

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



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- I. **Meeting opened with a moment of silence, reciting of the Serenity Prayer, reading of 12 traditions and 12 concepts.**
- II. **New GSR introductions and instructions**
- III. **Secretary Report:** Read and accepted.
- IV. **Treasurer Report:** See report emailed and provided to body before meeting. Read and accepted.
- V. **Group Reports:**

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
3-7-11	Montgomery				
A New Way of Life	Middletown	Nettie P.	\$137.35	Ronnie 17 yrs, Tasha 2 yrs.	None
Alive & Free	Milford, PA				
All R Welcome	Monticello				
Alive and Free Saturday Night	Monticello				
Bad Girls Gone Good	Port Jervis				
Back from the Grave	Blooming Grove	Lauren K.	\$32.00	None	None
Back on Track	Monticello				
Back to Basics	Middletown				
Breath of New Lives	Newburgh	Phyllis S.	\$20.00	None	Needs Support
Bridge Back to Life	Newburgh	Phyllis S.	None	None	Needs Support
Change or Die	Beacon	Mitch B.	\$24.00	Rachel – 1 Year	None
Change or Die II	Newburgh				
Clean & Crazy	Monroe				

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Dopeless Hope Fiends	Rock Hill				
Friday Night Lights	Goshen	Jack H.	\$14.00	None	Meeting is now back to 10:00 pm. Trusted servants have stepped up.
Hope on Thursday	Chester	Marjorie V.	\$48.00	None	None
Inner Visions	Highland Mills	Laura S.	None	None	None
It Works How & Why	Middletown	Jack	None	None	None
Joy is in the Journey	Goshen	Steve S.	\$9.00	None	Support
Just for Today	Port Jervis				
Keeping it Green on Green	Woodridge, NY				
Keeping it Green on Green II	Woodridge				
Keys to Success	Newburgh	Terry P.	\$9.00	Alisha – 1 yr (3 rd Monday)	Room within the building Group anniversary last Monday
Kickin' It Live (Gut Level)	Middletown	?	None	Malcolm J.	In need of support and home group members
Man UP	Middletown				
Men on Point	New Windsor	Mark R.	\$32.00	Gil T. - 30 yrs, Denis – 14 yrs, Tim - 10 yrs.	None
Mid-Day Break	Monticello				
Never Alone	Warwick	Derek D.	\$22.00	Meghan – 9 yrs.	Elections this month, all positions open
Noon Meetings	Goshen	Barbara T.	\$147.96	June 28 – Kevin – 2 yrs	None
Pay It Forward	Beacon	Gary M.	None	None	Group anniversary changed (17 yrs.) Our group needs support!
Proof Is In the Pudding	Chester	Louise H.	\$5.00	Louise -33 yrs.	1 st group anniversary 6/23/18 – eating meeting
Reach Out	Goshen				
Recovery by the River	Newburgh	Terry P.	\$10.00	Rick – 10 yrs. 3 rd Thursday,	6/28/18 group anniversary 6/30/18 group picnic
Recovery on the Hill	Kauneonga Lake	Robert F.	\$41.00	None	Needs support, coffee person, secretary
Reflections Group (J.F.T.)	Middletown	Corey M.	None	None	None
Relationship Group	Middletown	Ronzette B.	None	None	None
Saturday Morning Awakenings	Newburgh				
Saturday Night Beginners	Beacon	Laura V.	\$25.00	Ronnie V. – 27 yrs.	None

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Saturday Night Fever	Goshen	Ken F.	None	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	Diana M.	None	Lisa – 1 year	None
Steps on Sunday	Newburgh	Michele	\$20.00	None	None
Steps to Life	Washingtonville	Rob C.	\$60	None	None
The Joy is in the Journey	Middletown				
The Newcomers Group	Beacon				
Turn It Over	Beacon	Mark H.	\$113.00	None	None
Up Front	Beacon				
Wed. Night Newcomers	Beacon	Eminent	\$10.00	Eminent – 20 yrs.	Needs support
Women’s Time for Change	Middletown	Bianca	\$16.18	Autumn – 1 yr.	None
Walking the Walk	Chester	Joe M.	\$22.00	None	None

I. RCM Report:

- a. Individual Regional reports are e-mailed from RCM to Area Service body along with flyers and announcements.
- b. Report from 5/12/18: Meeting opened with 3 RCM’s. Treasurer reported only one payment left to cover GNYRNA’s debt with NAWs. After this we will have \$80,000 in cost/basis inventory. BOD reported they were expanding their market to help save Areas money. They created an RSO schedule for volunteer trainees. 3 open positions. Taxes were paid on time and a new accountant was hired. Convention hotel will cost \$287,000 for 1100 hotel nights and 25 conference rooms. The hotel is booked 6% already. CAR motions are complete and results are available. **Motion to go back to Region.** We have to nominate Bob and Sophia S for Regional PR chair. Sophia was GSR from 1995-1996 in the Florida Region, Served on H&I from 1999-2001 in Gainesville, Policy vice-chair in 2007. Served as RCM I/RCM II 2006-2008 and archivist from 2008-2010.

II. Policy Report:

- a. A rough tentative draft was presented to the GSR’s and asked to please bring copies back to their groups to look at and have any questions answered about recent changes and to be voted on for approval.

III. Events and Activities Report:

- a. E&A meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month @ 40th Smith Street at 6:00 pm in Middletown. Campout is the next event this Saturday.

IV. Helpline:

- a. Now meets the first Thursday of each month before area at 6:30 in Goshen. There were 15 calls in May.

