**OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 7, 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

**Co-Chairperson:** Robin V. 845-346-5510 deliadoxie@aol.com

**Treasurer:** Eileen B. 845-551-7825 ladyluck5117@yahoo.com

**Co- Treasurer:** Craig F. 516-410-4460 craig.f@life.com

**Secretary:** Mary Ann 845-629-3112 mary.ann.rothstein@gmail.com

**RCM:** Sandy C 646-261-6215 thechef21@yahoo.com

**Policy & Proc Chair:** Aisha 914-290-9325 aisha@frontiernet.net

Secretary Report: Previous months minutes read by Mary Ann R. – copies were distributed. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Report: Delivered by Eileen C. – copies were distributed. After a brief discussion about the change in format of the report since our last treasurer, the report was accepted. Nov and Dec bills will be paid to our former Helpline service provider.

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| RCM: | It is not too late to turn in your C.A.R. Report. It can be mailed (by 4/23/2016) to:Bob Wheeler615 Carlton AvenueBrooklyn, NY 11238See attached report. |
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Policy and Procedure: Delivered by Aisha – The committee of 2 met on March 5th. There will be no April meeting. ***Next Meeting Scheduled for May for 7that 6:00 before Steps to Life***

RCM Report: Minutes from March 12, 2016 Regional Meeting are attached.

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\_\_ GSRs were in attendance; \_\_ group reports were submitted

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| **Group:**  | 3 – 7 – 11  | **GSR:**  | Michael |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Sunday – 6:30 – Montgomery  | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Rotate Steps 3 – 7 – 11; 1st Sunday Tradition of Month | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** |  | Arnie | 5yrs | 4/24/16 |
| **Special Needs:** |  | Kyle | 4yrs | 4/24/16 |

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| **Group:**  | Alive and Free | **GSR:** Sarah |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Mondays- 7:00 –201 Wharford Street, Milford, PA | **Donation:** | No |
| **Format:** | Beginners | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Steady attendance. Not on meeting list. Change from hour and half to an hour. |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** | None |  |  |  |
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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:** | No issues. Good attendance. No anniversaries |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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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:** | Need trusted servants |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Change or Die | **GSR:** Alexce |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Fridays, 7:30, St. Andrew’s, Beacon | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Step/Tradition out of Green and Gold | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Group is doing well | Alexce | 27yrs | 4/29/16 |
| **Special Needs:** | None | Harlan | 22yrs | 4/29/16 |
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| **Group:**  | Clean and Crazy | **GSR: Rafael** |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Sundays – 7:00 – 1st Presbyterian Church Monroe | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Revolving | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** |  | Allison | 12yrs | 4/24/16 |
| **Special Needs:** |  | Emirto (Chico) | 26yrs | 4/24/16 |
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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:** | Attendance is good | None |  |  |
| **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:** | Doing well. Due to town function Innervisions will not be meeting on Friday, April 15, 2016 | Erin | 4yrs |  |
| **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:** | No |
| **Format:** | Rotating | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Meetings well attended |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Keys to Success | **GSR:** James B |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Mon, 3 Commercial Drive, Newburgh, 6:00 – 7:30PM | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Speaker/Beginners | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Group doing well |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** | None |  |  |  |
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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 | Geremy | 2yrs | 5/30/16 |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Midday Break Group | **GSR: Flavio** |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Tues , 1:30PM, Monticello Ambulance Corp, 24 Jefferson St | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Rotating | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** | In need of members, there are open positions |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Never Alone | **GSR:** Chris |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Wed, 7:00PM, Warwick | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Open | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Attendance is good and meeting is growing | Rob H | 26yrs | 4/27/2016 |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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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:** | Meeting going well.  | Feliciano | 24yrs | 4/29/2016 |
| **Special Needs:** |  | Ron | 28yrs | 4/29/2016 |

