

# OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2017

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

The 12 Traditions were read by Lexi and The 12 Concepts were read by Mark

<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b>	Robin V.	845-346-5510	<a href="mailto:deliadoxie@aol.com">deliadoxie@aol.com</a>
	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Steve R.	845-706-3783	<a href="mailto:luckysaber1949@yahoo.com">luckysaber1949@yahoo.com</a>
	<b>Secretary:</b>	Lauren P.	845-820-1274	<a href="mailto:lpiazza830@gmail.com">lpiazza830@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Co-Secretary:</b>	Open		
	<b>RCM:</b>	Sandy C.	646-261-6215	<a href="mailto:charles@nyp.org">charles@nyp.org</a>
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	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Craig F.	516-410-4460	<a href="mailto:craig.f@live.com">craig.f@live.com</a>
	<b>Co- Treasurer:</b>	Open		

Robin welcomed everyone – a couple of things, first I need to apologize if some people didn't get the message that we were postponed last week. Please make sure that the secretary gets your contact info because if we don't have you e-mail or some way to get a hold of you, we can't get in touch with you to let you know. Also, I'm going to try to encourage people that when things like this happen, please announce it at the meetings you go to so that the word can get out. I didn't know that we weren't going to meet last week until the week after the last area so I was not able to announce it at the last meeting. I would also like to let you know Lauren and John will not be here tonight. I'm going to play secretary and I'm going to turn the chair over to Steve and he will conduct the meeting. There are only a couple of groups reports so if you didn't get one use the back side of another form. Please turn in all the forms so Laure can get them. We have the guiding principles book in and they will be sold for \$12. We are going to be adjusting the literature prices over the next month but for this month we will still use the old forms.

Steve – please bear with me, this is my first time. First of all, are there any new GSR's tonight? Welcome Kate, Gerard, and Terri. (Terri – Some are sicker than others on Tuesday nights from 6-7:30 moved to 120 N. Miller ST in Newburgh) One of the things we talked about at our admin body meeting was that we are low on funds, a suggestion that came out of that was for the more experienced members to donate a little more when we pass the basket if possible.

Secretary Report: Previous months minutes read by Robin – copies were distributed and reviewed.  
Motion to accept by Lexi seconded by Mark H

Treasurer Report: Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed by Craig F.  
Craig – I brought a corrected copy of January's. I wrote the check for rent but sent it to the literature so they couldn't cash it. I meant to take it off the report but I forgot. I also left off the \$120 for H&I for their rent. I was supposed to get the check out a month earlier but because Lauren didn't have a receipt I couldn't write it till a month later so it got cashed late. For the February report, we are researching the old H&I bill. I told her we want to know exactly when the bill was created and who the chair was. She is also sending me the invoices to my e-mail for the shipping and handling fees that she left off. We are under prudent reserve by \$543 so I would like to ask all the subcommittee chairs, if you don't actually need the funds, could you hold off? We would like to get back to about \$3500. Now we got the thing worked out with the literature office so everything will be up to date. I will also be working with James as needed to find out how much we should have in stock so that we don't have to be spending too much. Last month we spent \$1233 when we only sold about \$800 because he's playing catch up. We'll be having another executive body meeting in May if anyone has any suggestions. We also know have the ability to check our balance online so we can always be up to date. Someone has also suggested that when our funds are correct, to purchase an inexpensive laptop and put quick books on it so that the transfer from treasurer to treasurer will be easier. We have no outstanding balances, and again for the subcommittees if you don't need the money please don't take it. We had over \$6000 at one point but had to pay all the back owed bills. John showed me in the policy what our prudent reserve should be so once we have everything done here I'll be able to figure out what the donation will be.

Robin – we can't make any donations to the RSC until we get above prudent reserve.

Motion to accept by Mark H. and seconded by Jim

Policy and Procedure: John could not make it tonight.

RCM Report: Sandy – I went to MALIGNA, I will give some paperwork to be put on the website regarding literature being copied. It speaks to where it all started. Also, there is a NAWA newsletter, please take one and bring it to your group. We will also put it on the website. We had a lot of

workshops including one on the spiritual meditation books. There is still time for you to put your input in, I left a flyer there where you can submit it. It's simple questions. We also talked about money, which is a big thing every where. It's just not coming in as much as the expenses are going out. Even world has down sized. There was a big session on the new media and all the different ways to meet on the websites. Not everyone can get everywhere with no expense. It was very interesting and of course they have these young whippersnappers that are talking about it, it's out of this world. They are going to develop something and put it on the NAWS website. There's another thing where you can put your meeting list to hit you area, region, and world at once. Money is always going to be a factor, a dollar just isn't going to work anymore. So it's for the people who can afford to put more than a dollar in the basket. And we're trying to find a way to get newcomers involved as well. The old timers are still carrying the ball and they need to teach the newcomers. I've learned a lot since becoming RCM. Region needs to fill commitments too. They have a convention meeting tonight so they're trying to stay about and do what they have to do to have a convention.

20 GSRs were in attendance; 26 group reports were submitted

<b>Group:</b>	3 – 7 – 11	<b>GSR:</b>	Michael J.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Sunday 6:30-8PM – Montgomery	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotate Steps 3 – 7 – 11; 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Tradition of Month	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	All is well	Lauren J	21yrs 3/26/17
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

<b>Group:</b>	Alive and Free	<b>GSR:</b>	Kate V.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Monday 7 PM – Milford PA	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Could use support	None	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

<b>Group:</b>	All R Welcome	<b>GSR:</b>	Donna
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Wednesday 4:30PM – 390 Broadway Monticello	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Doing great, meeting is attracting newcomers. Also stating meeting on Sat night 7-8:30PM at First Pres. 3/18	None	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	Need speakers		

<b>Group:</b>	Back From the Grave	<b>GSR:</b>	Jim K.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Monday 7:30-9 PM – 2839 Route 94 Washingtonville	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Beginner's	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Attendance is good	Bobby C	2 yrs 3/27/17
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	Chris L	3 yrs 3/27/17

<b>Group:</b>	Back on Track	<b>GSR:</b>	Hassina B.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Thursday 7 PM – 10 Prince St. Monticello	<b>Donation:</b>	No
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Need support	Marsha	10yrs 3/31/17
<b>Special Needs:</b>	Support		

<b>Group:</b>	Friday Night Lights	<b>GSR:</b>	Joey L.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Friday 9:30-11 PM – 115 Main St Goshen	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Open/Beginners	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	All is well	Carly	3yrs
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	Melissa	4yrs

<b>Group:</b>	Hope on Thursday	<b>GSR:</b>	Rachael K.
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<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Thursday 7:30 PM - Chester	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Attendance is great, all is well. Closed on 2/9 due to weather	None
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	Innervisions	<b>GSR:</b> Laura S.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Friday 8-9:30 PM – Highland Mills	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Topic Discussion	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All is well. Changing to 7:30PM on as of April 7 <sup>th</sup>	None
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	The Joy is in the Journey	<b>GSR:</b> Steve S.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Sunday 5:30-7 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Everything is going good	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	Just For Today	<b>GSR:</b> Tawanda (Jim fill-in)
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Tues 7:30 PM& Fri 7 PM – Port Jervice	<b>Donation:</b> No
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Tues is well attended and served. Friday is changing to 7 PM on 3/17	LaShawnta 1yr 3/31/17
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	Men on Point	<b>GSR:</b> Joe M.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Monday 7:30-9 PM – New Windsor	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Men's Topic	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All is well	None
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	Never Alone	<b>GSR:</b> Aimee H.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Wednesday 7-8:30 PM – Warwick	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Book reading, step, JFT	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	All is well, lots of experienced home group members	None
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	New Way of Life	<b>GSR:</b> Joey L.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Friday 7-8:30 PM - 40 Smith St Middletown	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Meeting is rockin, all is well	Michelle 23 yrs 3/31/17
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	
<b>Group:</b>	Nooners	<b>GSR:</b> Barbara T.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Monday-Friday 12-1:30 PM – 33 Park Pl. Goshen	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	No report	Paul M 4 yrs 3/30/17
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None	Frankie S. 24yrs 3/31/17
<b>Group:</b>	Reach Out	<b>GSR:</b> Mike M.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Tuesday 7-8:30 PM – 33 Park Place Goshen	<b>Donation:</b> Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Beginners	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
<b>Report:</b>	Meeting is doing well	None
<b>Special Needs:</b>	Could use members with more experienced members	

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

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

<b>Group:</b>	Saturday Night Fever	<b>GSR:</b>	Carlos V.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Saturday 10-11 PM – 115 Main St. Goshen	<b>Donation:</b>	No
<b>Format:</b>	Speaker Topic	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Everything is good.	None	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	Could use support for policy meeting.		

