

Open Arms Area Service Committee
March Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2018



I. **Administrative Body Attendance**

Chairperson:	Mike B.	845-492-1293	mb711true@yahoo.com
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Policy & Proc:	Joey L.		levatojoey@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Robin V.	845-346-5510	deliadoxie@aol.com
Co-Treasurer:	Laura S.	Not Present	

II. **Meeting opened with a moment of silence, reciting of the Serenity Prayer, reading of 12 traditions and 12 concepts.**

III. **New GSR introductions and instructions**

IV. **Secretary Report:** Read and accepted

V. **Treasurer Report:** See report emailed and provided to body before meeting.

1. Over on our reserve by \$255.09 and will be donating to Region; in policy it is automatically donated. Holding back \$1,000 for the convention committee.

VI. **Group Reports:**

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
3-7-11	Montgomery	Dan B.	\$30.00	None	None
A New Way of Life	Middletown	Nettie H.	None	Joey - 21 yrs, Evelyn – 2 yrs.	None
Alive & Free	Milford, PA				
All R Welcome	Monticello	Hassina	\$6.00	None	None
Alive and Free Saturday Night	Monticello	Hassina	None	None	Having a speaker jam 5/12 from 3:00-8:30 pm. First Presbyterian Church 11 Jones St. Monticello NY. Needs support and speakers.
Bad Girls Gone Good	Port Jervis				
Back from the Grave	Blooming Grove	Lauren K.	\$52.00	None	Meeting is now a closed meeting
Back on Track	Monticello	Regina C.	None	None	None
Back to Basics	Middletown	Corey	\$23.08	Eileen – 16 yrs., Corey – 9 yrs.	None
Breath of New Lives	Newburgh				
Bridge Back to Life	Newburgh				
By the Book	Beacon				

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Change or Die	Beacon	Mitch B.	\$97.15	None	None
Change or Die II	Newburgh	Ben B.	None	Mark M. – 29 yrs	Additional member support would be appreciated. Time of year.
Clean & Crazy	Monroe	Jesse	\$40.00	Adam – 2 yrs.	None
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Rock Hill				
Friday Night Lights	Goshen				
Hope on Thursday	Chester	Marjorie V.	\$41.00	Heather V. 30-years,	None
Inner Visions	Highland Mills				
It Works How & Why	Middletown	Jack	\$40.00	None	None
Joy is in the Journey	Goshen (noon)	Barbara S.	\$9.00	None	Support
Just for Today	Port Jervis	Michael D.	\$20.00	None	Port Jervis is a recovering promising community with a rich heritage
Keeping it Green on Green	Woodridge, NY				
Keeping it Green on Green II	Woodridge				
Keys to Success	Newburgh	Terry P.	\$4.00	None	None
Kickin' It Live (Gut Level)	Middletown	Open	\$110.00	None	In need of support and home group members
Man UP	Middletown	George	\$5.00	None	None
Men on Point	New Windsor	Tim W.	\$24.00	Jeremy – 4 yrs., Mike J. 9 yrs.	None
Mid-Day Break	Monticello	S J Pace	\$10.00	None	May 19 th , Spring Day Dance at the Ted Stroebale Bldg. 21 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY 12701; Meeting 7-8:30 pm, Dance 9-12 am
Never Alone	Warwick	Peggy D.	\$20.00	Spencer – 1 st year	None
Noon Meetings – Goshen	Goshen	Barbara T.	\$15.00	May 28 th – Paul G., 4 yrs	None
Pay It Forward	Beacon				
Proof Is In the Pudding	Chester	Louise H.	\$62.50	Fred V. – 7 yrs.	None
Reach Out	Goshen	Kenny F.	\$43.90	None	Speaker Jam Donation: \$319.85 (4/7/18)
Recovery by the River	Newburgh	Terry P.	\$117.00	Terrance A. – 23yrs., Keira F. – 14yrs.	None
Recovery on the Hill	Kauneonga Lake				
Reflections Group (J.F.T.)	Middletown	Corey M.	\$98.00	Edwin-24yrs.	None