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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:** | Meeting is well attended, but we need trusted servants to insure proper rotation of service commitments | Bridgette | 25yrs | 4/27/16 |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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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:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Recovery by the River | **GSR:** Lexi |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Thur, 7:00PM, Newburgh, NY | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Open Meeting | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** |  |  |  |  |
| **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:** | Group is still going strong. Attendance is good. |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Saturday Morning Awakenings | **GSR:** Chris M |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Sat, 10:00 – 11:30, 265 Vanness Street Newburgh | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Just for Today | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Group is doing well | Felix | 30yrs |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Saturday Night Fever | **GSR:** Dan N |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Saturday, Methodist Church Goshen, 10pm | **Donation:** | No |
| **Format:** | Rotating  | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | The group is well attended but we do need more trusted servants |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Spiritual Foundation | **GSR: James B** |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Fri, 6:00 to 7:30, 9 Johnston Street, Newburgh, NY | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Step Meeting | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Group doing well |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** | Trusted Servants |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Spiritual Solutions | **GSR:** Ryan K |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Thursday 7:30PM Washingtonville | **Donation:** | No |
| **Format:** | Living Clean Book Study | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Steps in the Right Direction | **GSR: Sarah** |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Wed, 7:30 to 9:00, Recap, 40 Smith Street, Middletown | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Rotating | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Good |  |  |  |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Group:**  | Steps on Sunday | **GSR:** Stacy |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Sun, 1:00, Restorative Management, 172 Liberty St, Newburgh | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Step Meeting | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Group anniversary to be announced | Dhana S. | 4yrs | 4/24 |
| **Special Needs:** |  | LianaDan | 28yrs1 yr | 5/295/29 |
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| **Group:**  | Steps to Life | **GSR:** Rob/Gina |
| **Day, Place, Time:** | Sat, 7:30PM, St Anns Church, Washingtonville | **Donation:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Steps | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | Attendance is good. Have comfortable couches now!! | Alexis | 12yrs | 4/30 |
| **Special Needs:** | Will have food and cake come join us 4/30/2016 | FrankGina B | 13yrs25yrs | 4/304/30 |
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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:** | All is well with the group | Gina S | 33yrs | 4/26 |
| **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:** | Yes |
| **Format:** | Rotating Format | ***Anniversaries*** |
| **Report:** | The gourp is doing well. Attendance has been steady. More women are starting to show up. | Ronzette B | 19yrs | 4/25/16 |
| **Special Needs:** |  |  |  |  |

**Sub –committee Reports:**

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| ***Area Website - www.openarmsarea.com***Mark R - 914-447-4566mark@albrohvac.net | ***Meeting – TUESDAY BEFORE AREA - 5:30PM*** 18 Little Britain RoadNewburgh, NY  |
| **Report:**  Website sub-committee met this month for the first time in 3 months. Updates included the following:* Changed Public Information Page and added e-mail for P I Sub-committee Chair
* Change Speaker Exchange Page and Tab
* Posted minutes for last month
* Posted E &A Financials from Red and White Affair
* Posted E&A Flyer

***ALL SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS :***  PLEASE check your page on the website and let us know if you need anything such as e-mail contact, flyers, forms to be on there***ALSO :*** Group Info can be posted Special thanks to Geremy for all his service we apologize for not having policy yet – still working on it. |
| ***EVENTS & ACTIVITIES***Lauren P. 845-820-1274lpiazza830@gmail.com |  ***Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:00PM***RECAP, 40 Smith StreetMiddletown, NY |
| **Report:**  * We had no event this month
* There are flyers on the table for our next 2 events
	+ Lip-Sync Battle, May 21st, 5 to 10PM, $5.00 at the door ***THERE ARE 20 SLOTS – SIGN-UP IS 4 – 6 PM*** so come early!!!
	+ Camp Out - June 18th – 19th at Landers River Trips in Narrowsburgh – Tickets $25 for overnight; $12 for day
* We are asking for a $300.00 check to Landers River Trips for our deposit for the event. To take it ouf of the revolving fund would hinder our ability for events coming up.
* There will be no event in July
* ***This month we will only be meeting the 2nd Monday NOT the 4th Monday***
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| ***HELPLINE***Derek D. 845-803-2211oaahelpline@gmail.com | ***Meets First Thursday of the Month*** ***7:00PM Before Area*** |
| **Report:**  * Helpline took 10 calls in March
* Derek paid March Invoice of $27.15
* Discussion among the team to try and attend next regional Helpline Sub-Committee meeting
* Looking to partner with PI to help get the word out
* Cal report and current volunteer list submitted to Area Secretary
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| ***Hospitals and Institutions***Gil Ti22rock@yahoo.com |  ***Meets every 1st Wed of the month 7:30pm***75 Highland AveMiddletown, NY  |
| **Report:**  * 19 People showed up – 7 New members
* We spent $335.03 on Literature - $155.03 on pamphlets/$180.00 on meeting lists
* ***OPEN ARMS AREA LEARNING DAY – SATURDAY JUNE 4th – 12:00 – 5:00 PM***
	+ ***Fachner Davidge Park , 130 Lake Ave, Middletown***
	+ Any questions? – Call Steve, Lauren or Wanda
	+ Flyer was submitted and approved – See attachment
* ***GREATER NY REGIONAL LEARNING DAY – SATURDAY – April 23rd – 12:00 to 4:00PM***
	+ ***154 Christopher Street, Manhattan***
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| ***LITERATURE***James T |  N/A |
| **Report:**  * Sold $943.30
* Purchased $857.37
* $137.17 on back order
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| ***MEETING LIST***Stefanstefan.davenport1@gmail.com |  N/A |
| **Report:**  * 1,000 new lists were available for distribution to GSRs for $75.00
* Multiple changes
* Changes to website
* Any changes should be e-mailed to website or I can be contacted directly at 845-545-0850
	+ ***To be updated for next month:***
		- ***Alive and Free***