V. Hospitals & Institutions Report:

- a. H&I is in desperate need of support. 13 in attendance. 1 member received orientation; 1 member completed panel member training. Spent nothing on literature. GNYR H&I Learning Day is this Saturday in Rockland. Requesting \$80 for six months rent to temple. Requesting \$175 for deposit on Learning Day on September 29th. Elections were held. Rob C. was nominated as chair.

VI. Meeting List Report:

- a. 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: Friday Night Lights meets at 10:00 pm. Dopeless Hope Fiends meets at 5:00 pm. Helpline meets 6:30 pm before Area. GET RID OF OLD MEETING LISTS.

VII. Literature Report:

- a. Last month's sales were \$761.01. This month's literature purchase was \$633.27. There will be price changes starting July 1st so when I get the changes I will let you know. It was brought to my attention that we may have a problem with groups paying in advance for literature that was sold out or special ordered. This will stop.

VIII. Outreach/Home Bound Report:

- a. Meets at 40 Smith Street Middletown on last Sunday at 3:00 pm. Met on June 3rd at 3:00 pm. 8 people in attendance. We will be going to Port Jervis JFT on 6/8. At 7:00 pm. We will be going to Alive & Free in Monticello at 7:00 pm on 6/16. We had a meeting on 6/6 at an addict's house with 8 people in attendance. We have no homebound meetings set up this month but we are planning on going to two meetings a month to give them support. Next meeting is Sunday 6/24. Vice Chair is Diana (845) 649-3859, Secretary is Autumn (845) 321-4683. If your meeting needs support, let us know.

IX. Website Committee Report:

- a. Posted meeting list, posted Area events, stepping down this month, posted minutes.

X. Speaker Exchange:

- a. No report.

XI. Convention:

- a. Chairperson stepped down. Treasurer stepped down. Open commitments: Arts & Graphics, Treasurer, Chairperson, Fundraiser. I would like to nominate myself as a potential chairperson.

XII. Public Relations

- a. Subcommittee will be meeting on 6/13/18 – 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. May presentations: 5th Annual Mid-Hudson Substance Abuse Prevention Conference on 5/4. Marty was panel member. Rockland Speaker Jam 5/19. Next event – Great American weekend 7/1-2 Tent and table in Goshen. Facebook Public Relations Page has been disabled. Ordered \$166.79 table cover balance to Marty. \$25 check to cover Great American Weekend table fee. \$60 rent check.

XIII. Hospitality

- a. All is well.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Groups: To accept Area Policy as submitted to groups last month. Passed with 16.
- b. Motion to Groups: To limit Admin. Body terms. Passed with 23.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. TIME SENSITIVE MOTION: **PASSES** - To withhold regional donation to allow literature to order extra reserve for new chair. Motion made by Marty C., Seconded by Nettie P. Intent: We have been ordering only enough to replace what's sold. Why are we donating our surplus without taking care of our own business first? Question: Why would we order extra if we already have inventory and we replenish what we sell. Answer: There are many months we don't actually have enough each to fulfill monthly orders. Used to be 5,000 worth of inventory now its 1200.
 - a. Pro: literature is going up in price, so we want to beat the price increase
 - b. Pro: we won't have to worry about running short
 - c. Con: the person who takes that chair is going to have to carry all this literature back and forth for as long as you have that inventory.
 - d. Con: The amount of money the group would donate to region, is not going to be enough increase that literature.

- b. **MOTION GOING BACK TO GROUPS** - To increase the H&I Learning Day budget by \$150 to cover the expense of a pavilion rental, coffee, drinks, commodities, etc. Made by Marty C., Seconded by Nettie P., Intent: The H&I Learning Day encompasses all subcommittees that produce unity in our service structure. Attracts newcomers to attend the outdoor event and attracts members to get involved in our service structure.
 - a. Pro: this H&I event has been going on for 20 years and \$300 is not enough because other subcommittees participate too. It's a successful event.
 - b. Con: The way we are currently doing this is outside the scope of what H&I is supposed to be, it should be a kind of an E&A type event, not an H&I event.
- c. **ELECTIONS:**
 - a. Chairperson – John M., nominated and seconded. No other nominees. No qualifications needed. Question, John is a chair of a subcommittee of a subcommittee but that is not a conflict. No opposition.
 - b. Vice-Chair – Lauren nominated. States qualifications. No opposition.
 - c. Secretary – Aimee, seconded. Elected.
 - d. Co-secretary – Amanda. Seconded. States qualifications. Elected
 - e. RCM – Derek, seconded. Elected
 - f. RCM alternate – Michelle nominated, seconded. Elected
 - g. Treasurer – Robin will serve until someone else can be elected. **BRING BACK TO GROUPS WE NEED A TREASURER.**
 - h. Co -Treasurer – Laura nominated, declined.
 - i. Policy chair – Laura is nominated, but she has to come back next month to be nominated and elected
 - j. E&A – Mike B. is nominated, accepts. Joey is nominated and accepts. 18 in favor of Mike.
 - k. H&I – Rob is nominated from the body of H&I, as well as from the floor. States qualifications. Rob is elected.
 - l. Helpline – Jesse is nominated, elected.
 - m. Literature – Marjory is nominated. States qualifications. Elected
 - n. Meeting List chair –**BRING BACK TO GROUPS WE NEED A MEETING LIST CHAIR.** Mark will stay on for a month
 - o. Website Chair - Jeremy – nominated from the subcommittee. Elected.
 - p. PR Chair – Raphael wants to keep it. No one else is nominated or volunteers.
 - q. Speaker Exchange – Donna is holding the position currently. No one is nominated or volunteers
 - r. Outreach Homebound – Corey is willing to start a full term tonight. Corey is elected.
 - s. Hospitality – Nettie is nominated and re-elected.
 - t. Convention Committee – Alexi is nominated but hasn't been there for two months, will nominate again next month.