

OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 2015

Meeting opened at 7:30 with Serenity Prayer

The 12 Traditions and The 12 Concepts were read

In Attendance:

Chairperson: Mike B.
Co-Chairperson: Robin V.
Treasurer: Eileen B.
Co- Treasurer: OPEN
Secretary: Mary Ann R. – 845-629-3112 mary.ann.rothstein@gmail.com
Co-Secretary: OPEN
Policy and Procedure Chairperson: Absent

New GSRs introduced themselves and were welcomed to their first Open Arms Area Meeting.

Minutes read by: Delivered by outgoing Secretary Liana R. (copies distributed at July Meeting)
 Minutes were accepted with the following correction:

Date on Minutes corrected to read June instead of May

Treasurer report: Provided by outgoing Treasurer Gina B. – See attached written report
 Delivered by incumbent Eileen C.
 Treasurer Report was accepted

Policy and Procedure: Report given by Robin V. – See attached written report

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY JULY 18, 2015 at 6:00PM ST. ANNE'S WASHINGTONVILLE

Report was accepted.

GROUP REPORTS:

29 Groups were in attendance; 27 group reports were submitted

Group:	All are Welcome	GSR:	
Day, Place, Time:	<i>CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR NEW LOCATION</i>	Donation:	Yes
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	<i>All groups in Monticello temporarily CLOSED</i>	Hassiar	6 years
Special Needs:	We need a place to meet Wed at 6pm	Collin	1 year
		Heather	1 year

Group:	Back From the Grave	GSR:	Tom W.
Day, Place, Time:	Grace Church, Rt. 94, Washingtonville	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Beginners – 3 rd week steps through 3	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All positions filled. Good attendance.	Kelly	2yrs 7/27/2015
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Back to Basics	GSR:	Timothy W
Day, Place, Time:	Thursdays @ RECAP in Middletown @ 7PM	Donation:	
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	The group is doing OK.	Knowledge	26yrs 7/23/2015
Special Needs:	None	Brenda	18m 7/23/2015

Group:	Clean & Crazy	GSR: Stefan	
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday, Monroe	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Varied	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:		Moses	1yr 7/26/2015
Special Needs:		Ernesto	36yrs 7/26/2015

Group:	Dopeless Hope Fiends	GSR: Alex E	
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday, 7 PM, Rock Hill Ambulance Building	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No changes. No celebrants		
Special Needs:			

Group:	Hope Without Dope	GSR: Kevin	
Day, Place, Time:	MEETING IS CLOSED	Donation:	Yes
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:			
Special Needs:			

Group:	It Works How and Why	GSR: Corey	
Day, Place, Time:		Donation:	
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:		Janelle	20yrs
Special Needs:		Kelly	1yr

Group:	The Joy is in the Journey	GSR: Barbara S	
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday, 40 Smith Street, Middletown, 5:30pm	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Open	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting needs support. Working on a group policy update. Living Clean: The Journey Continues read and discussed 3 rd Sunday. Rotating format the rest of the month.	Howard	1yr 7/26/2015
Special Needs:			

Group:	Just for Today	GSR: Jim B	
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7:30 and Friday 8:00 Port Jervis	Donation:	Yes
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Tues is well attended and supported. Fri needs support. Meeting weekly to make group policy		
Special Needs:			

Group:	Men on Point	GSR: Steve R	
Day, Place, Time:	Monday, 7:30PM, NewWindsor	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Men's Topic	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group doing fine.	Pat H	6yrs 7/25/2015
Special Needs:			

Group:	The Miracle of Change	GSR: Reid H	
Day, Place, Time:	Wed, 7-8PM, 265 Van Ness St., Grace Methodist	Donation:	Yes
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Going good		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Miracle on the Mountain	GSR: Joseph
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday , 7:30	Donation:
Format:	NA Meetings	<u>Anniversaries</u> Joseph 1yr 9/21/2015
Report:	Need speakers	
Special Needs:	Need speakers	

Group:	Never Alone	GSR: Chris
Day, Place, Time:	Wed , Warwick (Doc Fry), 7PM	Donation: Yes
Format:	Open	<u>Anniversaries</u> Derek 30yrs 7/27/2015 Peggy 30 yrs 7/27/2015
Report:	Held elections, ratified new policy, all positions filled	
Special Needs:		

Group:	New Way of Life	GSR: Randy N
Day, Place, Time:	Fridays, 40 Smith St., Middletown	Donation:
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u> None
Report:	All is well. We have a picnic and speaker jam on August 29 th	
Special Needs:	None	

Group:	The Nooners	GSR: Jaqui R
Day, Place, Time:	Mon – Fri 12 PM –1 st Presbyterian Church, Goshen	Donation: Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u> Barbara 30yrs 7/31/2015
Report:	Group is doing well!	
Special Needs:		

Group:	Reach Out	GSR: Kylee
Day, Place, Time:	Tues, Goshen, 7:00- 8:30pm	Donation: Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Report:		
Special Needs:		

Group:	Recovery by the River	GSR: Dave C.
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday, 7pm, Newburgh	Donation: Yes
Format:	Open Discussion	<u>Anniversaries</u> Candi 2yrs 4 th Thurs
Report:	Our group picnic was postponed to 7/18/2015	
Special Needs:		

Group:	Relationships	GSR: Ronzette B
Day, Place, Time:		Donation:
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>
Report:	Group is doing much better. There are no celebrations this month. Could always use out of town speakers from Open Arms Area.	
Special Needs:		

Group:	Saturday Morning Awakenings	GSR: Annie
Day, Place, Time:	Sat. 10AM Grace Church Van Ness St Newburgh	Donation: Yes
Format:	Daily meditation	<u>Anniversaries</u> Andre 2yrs 7/25/2015 Annie 30yrs 7/25/2015
Report:	Doing well, regular attendance	
Special Needs:		

Group:	Saturday Night Fever	GSR: Dan N	
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday, Goshen, 10pm	Donation:	Yes
Format:	1 st Ask it basket, 2 nd &4 th OD, 3 rd 90day – 1 year	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	We meet Saturday nights in the Methodist Church in Goshen at 10PM. The meeting is well attended.	Darrin	1 year 7/25/2015
Special Needs:			

Group:	Spiritual Foundation	GSR: James B	
Day, Place, Time:	9 Johnston Street, Newburgh Ministry	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating steps 1,2,3.	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No changes, no celebrants		
Special Needs:	Trusted servants, coffee maker, co-coffee maker, greeter		

Group:	Spiritual Solution	GSR: Ryan K	
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday 7:30PM Washingtonville	Donation:	
Format:	Living Clean Book Study	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well.	Tony	28yrs 7/2/5/2015
Special Needs:			

Group:	Steps in the Right Direction	GSR: Diana M	
Day, Place, Time:	7:30 RECAP, 40 Smith Street	Donation:	Yes
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting will now start at 7:30 instead of 7:00		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Steps to Life	GSR: Jaclyn E / Alexis B	
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday, St. Annes Church, 7:30 PM	Donation:	
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well.		
Special Needs:	No needs.		

Group:	Steps on Sunday	GSR: Donna	
Day, Place, Time:		Donation:	
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:		Drew	4yrs 7/26/2015
Special Needs:			

Group:	Turn it Over Group	GSR: Hector O	
Day, Place, Time:	Tues, St. Andrews, 7:30PM	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All well	Kazi	22yrs 7/25/2015
Special Needs:	Trusted servants	Theresa	6yrs 7/25/2015

Group:	Wednesday Night Newcomer's Group	GSR: Eminent	
Day, Place, Time:		Donation:	
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No report turned in		
Special Needs:			

Group:	Women's Time for Change	GSR: Ronzette B
Day, Place, Time:	Monday, 40 Smith St (RECAP), 7-830pm	Donation:
Format:	Rotating :1,2,3 Step, Just for Today, Open, Celebration	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Report:	The group is doing well, but could always use more out of town women to speak. There is no celebrants this month.	
Special Needs:		

Group:	Friday Night Lights	GSR: Jill
Day, Place, Time:		Donation:
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>
Report:	No report turned in	
Special Needs:		

Sub –committee Reports:

Area Website Mark R 914-447-4566 mark@albrohvac.net	Regular meeting: 6:00 PM, Tuesday prior to Area 18 Little Britain Road Newburgh	See attached report given by Mark R NEXT MEETING Tuesday, July 7 th at 6:00 18 Little Britain Road Newburgh
Events & Activities Lauren	Meets 2 nd and 4 th Thursday Highland Mills Senior Center 16 Count Route 105 Highland Mills	See attached report given by Lauren P
Helpline Karen	Absent	No Report
Hospitals & Institutions Gil T	Meet 1 st Wed of month 7:30pm 75 Highland Ave Middletown, NY	See attached report given by Gil T.
Literature James/Terrance		New to position working on getting order together for next month. Supplies low this month. No written report.
Meeting List Stefan		Position filled by Stefan this meeting, No meeting lists available this month.
Public Information	OPEN	
R.C.M. Sandy	Regarding Policy & Procedure Literature Questions – Aisha (Policy and Procedure Chair) reached out to Region, and a BoD from Region will be in attendance at our next area meeting to discuss.	
	Motions taken to groups last month: I: Regional Archivist Position to be added to Region: Quorum: 25 Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstentions: 19	
	Motions to be voted on this month at group level and brought back to Area next month: 1. Is there an interest in a Regional Convention? 2. Do we want to change our area policy to include attendance at Northeast ZONA meetings responsibility of all Area Service Committee Chairs? These meetings happen twice a year. The next one is scheduled for October in Long Island. Our RCM is working on getting clarification on who will be responsible for expenses incurred to attend.	
Speaker Exchange /		

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTIONS from last month:

1. To have Area purchase their literature from the WSO for up to six months.

Intent: To make sure that the area is receiving its literature in order to carry the message, until Region is able to resolve its internal issues.

Quorum: 24

Yes: 14

No: 3

Abstentions: 7

2. To have Area give H & I its check to purchase literature from the WSO for the next six months.

Intent: So that H & I has the literature needed to take to the facilities to carry our message.

Quorum: 23

Yes: 16

No: 3

Abstentions: 4

The following were voted into open positions:

Secretary	Mary Ann R
Literature Chair	James T
Literature Co-chair	Terrance
Meeting List	Stefan
E&A Chair	Lauren

The following positions remain open:

Co-Treasurer:	5 years clean requirement
Co- Secretary:	(LaVerne was unable to attend, and notified the chair that she is still interested.)
Speaker Exchange:	1 year clean requirement
RCM Alternate:	
Public Information:	

NEW BUSINESS:

There are two new motions to be voted on by the groups prior to next month's Area Service Meeting:

Motion 1 Author: Policy and Procedure Sub-Committee

Second: Alexis B

Motion: Concerning IV/B/1; Groups joining Open Arms Area, add (e) to read groups can only distribute current NA approved literature

Intent: To keep with our 4th tradition

Pros	Cons
A group must follow 12 Traditions	

Motion 2 Author: Dave C.
Second: James B.
Motion: That only WSC approved literature be distributed from our H & I sub-committee.
Intent: To follow area guidelines

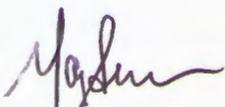
Pros	Cons
It is dangerous to set a precedent	Currently distributing "BABY BLUE" to addicts in jail. May be only literature they have. Takes six months to orient panel members to H & I
Need to follow WSC.	What will other ramifications be i.e. distribution of locally produced literature.

GREIVANCES:

None.

Meeting closed at 9:10 with Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted in unity,


Mary Ann R

Open Arms Area Policy and Procedure



Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2015

- I. Meeting opened at 6:15 pm @ St. Anne's church, Route 94, Washingtonville, NY
- II. Four people were in attendance including one new member
- III. Reading of the 12 Traditions and Concepts and previous month's minutes.
- IV. Discussions
 - A. Concerning purchase of literature from the Regional Service Office. Aisha – Chairperson will contact a member of the Board of Directors to learn more about what is being done about the lack of product needed for our literature needs.
 - B. Concerning the "Baby Blue" booklet being carried into institutions with the Open Arms Area H&I stamp attached and being used/distributed in meetings. This issue needs to be addressed at the Area Service Meeting. Motion to be submitted. (see below)
- V. Other business conducted
 - A. Reviewed the newly submitted Hospitals and Institutions policy. Two additions were made to the policy by the H&I subcommittee; "Why is H&I needed?" was added to their readings. Also, added in their format, "Issues and Grievances", and a statement concerning reinstatement of members on Page 8. Will need to be brought to the Area Service Committee for approval.
- VI. Motions to be submitted to the ASC
 - A. Concerning IV/B/1; Groups joining the Open Arms Area, to add (e) to read, "groups can only distribute current NA approved literature." Intent: to keep with our 4th Tradition
- VII. Motions passed at the June ASC meeting
 - A. To change VIII/C/2/g to read "the vice-chairperson is a one year commitment." Intent: to allow rotation of service and allow the GSRs their right to chose
 - B. Concerning chairperson requirements VIII/C/1, add (h) to read nominees for chairperson should have a minimum of one year prior service on the Open Arms Area Service Committee administrative body. Intent: to give the GSRs the ability to keep with our 4th Concept.
- VIII. Next meeting to be held on July 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm – St. Anne's Church, Route 94, Washingtonville, NY
- IX. Meeting closed 7:15

In loving service
Robin V.

Open Arms Area Sub-Committee Report

Sub-Committee Events + Activities

Date, Place, Time 2nd + 4th Thursday Highland Mills Senior Center
116 County Route 105 Highland Mills NY 10930

Report The Campout was fantastic. There were 95 people
around the Campfire for the main meeting. We had
54 people stay over. We collected a total of \$1933.00
Our expenses amounted to \$1363.57. We are donating
\$569.02 to area. I have a printed expense report.

Our next event is August 22nd @ Mountain
Creek Water Park. Tickets are \$28.00 and MUST
be purchased by August 12th. You must be
there by 10 Am.

Meghan M. was voted in by the sub committee as
the new treasurer - We need to get her set up at the bank
Darrin was voted in as co-chair
Dan N is still our secretary

In Loving Service,

Lauren P.

Open Arms Area Sub-Committee Report

Sub-Committee WEB SITE

Date, Place, Time TUESDAY BEFORE AREA SERVICE 6:00 PM
18 LITTLE BRITAIN RD. NEWBURGH, N.Y.

Report WEB SITE SUB COMMITTEE MET

July 30th

we HAD 4 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BEGAN PROCESS OF FIXING ERROR ON WEBSITE
AS WELL AS TRAINING OF MEMBERS TO MAKE
UPDATES

MEMBERS RECEIVED SUB COMMITTEE PAGES TO
UPGRADE AND ~~BEGAN~~ A LEARNING PROCESS

MOVING FORWARD FINALLY

TUESDAY 6:00 PM
GROUP WILL MEET NEXT ON JULY 31ST IN
ORDER TO SPEED UP PROCESS

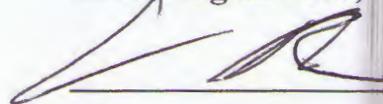
ASKING THAT ALL SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS
FURNISH NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS SO
THAT WE CAN UPDATE PAGES ALSO MEETING TIME
AND PLACE

CHAIRS WILL RECEIVE A FORM TO
REQUEST CHANGES ON THEIR PAGE AND WE
WILL ~~ACT~~ ACCORDINGLY TO ACCOMMODATE

ELECTIONS + POLICY WILL BE VOTED ON
AT NEXT REGULAR MEETING AND ANY CHANGES
TO EXISTING POLICY COMMUNICATED

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT

In Loving Service,



MARK R

Open Arms Area Sub-Committee Report

Sub-Committee

HNT

Date, Place, Time

7-1-15

Report

we meet the first wed of
the month 8 people showed up
for literature

for the month of

June 349¹⁶

11 Presentation

11 Commitment Filled

we revised our Presentation

In Loving Service,

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