***201 West Hartford Street*** ***Milford, PA*** ***O/B***  ***Mondays 7:00 to 8:00PM***  |
| ***PUBLIC INFORMATION***openarmsareapi@gmail.com |  First meeting April 12th at 7:00 |
| **Report:**  * Secured meeting spot and time.
* Created email linked to Open Arms Area Website
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| ***Speaker Exchange***Jim 646-753-2527jpbeaton63@gmail.com |  Final Wednesday after Area Meeting held in AprilAs of May, Meeting will be at 7:00 immediately prior to Area Meeting |
| **Report:**  * Meeting was on March 9th.
* No groups attended
* Going to have one more meeting this Wednesday, then going to move it to 7:00 before next month’s Area meeting to make it easier to show up for exchanges.
* Sorry this might put another job for GSR or you can bring a representative from your group
* Owe 2 months rent at $10.00/month
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| ***Outreach*** John 917-716-3102jbet250@yahoo.com | TBA |
| **Report:**  Voted into position at April 7th meeting.  |

***OLD BUSINESS:***

**OPEN POSITIONS:**

The following positions remain open:

 ***Outreach:*** Addict named John returned from last month to be voted into position

 ***Quorum 26 In Favor 24 Abstentions 1 PASSED***

***RCM Alternate***: *An addict named Lesly was expressed an interest in filling this position. Her qualifications were reviewed and she was voted into the position unanimously.*

***NEW BUSINESS:***

**MOTION # 1 - Housekeeping/Fiscal Policy**

**Motion Maker:** Lauren P

**Seconded:** James B

**MOTION:** E & A is asking for a $300 check made payable to Landers River Trips for deposit for the annual

 camping trip.

**INTENT:** Because our revolving fund is only $500, taking the $300 would hinder our ability to pou on upcoming

 events. $300 from Area would allow us to cover all our expenses

Quorum: 25 No objections **PASSED**

**MOTION # 2 – To Groups**

**Motion Maker:** Policy and Procedure

**Seconded:** Tim W

**MOTION:** To add subcommittee descriptions for Outreach/Homebound to read:

* Acts as spokesperson for the Outreach/Homebound subcommittee be reaching out to the groups listed in the OAA meeting list that do not attend the ASC meeting.
* Coordinate/facilitate meetings for those members that are homebound

**INTENT:** For clarity of sub-committee

**MOTION # 3 – To Groups**

**Motion Maker:** Policy and Procedure

**Seconded:** Tim W

**MOTION:** To separate the fiscal policies for Speaker Exchange and Outreach/Homebound subcommittees (x.F.9)

**INTENT:** To keep policy updated in separating Speaker Exchange and Outreach/Homebound subcommittees

***OTHER:***

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

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

Secretary will amend previous month’s minutes to include unanimous election of co-treasurer so that he can be added to bank account, and e-mail them directly to co-treasurer.

***GREIVANCES:***

None.

Meeting closed at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann R