause I needed it. We ran out of everything.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They didn't have multiple yearskeytags but they sent me white booklets and introductory guides which I didn't need. • The prices will be changing next month; I don't have the paper with me. But this is as of next month. • Next time we meet I'll have the guiding principles books (Robin-order 20 of them) Okay, I'll order 20 of them. 	
MEETING LIST Mark H. (845)-797-5571 email – flat3flat7flat5@aol.com	N/A
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 new lists were printedfor distribution to GSRs for \$82.00 in pink • 200 were given to H&I • Please get rid of any old meeting lists • No changes this month! 	
PUBLIC INFORMATION Rafael openarmsareapi@gmail.com	2nd Wednesday of each month 7:30 PM 1 st Presbyterian Church 142 Stage Rd, Monroe
Report: See attached report	
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 report 	
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:

Robin – we had no motions last month so we have nothing to discuss for that.

OPEN POSITIONS:

Co-Secretary(2yrs clean time), Co-Treasurer(5yrs clean time), Helpline, Alt. RCM

NEW BUSINESS:

Robin – no new motions

GREIVANCES:

Meeting closed at 9:00

In Loving Service,
Lauren P.



February 2017

Open Arms Area Committee Meeting

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 7:30 PM

- 2- Meeting Topics
 - Subcommittee Meeting did not was cancelled in January.
 - 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.

- 3- Gathering Sub-Committee Members and Support
 - 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 and members to support other groups.

- 4- Homebound Meetings
 - No Outreach Homebound Meetings Scheduled, two months in a row. This is a good thing!

- 5- Items for ASC
 - No additional expenses since last ASC Meeting, balance of \$77 still remains.
 - Donation for rent covering Jan-Mar ~~still due, Subcommittee will pay from balance of \$77.~~
 - Order placed with Area Literature Chair; 5 Sets of Meeting Readings (received), 5 Infinite Medallions (still pending).

*Pd. by
Treasure
LK#1428*

February 2, 2017

Public Information - Sub Committee Report

Our sub-committee met – the 2nd Wednesday of Jan @ 7:30 PM, 1st Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Road, Monroe NY (Clean & Crazy location). Our next meeting is scheduled for 2/8/17, please take it back to your Groups, we need and encourage participation.

Planned Agenda: Discuss potential presentations and continue to formulate Sub Committee Policy

Continue discussion on spreading the P.I. Message

Successful P.I. Commitment – Participated on a H & I Presentation at the New Hope Manor in Barryville.

P.I. Presentation – January 19 - Onward Recovery Community and Outreach Center - Newburgh, they would like ^{to} give us meeting space so we can start a new N.A. Meeting, if anyone is interested in starting a new meeting please see me or Marty, also please announce at your Business Meetings.

No Scheduled presentations or Events in February . orange County Dept of

Literature Order: \$0.00

In Loving Service - Rafael

Probation interested in a P.I. presentation, we will reach out to explore request.

Open Arms Area Treasure's Report
January 1, 2017 thru January 31, 2017

<u>Beginning Balance (in Bank) including Prudent Reserve January 1, 2017</u>	<u>+2,954.24</u>
Total Group donation	+ \$561.57
Total Literature Sales	+ \$846.65
Entertainment & Activities	+ \$0
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Total Collected on January 5, 2017 at the Area Meeting	= <u>\$1408.22</u>
Money paid out during January 2017:	
Check#1418- NY Region NA Literature Bill Invoice #11871	\$1,210.00
Check#1427- First Presbyterian Church Area Meeting Rent	\$50.00
Check#1428- Outreach Meeting - Rent January – March	\$30.00
Check#1429- Freedom Voice 1/10/17 – 4/10/17 Payments	\$53.40
Check#1430- Printing of Meeting Lists – Mark H.	\$82.00
Check#1431- Copies for Area Meeting - Lauren P.	\$46.39
Check#1433- Public Information, Literature – Rafael M.	\$100.00
Check#1435- NY Region Literature Invoice #11924a	\$778.00
Paper Statement Fee	\$2.00
<u>Total checks written and cash paid out</u>	<u>\$2,351.79</u>
Total Beginning Bank Balance January 1, 2017	+\$2,954.24
Deposits and Other Credits	<u>+\$1,408.22</u>
Sub Total	+\$4362.46
Checks and Other Debits	<u>-\$2,351.79</u>
<u>Balance Available 1/31/17</u>	<u>\$2,010.67</u>

GROUP DONATIONS

New Way of Life	\$ 25.00
3-7-11	\$ 1.71
Turn It Over	\$ 50.00
Clean & Crazy	\$ 58.00
Men on Point	\$ 31.00
Back from the grave	\$ 37.00
The Nooners	\$ 110.00
Joy is in the Journey	\$ 25.00
Steps to Life	\$ 53.50
Reach Out	\$ 20.00
All R Welcome	\$10.00
Reflections Group	\$20.00
Kicking It Live Gut Level	\$25.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$10.00
Saturday Night Fever	\$8.00
Woman's Time for Change	\$3.36
Never Alone	\$29.00
<u>It Works How & Why</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
<u>Total Group donations</u>	<u>\$561.57</u>