**OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES**

**March 3, 2016**

*Meeting opened by Chair at 7:30*

*The 12 Traditions and The 12 Concepts were read*

**In Attendance:****Chairperson:** Mike B. 845-492-1293 [mb711true@yahoo.com](mailto:mb711true@yahoo.com)

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**RCM:** Sandy C

**Policy & Proc Chair:** Aisha 914-290-9325 [aisha@frontiernet.net](mailto:aisha@frontiernet.net)

**Chairperson Comments**: Requested to go directly to voting in Co-treasurer from last month so that he could shadow the current treasurer this month as she will be unable to attend the next area meeting. There were no objections.

Secretary Report: Previous months minutes read by Mary Ann R. – copies for December and February were distributed. Accepted

Treasurer Report: Delivered by Eileen C. – reports distributed and accepted. Discussion regarding former Helpline Service provider discussed. Derek will follow up on Nov and Dec bills and if not able to get them waived we will pay.

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| RCM: | C.A.R. Report was discussed with instructions to get on line to access it, and forward tally sheet to Sandy via e-mail prior to March 12th when Region meets next. |

Policy and Procedure: Delivered by Aisha – There was no February meeting due to weather. ***Next Meeting Scheduled for March 5th at 6:00 before Steps to Life***

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31 GSRs were in attendance; 23 group reports were submitted

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| **Group:** | 3 – 7 – 11 | **GSR:** | Michael | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Sunday – 6:30 – Montgomery | **Donation:** | No | | |
| **Format:** | Rotate Steps 3 – 7 – 11; 1st Sunday Tradition of Month | ***Anniversaries*** | | | |
| **Report:** |  | Pam | | 8yrs | 3/26/16 |
| **Special Needs:** |  | Lauren J | | 20yrs | 1/26/16 |

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| **Group:** | Alive and Free | **GSR:** Sarah | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Mondays- 7:00 – Milford, PA | **Donation:** | | No | |
| **Format:** | Rotating | ***Anniversaries*** | | | |
| **Report:** | Needs trusted servants and support |  |  | |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  | |  |

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| **Group:** | | Back from the Grave | | | | **GSR:** Steve S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Mondays- 7:30 – Grace Community Church – Washingtonville | | | | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | | Yes | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Beginner | | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | Great attendance!!! | | | | Danny | | | | | | 6yrs | | | | | | | |  | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | |  | | | | Chris  Bobby | | | | | | 2 yrs  1 yr | | | | | | | |  | | | |
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| **Group:** | | Back to Basics | | | **GSR:** Timothy W | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Middletown – 40 Smith Street (RECAP) | | | **Donation:** | | | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Rotating | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | Group is doing well. | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | |
| **Special Needs:** | | None | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | |
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| **Group:** | | Clean and Crazy | | | | **GSR: Rafael** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Sundays – 7:00 – 1st Presbyterian Church Monroe | | | | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Rotating | | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | Group is doing well. All good | | | | Lorraine | | | | | | 29yrs | | | | | | | |  | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | | None | | | | Allison | | | | | | 12yrs | | | | | | | |  | | | |
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| **Group:** | | Friday Night Lights | | | | **GSR: Christine** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Friday @ 10:00PM – Goshen | | | | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Rotating | | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | Attendance is good. | | | | Carly | | | | | | 2yrs | | | | | | | |  | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | | None | | | |  | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | |
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| **Group:** | | Hope on Thursday | | | **GSR:** Kenny R | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Thursday, 7:30 to 8:45, First Presbyterian Church 96 Main Street, Chester | | | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Topic | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | Group is doing well. Good turn out and support | | | Kurtis B | | | | 3yrs | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3/31 | |
| **Special Needs:** | | None | | |  | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |
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| **Group:** | | Inner Visions | | | **GSR:** Laura S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Friday, 8:00 to 9:15 PM, Highland Mills Senior Center | | | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Topic | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | We are all good. | | |  | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |
| **Special Needs:** | | None | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Group:** | | The Joy is in the Journey | | | | **GSR:** Steve S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Sunday, 5:30PM, RECAP, 40 Smith St, Middletown | | | | **Donation:** | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Rotating format; 3rd Sunday Living Clean | | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | Attendance is good. No issues. No Anniversaries. | | | | None | | |  | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | | None | | | |  | | |  | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
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| **Group:** | | Just for Today | | | | **GSR:** Ken W | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Tues, Port Jervis, 7:30 / Fri, Port Jervis 8:00 | | | | **Donation:** | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Rotating | | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | All meetings supported and well attended. | | | | Donna | | | 23yrs | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | |  | | | | Paul | | | 25yrs | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
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| **Group:** | | Keys to Success | | | | **GSR:** Barry t (James B) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Mon, 3 Commercial Drive, Newburgh, 6:00 – 7:30PM | | | | **Donation:** | | | | Yes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | Speaker/Beginners | | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | Group doing well | | | | Ava | | | 8yrs | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | | Trusted servants | | | |  | | |  | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
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| **Group:** | | | New Way of Life | **GSR:** Randy N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | | Friday, 7PM – 8:30PM, RECAP, 40 Smith Street | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | Yes | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | | Rotating | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | | Group is doing well | Frank | | | 1 yr | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | | | Speaker needed for Friday 1/8/16 to speak on the 12th Tradition | Harold  Jodi | | | 5 yrs  1yr | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
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| **Group:** | | | Men on Point | **GSR:** Steve | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | | Mon, 7:30, New Windsor | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | Yes | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | | | Men’s Topic Meeting | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | | All is well |  | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | | |  |  | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |
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| **Group:** | The Miracle of Change | | | **GSR:** Reid | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Wed, 265 Van Ness St, Newburgh – 7:30 to 8:30 | | | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | No | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | Rotating | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | Group is doing well! | | | Scott | | | | 10yrs | | | | | | | | | | | 3/30/16 | | | | |
| **Special Needs:** | Trusted Servants | | | Reid  Gennotti | | | | 22yrs  13yrs | | | | | | | | | | | 3/30/16  3/30/16 | | | | |
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| **Group:** | New Way of Life | | | **GSR:** Randy N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Fri, 40 Smith Street, Middletown, 7:00 | | | **Donation:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | No | | | | | | |
| **Format:** | Rotating | | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | Group is doing well! | | | Michelle | | | | 22yrs | | | | | | | | | | | 3/25/16 | | | | |
| **Special Needs:** |  | | |  | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |

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| **Group:** | The Nooners | **GSR:** Jaqui | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Mon – Fri, 12:00 – 1:30, 1st Presbyterian Church, Goshen, NY | **Donation:** | | | | Yes | | |
| **Format:** | Rotating | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | All is well! | Paul | 3 yrs | | | | |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  | Frankie | 23 yrs | | | | |  |
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| **Group:** | Reach Out | **GSR:** Kylee | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Tues, Goshen, 7:00- 8:00pm, 33 Park Place, Goshen | **Donation:** | | | Yes | | | |
| **Format:** | Rotating – 1,2,3 First 3 weeks – with speaker, 4th week popsicle topic meeting | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | No special needs |  | |  | | |  | |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  | |  | | |  | |
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| **Group:** | Relationships | **GSR:** Ronzette | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Tues, Goshen, 7:00- 8:30pm, Temple Sinai | **Donation:** | | | No | | | |
| **Format:** | Rotating | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | No special needs |  | |  | | |  | |
| **Special Needs:** | The group is doing well. The attendance is good. Somebody always comes there for the first time. Thank God for service. |  | |  | | |  | |

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| **Group:** | Saturday Night Fever | | **GSR:** Dan N | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Saturday, Methodist Church Goshen, 10pm | | **Donation:** | | | No | | |
| **Format:** | Rotating – T / Sp / 90Day to 1Year / SP | | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | |
| **Report:** | The group is doing well | |  |  | | |  | |
| **Special Needs:** | None | |  |  | | |  | |
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| **Group:** | | Spiritual Solutions | **GSR:** Ryan K | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | | Thursday 7:30PM Washingtonville | **Donation:** | | | Yes | | |
| **Format:** | | Living Clean Book Study | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | |
| **Report:** | | No need, no celebrations |  | |  | | |  |
| **Special Needs:** | |  |  | |  | | |  |