<b>Group:</b>	Steps in the Right Direction	<b>GSR:</b>	Sarah A.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Wednesday 7-8:30 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	<b>Donation:</b>	No
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Doing well	Mark	30 yrs 3/27/17
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

<b>Group:</b>	Steps to Life	<b>GSR:</b>	Rob C.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Saturday 7:30-9 PM – St. Anne’s Washingtonville	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Steps & Traditions	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Everything is going well	None	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

<b>Group:</b>	Turn It Over	<b>GSR:</b>	Sharon R.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Tuesday 7:30-9 PM – St. Andrew’s Rt 9D Beacon	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Open/Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Everything is great	None	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

<b>Group:</b>	Up Front	<b>GSR:</b>	Lexi F.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Sunday 5:30-7 PM – St. Andrew’s Rt 9D Beacon	<b>Donation:</b>	No
<b>Format:</b>	Just for Today	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	No Report	None	
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

<b>Group:</b>	Women’s Time For Change	<b>GSR:</b>	Ronzette B.
<b>Day, Place, Time:</b>	Monday 7-8:30 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	<b>Donation:</b>	Yes
<b>Format:</b>	Rotating	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>Report:</b>	Doing well, always looking for women speakers	Aimee	3 yrs 3/27/17
<b>Special Needs:</b>	None		

**Sub –committee Reports:**

<b>Area Website - <a href="http://www.openarmsarea.com">www.openarmsarea.com</a></b> Mark R - 914-447-4566 <a href="mailto:mark@albrohvac.net">mark@albrohvac.net</a>	<b>Meeting – TUESDAY BEFORE AREA - 5:30PM</b> 18 Little Britain Road Newburgh, NY
<b>Report:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New website – continued working on it when we met last Tuesday.</li> <li>• Meeting list, old minutes, and Karaoke flyer were updated</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Started to make subcommittee pages</li> <li>• Hopefully by next month we will be completely operational</li> <li>• Thanks to Jeremy for all his hard work</li> </ul>	
<b>EVENTS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> Ronzette B. (845) 775-7862	<b>Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 6:00PM</b> RECAP, 40 Smith StreetMiddletown, NY
<b>Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red &amp; white had a great turn out. I believe we now have \$602 in our bank account.</li> <li>• We've had 2 meetings since then.</li> <li>• The karaoke and bake off is April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 PM. There will be a meeting, then bake off followed by karaoke.</li> <li>• We are also looking to have a sponsor sponseedinner, May 6<sup>th</sup> is the date we are trying to get.</li> <li>• I will be putting in a motion for the camp out, asking for \$300 for a deposit.</li> </ul>	
<b>HELPLINE</b> Derek D. 845-803-2211 <a href="mailto:oaahelpline@gmail.com">oaahelpline@gmail.com</a>	<b>Meets First Thursday of the Month</b> <b>7:00PM Before Area</b>
<b>Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We took only 7 calls last month</li> <li>• We are verifying volunteers</li> <li>• We purchased 200 posters for \$160, 100 are for PI. PI agreed to pay \$85 from their budget</li> </ul>	
<b>Hospitals and Institutions</b> Wanda M. (845) 313-8476 <a href="mailto:wandam_naservice@yahoo.com">wandam_naservice@yahoo.com</a>	<b>Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of the month 7:30pm</b> 75 Highland Ave Middletown, NY
<b>Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We met last week, 12 members in attendance a quorum of 11 present.</li> <li>• 23 presentations, 22 commitments – 22 filled, 1 open</li> <li>• Currently in need of a vice-chair</li> <li>• Planning a learning day for July, we'll be putting in a motion next month to use the \$300 for 1 learning day and so that we can reserve the pavilion at the park and we'll be speaking with PI about joining with us</li> <li>• NYC learning day is March 25<sup>th</sup> at RSO from 12-6</li> <li>• GNYR learning day is June 10<sup>th</sup>, site TBD</li> <li>• Always in need of trusted servants</li> <li>• We will not be asking for any money for literature this month</li> </ul>	
<b>LITERATURE</b> James T.	N/A
<b>Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last month we sold \$879.60.</li> <li>• Sorry to say I went over again, bought \$1,302.23 in literature. It was worth it.</li> <li>• By next month we should have new order forms.</li> </ul>	
<b>MEETING LIST</b> Mark H. (845)-797-5571 email – flat3flat7flat5@aol.com	N/A
<b>Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,000 new lists were printedfor distribution to GSRs for \$82.00 in blue</li> <li>• 200 were given to H&amp;I</li> <li>• Please get rid of any old meeting lists</li> <li>• Please make the following changes: Friday - Port Jervis - Just for Today, new time 7PM Friday – Goshen – Friday Night Lights, new time 9:30PM Tuesday – Newburgh – Some are sicker than others, 6 PM New location 120 N. Miller St. There will be a meeting starting on 3/18 in Monticello</li> <li>• I will put changes in and put it on websites-area, region, and world.</li> </ul>	
<b>PUBLIC INFORMATION</b> Rafael <a href="mailto:openarmsareapi@gmail.com">openarmsareapi@gmail.com</a>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:30 PM</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church 142 Stage Rd, Monroe
<b>Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marty gave report- we meet next Wednesday at 7:30</li> <li>• Right now we're working on a presentation that is coming up for the NYS division of probation in April</li> <li>• Last week we got a call from someone in FL who tried to reach out to region PI – since there wasn't one, we went down to Forest Hills, I got Sarah from Bergen and Eli from Brooklyn. It went very well and we gave out</li> </ul>	

the literature. It wasn't something I expected to do but since they had no PI services I went.

<b>Speaker Exchange</b> Jim 646-753-2527 <a href="mailto:jbeaton63@gmail.com">jbeaton63@gmail.com</a>	Monthly meeting to be held immediately prior to Area Service at 7:00.
<b>Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I was out of town the last 2 business meetings so there was no exchange meeting, sorry about that.</li><li>• February was a year since I took this commitment, review of the year: first 3 months were slow, 6 months there were 3-6 exchanges, and no interest the last 3 months.</li><li>• I made a speaker exchange form for GSR's to bring back to their groups (see attached) to sign people up who are interested in speaking so I can make a database. You can return them here next month or e-mail them to me. When I get them back I'll make the list and hopefully by May or June I'll have a running list.</li></ul>	
<b>Outreach</b> John 917-716-3102 <a href="mailto:jb250@yahoo.com">jb250@yahoo.com</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month-Goshen Presbyterian Church 33 Park Place
<b>Report:</b> No report	

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Steve – I just want to mention that Lexi is working hard back there making sure we have hospitality so thank you!

### **OPEN POSITIONS:**

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

No nominations or volunteers.

Steve – take it back to your groups, those positions are open and all will be open in June!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Steve – 1 new motion from Ronzette

#### **Motion #1**

**Motion Maker:** Ronzette B

**Seconded:** Michael

**Motion:** Asking the body for \$300 for our annual campout

**Intent:** To put down a deposit and food

**Quorum:** 13    **For:** 13    **Against:**    **Abstain:**

**Motion Passed!**

Joey – what is E&A allotted to have?

Robin - \$500, they maintain that balance

Joey – per event?

Robin – that's their allotted amount, anything over gets donated back to area.

Joey – do they get reimbursed?

Robin – yes if they go under.

Jim – on speaker exchange from can we just add phone number? I forgot to put that.

### **GREIVANCES:**

Meeting closed at 9:00

In Loving Service,  
Lauren P.



Open Arms Area Treasure's Report (Corrected Copy)  
January 1, 2017 thru January 31, 2017

<u>Beginning Balance (in Bank) including Prudent Reserve January 1, 2017</u>	<u>+1,754.24</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>
<b>Money paid out during January 2017:</b>	
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>\$1,141.79</u>
Total Beginning Bank Balance January 1, 2017	+\$1,754.24
Deposits and Other Credits	<u>+\$1,408.22</u>
Sub Total	+\$3,162.46
Checks and Other Debits	<u>-\$1,141.79</u>
<b><u>Balance Available 1/31/17</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,020.67</u></b>



**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 &amp; Why</u>	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
<b><u>Total Group donations</u></b>	<b><u>\$561.57</u></b>