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
Relationship Group	Middletown	Ronzette B.	None	None	None
Saturday Morning Awakenings	Newburgh	Jim M.	\$75.00	Felix-31 yrs.	None
Saturday Night Beginners	Beacon				
Saturday Night Fever	Goshen	Ken F.	\$30.50	None	Need experienced member attendance
Some are Sicker than Others	Newburgh				
Stayin Alive	Port Jervis				
Staying Clean on Wednesday	Port Jervis				
Steps in the Right Direction	Middletown				
Steps on Sunday	Newburgh	Michele	\$15.00	Liana – 30 yrs. Monika – 3 yrs	None
Steps to Life	Washingtonville	Rob C.	\$None	Gina-27 yrs.	None
The Joy is in the Journey	Middletown				
The Newcomers Group	Beacon	Jack P.	\$10.00	Dave-1 yr.	Support
Turn It Over	Beacon	Mark H.	\$70.00	None	None
Up Front	Beacon				
Women’s Time for Change	Middletown	Ronzette	\$5.00	Becca – 1 yrs., Ronzette – 21 yrs.	
Walking the Walk	Chester	Joe M..	\$29.00	Jamie – 1 yr.	None

VII. **RCM Report:**

No report.

VIII. **Policy Report:**

1. In response to motion at April ASC meeting, a steering committee was formed by the Vice-chair and met 3 consecutive Thursdays at FPC Chester, NY. Thanks to the Members who stepped up & worked so hard to get this done in 3 weeks: John M, Laura S, Marty C, Robin V, Wanda
2. Special thanks to Laura and Robin for handling the computer stuff, typing and cut & pasting etc. and to Laura for making it possible for us to get a copy for each Group with the changes highlighted in red for your approval. We will also post the entire document on the website under ‘proposed policy’ should anyone need larger font which was reduced to save paper during the approval period. It will be restored to larger font on final distribution after it is approved.
3. Changes: Most of the changes made were reformatting the policy so all items are in their proper categories and the categories are now in order so specific policies are easier to find. We took out a number of items that were written in more than one place in the document.
4. We began with taking out old and outdated items and adding in motions that carried this year which were not yet incorporated into the policy. As you will recall, there were a number of financial changes as well as all the new guidelines pertaining to the convention and convention policy which were approved by the groups. You will also see that we deleted many requirements that seemed to be stated over and

over and simply added in one line covering all. (Such as transportation to meetings and a working knowledge of the 12 & 12.etc.)

5. One thing important to mention is that the committee re-introduces the NEW GSR ORIENTATION and some guidelines for that which hasn't been done in quite some time.
6. **(MOTION TO TAKE BACK TO GROUPS)** I am putting forth a motion tonight requesting each group take the time to read through the entire policy (or at least the changes which we highlighted in red) so we can get a true conscience next month. You will notice that items proposed to be deleted have a line going through the text, also in red. We are asking for the document as a whole to be approved.
7. I would suggest, in the interest of saving time here at the ASC, **that if there is an item that your group has a problem with, that you motion to change that specific item next month, not to hold up approval of a policy in time for the elections and new officers taking over.** The committee members names are clearly written above and all our phone numbers are in the minutes so please, feel free to call for clarification if you or your homegroup members should have any questions. John M- Open Arms ASC Vice Chair

IX. Events and Activities Report:

1. E&A meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month @ 40th Smith Street at 6:00 pm in Middletown. WE NEED SUPPORT FOR THE CAMPOUT!! Cooks, game coordinators, meeting chairs, fire duty, etc. For April and May I have submitted receipts for \$50.34 for the campout and the Karaoke. Our next event is tomorrow night at 6:00 pm. Annual campout is June 9-10 in Narrowsburg, at Landers campground. \$15 for the day, \$25 for overnight, BBQ bonfire meeting, volleyball, frisbee, fish, swim. WHITE WATER RAFTING IS SEPARATE.

X. Helpline:

1. Now meets the second Wednesday at 7:00 at the First Presbyterian Church in Monroe. There were 26 calls in April.

XI Hospitals & Institutions Report:

1. H&I is in desperate need of support. 15 in attendance. 10 presentations, of which one is open. (Otisville) We fulfilled 16 commitments Voted to make Rob C. our new Tuesday night panel leader for facility consisting of men's panels. 8/11 NYC learning day. Region has 59 basic texts for correctional facilities. Evelyn C. has 2 years, Corey has 9 years.

XI. Meeting List Report:

1. Throw out old lists. **CALL or EMAIL WITH CHANGES MONDAY BEFORE AREA:** Mark Hollenbeck (845) 797-5571. Flat3flat7flat5@aol.com. Mark's address: 31 Revere Road, Fishkill, NY 12524. CHANGES TO THE MEETING LIST: New meeting starting 5/21/18. Get Clean, Stay Clean, Monday in Liberty, 5:30-7:00 (O,RF) United Methodist Church, 170 North Main Street, Liberty NY 12754. This meeting will be on next month's paper meeting list. It will be on the Open Arms website the week before, also the GNYR website and NAWS website the week before. GET RID OF OLD MEETING LISTS.

XII. Literature Report:

1. Last month's sales were \$982.40. This month's literature purchase was \$683.73. If you have a special order for us, please let us know a month in advance. If there is any group who has ordered medallions or texts and did not get them tonight, we will make sure they get them at the end of the month. We have copies of the April literature inventory into May. A special thanks to Crystal for her service in my absence. For any questions please contact me at (845)649-3860.

XIII. Outreach/Home Bound Report:

1. Meets at 40 Smith Street Middletown on last Sunday at 3:00 pm. Met on April 29th at 3:00 pm. 6 people in attendance. We did two meetings, one in Westchester and one in New Paltz, where someone one homebound or in a hospital. We have another member who is having heart surgery and wants meetings. We are going to visit two meetings a month that need support. In May we are going to The Newcomers Group in Beason on 5/9 and Kickin' It Live Gut Level on the 20th. Vice Chair is Diana (845) 649-3859, Secretary is Autumn (845) 321-4683. If your meeting needs support, let us know.

XIV. **Website Committee Report:**

1. None

XV. **Speaker Exchange:**

1. To explore new policies of speaker exchange from other areas I contacted the Bronx Chair and he gave the committee a copy of their policy. They meet every 2nd Saturday in the Bronx. We are still announcing that GSR's take back to their groups to nominate a speaker exchange rep. to meet up at area at 6:45 to exchange speakers. Any suggestions are welcome. We are working on format.

XVI. **Convention:**

1. None: (Noted- third month convention committee chair has not attended Area). Issue tabled to see if anyone is interested to be voted in next month.

XVII. **Public Relations**

1. Subcommittee will be meeting on 5/9/18 – 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Note the new time. First Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Road, Monroe, NY. Standing invitations to the Helpline and Website chairs to come to the meetings. Planned P.I. agenda, Normal committee discussion. 4/28/18 attended Bark Festival in Beacon. Set up booth and handed out literature – attending members: Marty, Jesse and Jack. May presentations are Rockland Speaker Jam Saturday 5/19/18 at the Tappan Reformed Church (Barn) 35 Kings Highway, Tappan NY 10983. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Free event. Literature order, \$95.10 plus \$104.90 printing reimbursement, Table cover, \$200.00 to Marty, owe balance of table cover. Request \$60.00 rent for June, July and August 2018.
2. PR has developed a NA Public Relations Facebook Page. Members can like the page via invitation. It is anonymous and can be shared, and it show up on your personal Facebook Page. It is informational, talking about what NA does and what the PR subcommittee does. Copy of the NA PR poster on the page. Advertising is going to be purchased and distributed to various populations. Some discussion on traditions ensued regarding anonymity and promotion. Point of Information: No one can post to the page. Informational only, just like posters, no interaction with the public and gives information about how to get in touch with NA Helpline. Social Media guidance pamphlet referred to.

XVIII. **Hospitality**

1. All is well. \$20.35 was collected tonight.

XIX. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. All commitments are up in June, you must attend in May and June to be elected.
2. Policy given out to the GSR's and will be posted to the website. Please take to home groups and will be voted by upon next month.

XX. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. MOTION: (Take back to groups) That an administrative body member can only serve 2 one-year terms consecutively in any one single position and 3 years total consecutively on the administrative body. Made by Marty C., seconded by Mitch B. Intent: Guide to local services pages 36 and 50. The rotation of service commitments allow a variety of individuals to participate in our service structure providing a diversity of viewpoints and talents and a freshness of perspective that would be lacking if these positions were held by the same people year after year.
 - i. Con: We have to be careful we are not just putting warm bodies in the positions who do not have the knowledge to properly do the job. It has happened in the past.
 - ii. Pro: We don't pick people just fill them, and we have requirements and as long as they meet the requirements in policy there should be no discrimination and the more people who get involved the more people learn the positions.
 - iii. Con: We could have trouble finding people because a lot of people don't want to step up and will make running Area Service more difficult.
 - iv. Pro: It is a specific suggestion in the guide to local service and its important and knowledge gets passed down from member to member.