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| **Group:** | Steps on Sunday | **GSR:** James B | | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Sun, 1:00, Restorative Management, 172 Liberty St, Newburgh | **Donation:** | | | Yes | | | |
| **Format:** |  | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | | |
| **Report:** | Group anniversary to be announced | Dhana S. | 4yrs | | | | Last | |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  | Sunday | | | | in April | |
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| **Group:** | Turn it Over Group | **GSR:** Mark H. | | | | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Tues, 7:30PM,St. Andrews, Beacon | **Donation:** | | Yes | | | |
| **Format:** | Open Rotating Format | ***Anniversaries*** | | | | | |
| **Report:** |  | Dave M | | 27yrs | | Last Tues | |
| **Special Needs:** | None |  | |  | |  | |

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| **Group:** | Women’s Time for Change | **GSR:** Ronzette | | |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Mon 7:00 PM 40 Smith Street, Middletown | **Donation:** |  | |
| **Format:** | Rotating Format | ***Anniversaries*** | | |
| **Report:** | Group is doing well. The attendance is steady most of the time. | Aimee | 2 yrs | Last Mon |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |

**Sub –committee Reports:**

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| ***Area Website***  ***www.openarmsarea.com***  Mark R  914-447-4566  [mark@albrohvac.net](mailto:mark@albrohvac.net) | Meeting first Tuesday of the month 5:30PM  18 Little Britain Road  Newburgh, NY | Unfortunately, due to illness we haven’t been able to meet, but will definitely be meeting in April.  Sorry for lack of updates. Last month’s minutes haven’t been posted yet. |
| ***Events & Activities***  Lauren P.  845-820-1274 | Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:00PM  RECAP  40 Smith Street  Middletown, NY | * Red and White Affair was fantastic.   + Expense Report is attached   + Donating $473.37 to Area * Dinosaur Speaker Jam for March 19th is cancelled due to conflict with Kingston Area Event * 2 Flyers for approval submitted   + Lip Sync Battle – May 21st   + Camp Out June 18th – 19th * Any support is welcome |
| ***Helpline***  Dereck D.  845-803-2211  [oaahelpline@gmail.com](mailto:oaahelpline@gmail.com) | Meets 7:00PM Immediately before Area Service Meeting | * Paid freedom voice $54.36 for Feb and March service * Had 13 calls in February * Depleted poster inventory * Opened Freedom Voice in Oct * Cancelled Byrnes via e-mail on 11/30/15 |
| ***Hospitals & Institutions***  Gil T  845-219-4324  [i22rock@yahoo.com](mailto:i22rock@yahoo.com) | Meet 1st Wed of month 7:30pm  Orientation at 7:00pm  75 Highland Ave  Middletown, NY | * Met on March 2, 2015 * 10 people attended with 1 new member * Have 11 commitments with possibility of one will be open * Literature purchased $350.56 * Working on Learning Day for June * Regional Learning Day April 23rd   154 Christopher Street  NY,NY  12:00 to 4:00PM  Orange County Jail has orientation for Speakers |
| ***Literature***  James | See attached report | |
| ***Meeting List***  Stefan  [Stefan.davenport1@gmail.com](mailto:Stefan.davenport1@gmail.com) | Meets ½ hour before Area Meeting | Not present, no meeting lists were available for distribution |
| ***Public Information***  Steve S/ |  | Will have report next month. |
| ***Speaker Exchange***  Jim  [jpbeaton63@gmail.com](mailto:jpbeaton63@gmail.com)  646-753-2527 | We had our first speaker exchange meeting on Feb 10th. No groups attended. Next meeting this Wednesday, March 9th. Anyone that wants to help with the committee please contact me. Will continue to have monthly meetings, and in the future may be able to do it via e-mail. | |
| ***Outreach***  OPEN | OPEN | |

***OLD BUSINESS:***

**OPEN POSITIONS:**

The following positions remain open:

***Outreach: Interest expressed by an addict named John – will return next month to be voted in.***

***RCM Alternate***: *4 years clean requirement*

***NEW BUSINESS:***

**No motions voted on or presented for discussion.**

***OTHER:***

***ALL POSITIONS ARE UP FOR ELECTION IN JUNE.***

***MUST ATTEND 2 CONSECUTIVE AREA MEETINGS PRIOR TO BEING VOTED INTO A POSITION.***

***GREIVANCES:***

None.

Meeting closed at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann R