

Open Arms Area Service Committee
July Area Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2019



Administrative Body Attendance

Chairperson:	Not present	LAKelly513@gmail.com
Vice Chair:	Marty C.	Nyelevconsultant@aol.com
Secretary:	Aimee (Filling in for Bianca)	bia2136@gmail.com
Co-Secretary:	Open	
RCM:	Aisha H.	aisha@frontier.net
Policy & Proc:	Open	
Treasurer:	Ray (Interim)	nycsuperservice@gmail.com
Co-Treasurer:	Open	

- 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 – PLEASE NOTE:** GSR Orientations will be held at 7:00 pm, before Area for any new GSR who would like free materials, numbers for help and more information on being a GSR.
- III. **Secretary Report:** Read and accepted.
- IV. **Treasurer Report:** June's report was read and accepted.
- V. **Group Reports:**

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
3-7-11	Montgomery	Lauren J.	\$14.25	Rachel – 1 year, Lori – 4 yrs., Dan – 8 yrs.	None
A New Way of Life	Middletown				
A Women's Time for Change	Middletown	Alison	None	None	None
Alive & Free	Milford, PA				
All R Welcome	Monticello	Sy Pace	\$5.00	None	Support
Alive/Free Sat. Night	Monticello				
Back from the Grave	Blooming Grove				
Back on Track	Monticello	Sy Pace	\$5.00	Regina – 11 yrs.	None
Back to Basics	Middletown	Dennis B.	\$55.50	Knowledge – 30 yrs.	None
Breath of New Lives	Newburgh				
Bridge Back to Life	Newburgh				
By the Book	Beacon				

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
Change or Die	Beacon	Jaclyn O.	None	Sammie B. – 2 yrs.	None
Change or Die II	Newburgh	Ben B.	\$102.00	None	None
Clean & Crazy	Monroe	Nick L.	None	None	None
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Rock Hill	Janet F.	\$9.00	Janey – 22 yrs.	need support
Freestyle Friday	Goshen				
Get Clean Stay Clean	Liberty				
Hope on Thursday	Chester	Chris	\$23.00	None	Could always use support and members for service
Inner Visions	Highland Mills	Jason R.	\$15.00	Andy – 1 year, Janetta – 28 yrs.	None
It Works How & Why	Middletown	Ronzette	None	Janelle – 25 yrs, Marjorie – 2 yrs.	None
Joy is in the Journey	Middletown	Ronzette	\$11.00	Garfield – 3 yrs.	Support
Just for Today	Port Jervis				
Keys to Success	Newburgh	Terry K.	\$6.22	None	None
Kickin' It Live (Gut Level)	Middletown	Ronzette	None	None	Needs trusted servants
Man Up	Middletown				
Mid-Day Break	Monticello	Sy Pace	\$5.00	None	Group anniversary Pig Roast, 8/17, 11:00 am, Dehay Park
Never Alone	Warwick	Rachel M.	\$20.00	Peggy & Derek 34 – years	None
New Beginnings	Walden				
Noon Meetings	Goshen	Barbara	\$201.10	Barbara T. – 34 yrs. (7/26)	None
On Point	New Windsor	?	None	Pat – 10 yrs.	No longer a men's topic meeting
Pay It Forward	Beacon				
Proof Is in the Pudding	Goshen	FD	\$25.00	Ed – 1 year	None
Reach Out	Goshen	Cara	\$10.25	Jeff-4yrs.	None
Recovery by the River	Newburgh	Terry P.	None	Candi – 6 yrs., Terrance – 10 yrs.	None
Recovery on the Hill	Kauneonga Lake				
Reflections Group (J.F.T.)	Middletown	Cory M.	\$60.00	None	None
Relationship Group	Middletown				
Road to Spiritual Growth	Port Jervis				
Sat. Morning Awakenings	Newburgh				

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
Saturday Night Beginners	Beacon				
Saturday Night Fever	Goshen				
Some are Sicker than Others	Newburgh	Terrence	\$20.00	Rick – 11 yrs.	None
Stayin Alive	Port Jervis				
Staying Clean on Wednesday	Port Jervis				
Steps in the Right Direction	Middletown				
Steps on Sunday	Newburgh				
Steps to Life	Washingtonville				
Surgery of the Spirit	Goshen	Giorgio	None	None	Support, trusted servants, experienced members. Now from 3:30-4:30, rotating step
The Joy is in the Journey	Middletown	Barbara S.	\$5.00	None	None
The Newcomers Group	Beacon				Closed
Turn It Over	Beacon	Mark H.	\$10.00	None	None
Up Front	Beacon	Joey P.	\$93.00	Jimmy S. – 3 yrs.	None
Wed. Night Newcomers	Beacon				
Walking the Walk	Chester	Jack H.	\$6.00	Shannon – 1 year	Need trusted servants

I. **RCM Report** (Aisha – aisha@frontier.net)

a. Two Region events:

- a. All White Affair Convention Kick-off Boat Ride, Thursday 8/22/19, Boarding 7:30, Pier 83. 42nd and West Side Highway. \$30. Food and refreshments will be sold. No one under 18. Purchase on-line rso@newyorkna.org or call 212-929-7117.
- b. The Impossible Dream Convention PRE-REGISTER!! August 23-25, 2019. Sheraton, NY Times Square Hotel. 811 7th Avenue @53rd Street, NY, NY 10019. Rooms \$220 per night, call 888-627-7067.
- c. Rates are guaranteed for the hotel until 7/21. One-night non-refundable deposit is due at time of booking. Ask to book for GNY Convention rate. Chairperson of convention asking people to pre-register to avoid long lines.

b. **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- a. Every group, sub-committee meeting and event needs an insurance certificate. **E-mail:** rso@nyna.org to get insurance certificates.

II. **Policy Report**

- a. Position is open

III. **Events and Activities Report:** durent2@gmail.com (Xavier J.)

- a. The camp out was a lot of fun and very rewarding to hang out together. We did not make as much as we had hoped but it brought a lot of people together. We started out with \$500 and sold 17 over nights and 30 just day tickets, \$124 worth of beverages, and profited \$100 from the shirts.
- b. Our expenses were: \$335.28 for the shirts, \$329 for the food, \$248.64 for the campground after the deposit, \$75 for bonfire wood, \$57 for wrist bands. We were left with \$462 and after returning unused

supplies we have \$518.48. After giving area \$300, we will be left with 218.48 in the account. Hopefully the next event will be more profitable. I have the receipts for all of these numbers Thank you.

IV. **Helpline:** oaahelpline@gmail.com (Jesse B.)

- a. There were 30 calls between the dates of 6-7-19 and 7-11-19. The annual budget for the helpline is \$314.64. That amount covers the virtual phone number that is used for the helpline.
- b. All of the time slots are currently filled but if you would like to relieve someone that has multiple time slots please contact me at oaahelpline@gmail.com.

V. **Hospitals & Institutions Report:** rob capp2712@gmail.com (Rob C.)

- a. H&I meets the first Wednesday of every month at 33 Park Place in Goshen. We had a total of 11 members in attendance and had a quorum of 11. We had a quorum of 8 members. We had a total of 11 commitments and 7 presentations. One person had orientation. No money spent on literature. I am requesting a check for the rent, \$20.00 total. We have four open commitments. Just a reminder: H&I Learning Day event is September 21, 2019 from 12-7. Location: Davidge Park, Pavilion 1. Located in the back behind the Rotary ring. 130 Lake Avenue, Middletown NY. All are welcome who are interested in serving.
- b. Annual Budget: Rent \$20 x 12 months = \$240, Literature \$350 x 12 months = \$4,200, Annual H&I Service Learning Day \$450. Total Budget: \$4,890.

VI. **Meeting List Report:**

- a. Position is open.

VII. **Literature Report:** marjorieswansson@gmail.com (Marjorie S.)

- a. Last month's sales were \$649.60. This month's literature purchase was \$841.29. I did not receive the whole order from Region. If I don't have the item you'll have change in the bag.

VIII. **Outreach/Home Bound Report:** deemel54@gmail.com (Diana M.)

- a. Outreach meets at 6:00 pm, 40 Smith Street. Going to Hopeless Dope Fiends on 7/16, All Are Welcome 7/24. Visited Road to Spiritual Growth in Port Jervis with 15 members. Made 1 Hospital visit with 4 members. 1 House visit for someone who had surgery 7 members. Went to Highland Mills with 5 members. Beacon Newcomers celebration. 18 outreach members.
- b. Annual Budget: \$120 per year. Need a check for \$30 for rent.

IX. **Website Committee Report:** g.oustatcher@gmail.com (Jeremy O.)

- a. Need last month's minutes to post. Paid GoDaddy \$180 for 5 year renewal (\$36 dollars a year) Need a new meeting list.

X. **Speaker Exchange:** boomumu4@gmail.com (Donna C.)

- a. Bill from Recovery by the River spoke in Rock Hill on 7/2, Janet speaking at Joy is in the Journey on 7/21. Donna from Liberty spoke in Port Jervis on Thursday. Paul from Port Jervis speaking the 13th in Monticello. Groups need to contact Speaker Exchange to get and offer speakers.

XI. **Convention:** blessin91@aol.com (Janetta C.)

- a. Committee met June 10, 2019. Secretary report accepted as read. Treasurer's report: Boat ride ticket sales TO DATE = **\$1, 100.00**. Hospitality chair (Nettie) returned \$27.02; Treasurer ordered new checks at a cost of \$11.37. Merchandise report: \$208.00 in sales at Recovery By The River event; There is a discrepancy in the T-shirt count; Janetta to repay \$128.00 shortfall; \$579 on hand; \$272 will be turned over to Treasurer. New order \$272 as per Merchandise chair (Edie) who stepped down from position. Programming report: Boat ride one speaker and then music; Stephany to be speaker. Set up/Clean up: Chair via phone group is set. Hospitality: Coffeepot being secured by Treasurer (Felix)
OPEN POSITIONS: Arts and Graphics, Hotel Venue, Registration, Policy, Merchandise; Fundraising report: 10 boat ride tickets sold; additional 10 tickets will be gotten from Treasurer; photographer on boat ride
NEW BUSINESS: **Motion:** To call the theme of the convention "Falling Into Open Arms" Passed 4 to 1. Arts and Graphics may be filled by someone Gina (Co-Treasurer) knows and who she will manage; Barry (Programming Chair) to check Beacon venue for availability on October 19th; Gina (Co Treasurer) to check with St Ann's Church in Washingtonville for venue availability as well. Nettie (Hospitality chair) to contact one Jeffrey Woody regarding Newburgh Free Academy (NFA) as a site for

one day convention next summer. **Motion:** To purchase a square to charge purchases made by credit cards; Motion passed. Meeting closed 8:35 pm. (Treasurers Report attached to minutes)

XII. **Public Relations:** openarmsareapr@gmail.com (Jack H.)

- a. Our sub-committee met – the 2nd Wednesday of June 12, 2019 @ 7:00 PM, 1st Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Road, Monroe NY (Clean & Crazy location). Our next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2019 at “CoLAB Goshen” 45 St. John Street Goshen, NY at 7pm. We will now be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of every month at this new location.
- b. **Presentations:** We had an information booth at the Great American Weekend in Goshen, NY, on July 6th and 7th. Four members of the subcommittee attended and staffed the booth for the 2 days. It was a very successful event. Members of the committee gave information about Narcotics Anonymous to members of the public including health professionals, family members, friends, and potential N.A. members. Pamphlets and meeting lists were distributed by the dozen and our presence was welcomed and appreciated by many members of the public. The location we purchased this year proved to be a worthy investment to aid in increasing the awareness of N.A. as a resource in the community as well as connecting potential members to their first N.A. meeting.
- c. We will have a staffed information booth at the “Break the Stigma” event in Warwick on Sunday, July 28, 2019. The booth will be at Stanley Demming Park, Warwick, NY. from 12-5. We will have a brief presentation on stage to read the Public Relations statement and direct people to the booth for more information.
- d. **Advertisements:** I wanted to address some concerns that members have had with regard to our public relations policy and running advertisements. The 11th tradition states our policy is based on “attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film.” Public relations work done properly is not promotion. If prospective members do not know Narcotics Anonymous exists, especially with in their community, then they cannot be attracted. “Narcotics Anonymous is not a secret society; tradition eleven indicates personal anonymity, not fellowship anonymity. “ *It Works: How and Why*. In keeping with the 11th concept, the committee’s advertisement work will be focused on reaching the highest amount of people with every dollar invested by the groups. Facebook ad was run from July 2 to July 7 as per the committee’s strategy to advertise during holiday weekends. The advertisement was very successful in reaching 3094 people with 14 link clicks and 7 shares. The committee is in the process of planning events and advertisements to more effectively and efficiently serve the groups in public relations. Goals moving forward will be to maximize advertising through social media, YouTube, radio ads, posters, and billboards. We plan to offer presentations by hosting invitational events to specific audiences, such as health professionals, law enforcement, and school administrators. With this strategy we can reach more people with the resources (members of the committee) we have available. If interested in these goals please join us on the 3rd Wednesday in Goshen.
- e. Annual operating budget: \$2400.00 or \$200.00 a month. Annual rent amount: \$180.00 or \$15.00 a month. Total annual operating budget: \$2580.00. Literature Order: \$0.00. \$45.00 rent check to “CoLAB”. July through September 2019. \$25.00 to Lauren K. for running a 7-day Facebook advertisement.
- f. What is the difference between Public Relations and Public Information? When the name changed it was because we wanted to focus on creating on-going relationships with officials who might be involved in recovery and helping addicts, where just being about information wasn’t. We’re not just trying to inform the public, we want to have relationships with them. A lot of regions and areas have changed their names to show we are trying to address a bigger picture.

XIII. **Hospitality**

- a. Position open

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. The motion submitted last month was ruled out of order. Motion was read and explained by chair.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. No nominations for speaker exchange
- b. No nominations for policy and procedure
- c. No nominations for treasurer
- d. No nominations for meeting list
- e. Nettie expresses interest in hospitality and needs to return next month to be nominated
- f. The church will allow us to store literature in the church instead of having the chair take it with them all the time. They have offered to let us put 2 or three cabinets downstairs, which will be safer than the tubs. Literature will explore the possibility and report back.
- g. Motion to close at 8:35



Area TREASURER REPORT July 11, 2019

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Opening balance	\$3,031.00
Deposit – merchandiser funds etc.	\$ 409.00
Deposit ticket sales	\$ 600.00
Withdrawals	\$ 38.39
7/8/19 TOTAL	\$4,001.61
Money collected at 7/8/19 meeting	\$1,920.00
7/11/19 Balance	\$5,921.61

Since our last meeting we have deposited another \$600.00 from ticket sales and another \$409.00 from merchandise sales. We also had 2 checks clear one for the purchase of the poster and one for the purchase of the checks.

Gina B talked to the boat ride representatives and has some updated good news for us.

I will be generating a merchandise report after this meeting for area and our next meeting. This is the result of a meeting prior to this one at 6pm (To collect money). We collected \$1,920.00 at the 7/8/19 meeting, \$70.00 from merchandise sales and \$1,850.00 from boat ride tickets.

We will be writing checks for the balance of the money due for the boat ride \$2,560.00 and \$1,750.00 due for DBA MYSTIC FLAVOR CATERERS. We are also in the process of purchasing merchandise. There is currently no money connected with merchandise anywhere but the bank since we have no merchandise chair.

From a financial and accountability standpoint all is well.

In Loving Service,

Felix F. and Gina B. Treasurer's