

Open Arms Area Service Committee  
 October Area Meeting Minutes  
 November 1, 2018



**Administrative Body Attendance**

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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: See the November report following the minutes.** October report read and accepted. Ray has spoken with several accounting professionals and offered suggestions as to how to go forward regarding taxes.
- V. **Group Reports:**

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
3-7-11	Montgomery	Artie M.	\$6.45	Joe–15 yrs. Steve – 30 yrs.	None
A New Way of Life	Middletown				
A Women’s Time for Change	Middletown	Bianca	\$19.50	Bianca – 4 yrs.	None
Alive & Free	Milford, PA	Hasseina	None	Trelain – 15 yrs.	Support
All R Welcome	Monticello				
Alive and Free Saturday Night	Monticello				
Back from the Grave	Blooming Grove	Lauren K.	\$38.00	Marty – 24 yrs.	None
Back on Track	Monticello				
Back to Basics	Middletown	Eileen C.	None	None	None
Breath of New Lives	Newburgh	Phyllis	\$10.00	None	Needs support

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
Bridge Back to Life	Newburgh	Val D.	None	None	Needs support
By the Book	Beacon				
Change or Die	Beacon	Mitch B.	\$3.00	Josh – 14 yrs., Kate – 3 yrs., Janice – 4 yrs.	None
Change or Die II	Newburgh				
Clean & Crazy	Monroe	Xavier	\$30.60	Lisa – 1 year, James – 1 year	None
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Rock Hill	Janet F.	\$21.00	None	None
Friday Night Lights	Goshen	Jack H.	\$26.00	Chrissy – 1 yr.	Name change to “FREESTYLE FRIDAY”
Get Clean Stay Clean	Liberty	Donna	None	Antony – 9 yrs.	Support, speakers. Group meets at 5:30, Liberty NY
Hope on Thursday	Chester				Will be open on Thanksgiving.
Inner Visions	Highland Mills	Robin V.	None	None	Hopes-giving. Day after Thanksgiving. Bring your leftovers to share. Doors open at 6:30, speaker to follow at 7:30. Share the hope and thanks.
It Works How & Why	Middletown	J. Scott	\$19.00	None	None
Joy is in the Journey	Middletown	Steve S.	\$11.00	Steve S. – 4 yrs.	Trusted servants/Group members
Just for Today	Port Jervis				
Keep It Simple	Highland Falls				
Keeping it Green on Green	Woodridge, NY				
Keys to Success	Newburgh	Alisha K.	None	None	None
Kickin’ It Live (Gut Level)	Middletown				
Man Up	Middletown	Rob A.	None	None	Need coffee maker and co-chair. Needs support
Men on Point	New Windsor	Steve R.	\$39.00	Mark R. – 34 yrs.	Spiritual grab-bag 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of month. Group anniversary went well.
Mid-Day Break	Monticello				
Never Alone	Warwick	Peggy D.	\$20.00	None	None
New Beginnings	Walden	Adrianna	None	None	Needs support
Noon Meetings	Goshen	Barbara T.	\$23.53	Friday, 11/23/18 – Group anniv.	None
Pay It Forward	Beacon				
Proof Is in the Pudding	Goshen	Carey Knight	None	Ryan C. – 5 yrs.	None
Reach Out	Goshen	Kory E.	\$20.00	Lucas – 2 yrs.	None
Recovery by the River	Newburgh	Terry P.	\$15.00	Karen – 1 year Rennie – 1 year	None

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Recovery on the Hill	Kauneonga Lake	Robert	\$50.00	Robert – 25 yrs.	People, support
Reflections Group (J.F.T.)	Middletown	Cory M.	\$120.00	None	REMINDER: New Location: 443 E. Main St., Middletown 10940, Grace Community Church
Relationship Group	Middletown	Diana M.	None	None	Moving to RECAP – 40 Smith Street, Middletown NY – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Sat. Morning Awakenings	Newburgh				
Saturday Night Beginners	Beacon				
Saturday Night Fever	Goshen	Ken F.	\$35.07	None	Needs attendance from experienced members. Trusted servants (GSR especially)
Some are Sicker than Others	Newburgh				
Stayin Alive	Port Jervis				
Staying Clean on Wednesday	Port Jervis				
Steps in the Right Direction	Middletown	Diana M.	\$40.00	None	Group is doing well
Steps on Sunday	Newburgh	Terry KP	\$10.00	Leroy C. – 3 yrs.	None
Steps to Life	Washingtonville				
Surgery of the Spirit	Goshen	Kenny R.	None	Kenny R. from Warwick celebrates 4 yrs. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. in Nov.	None
The Joy is in the Journey	Middletown				
The Newcomers Group	Beacon				
Turn It Over	Beacon				
Up Front	Beacon	Joey P.	\$169.00	None	None
Wed. Night Newcomers	Beacon				
Walking the Walk	Chester	Kenny	\$10.00	None	Meeting will start at 7:00pm instead of 6:30, effective immed. Group needs support

- I. **RCM Report:** [dellabough@optonline.net](mailto:dellabough@optonline.net) (Derek D.) No report. Brought people from the RSO to give an overview.
  - a. Mitch: Chair of RSO – RSO (legal entity to sell literature) raises money through sales of NA literature. Plans to hold a Regional convention and there are lots of commitments open on the convention committee. Hands out flyers for Regional fundraisers and announces \$20 raffle.
  - b. Eddie: Member of RSO. Now all bills paid on time. Main goals to sell enough literature to make a profit that will pay for all the RSC bills.

- c. Lynn: Person who orders literature, treasurer of RSO board, handles insurance and registration chair for convention. Every group, sub-committee meeting and event needs an insurance certificate. Call Laura to get these. Events go on a Regional calendar and people can check to make sure there are not events on the same day.
    - a. **Lynn - 212-929-7117 office phone. E-mail: [rso@nyna.org](mailto:rso@nyna.org) to get insurance certificates.**
  - d. Lou: GNYRNA's first convention in 10 years. Sending flyers all over the world and the United States. Week before Labor Day, Aug. 23, 24, 25<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in Times Square. Conventions broaden recovery and expose you to powerful speakers. Strengthen Region financially. Need a lot of people to register. Need people to volunteer for sub-committees. Looking for volunteers to be point person for Open Arms Region for the convention. Zoom meetings are in place for committee meetings. More stable than Skype. (Information sent out to GSR's last month.)
- II. **Policy Report:** [lauraotr98@optonline.net](mailto:lauraotr98@optonline.net) (Laura S.)
- a. The following groups have received a copy of the 2018 policy at the H+I picnic or last area meeting: Alive and Free Saturday Night, Back to Basics, Bridge Back to Life, Get Clean Stay Clean, Recovery on the Hill, Reflections Group JFT
  - b. The following groups have not received a current policy: Alive + Free, All R Welcome, Back on Track, By the Book, Change or Die II, It Works How + Why, Just for Today, Keep it Simple, Keeping it Green on Green, Kicking it Live Gut Level, Man Up, Mid-Day Break, Pay it Forward, Saturday Morning Awakenings, Saturday Night Beginners, Some are Sicker Than Others, Staying Alive, Staying Clean on Wednesday
  - c. New passed motions added to ASC P+P: ASC will purchase a printer to be used to print meeting lists. The printer is \$199. The printer will be maintained by Meeting List Chairperson. The Meeting List Chairperson's description has been changed to reflect this. It will also be included on your list of Policy Amendments which you will receive as an update to Policy in January.
  - d. We met on 10/25/18. In attendance was Laura and Robin. We reviewed subcommittee policy. We need procedure from: Chair, Vice chair, RCM, Hospitality
  - e. We need policy for: E+A, Helpline, H+I, (although Policy has current H&I policy, it is being revised), Meeting Lists, Speaker Exchange, Website
  - f. Next meeting 11/16, 6:30 pm
- III. **Events and Activities Report:** [mb711true@yahoo.com](mailto:mb711true@yahoo.com) (Mike B.)
- a. No written report submitted. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm. 33 Park Place, Goshen. We can use support to put on and organize our events. Had a Halloween event on Saturday. \$790.00 85-95 at dance. After all was paid with E&A balance at \$500, donating \$158.82. Our November event will be a bowling event at Tarsio's Bowling Time on Rt. 9W in New Windsor, NY. 11/17/18 from 9:00 pm to midnight. 2 hrs. bowling, \$15 for pizza, soda and shoes. December we are having a spiritual brunch with speakers. No December event, Convention Committee is doing their first event in December. Spiritual breakfast in January. We use TD Bank and they are increasing maintenance fee from \$15 to \$25 raising minimum balance to \$500. Paper statement costs \$2 a month.
- IV. **Helpline:** [oaahelpline@gmail.com](mailto:oaahelpline@gmail.com) (Jesse B.)
- a. From dates 10/5/18 to 11/1/18 there were 14 calls. Three slots are still open: Thurs. 12-6 am and 12-4 pm and Tues. from 12-4 pm.
- V. **Hospitals & Institutions Report:** [rob capp2712@gmail.com](mailto:rob capp2712@gmail.com) (Rob C.)
- a. H&I meets the first Wednesday of every month at 75 Highland Avenue, Middletown NY. Temple Sinai (Room 4). No report. Meets on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>. I am requesting a check for \$10 for the Steering Committee meeting we had for rewriting the policy, which was held last month at the First Presbyterian Church in Monroe.
- VI. **Meeting List Report:** [ken.f.anonymous@gmail.com](mailto:ken.f.anonymous@gmail.com) (Ken F.)
- a. New printer is up and running. Meeting lists are short by 750 due to poor estimate of how many pages the starter toner would cover. New meeting in Walden added. New directions added for Surgery of the Spirit. Regional calendar updates sent in. Some were made, some not. World meeting list updates sent

in. Some were made, some not. Relationships group is moving to 40 Smith Street, Middletown NY and Friday Night Lights is changing to Freestyle Fridays. Both changes are not on the list.

- VII. **Literature Report:** [marjorieswansson@gmail.com](mailto:marjorieswansson@gmail.com) (Marjorie S.)
- Last month's sales were \$878.10. This month's literature purchase was \$683.12. I apologize for the problem with the order sheets and that will be fixed next month. Reminder: all literature can be picked up at 9:00 pm unless meeting ends before. All orders to be in by 8:30. Orders for 25-year coins and above please give me two month's notice.
- VIII. **Outreach/Home Bound Report:** [cdwob519@yahoo.com](mailto:cdwob519@yahoo.com) (Corey B.)
- Groups that were visited in October were Surgery of the Spirit, 10/14/18. In attendance were 15 Outreach members, in total 25 in attendance. 10/21 Dopeless Hope Fiends, 10/21/18, 11 Outreach members, 19 total.
  - For November 2018 we will visit New Beginnings on 11/8/18 in Walden NY at 7:00 pm. And 11/28/18 Never Alone in Warwick, NY at 7:00 pm. Outreach meets at Recap 40 Smith Street, Middletown NY at 6:00 pm to leave for groups we are attending.
  - Men on Point visited for Outreach attendance to Area Meeting, was told not enough members doing service. Next Outreach/Homebound meeting at Recap 12/2/18.
- IX. **Website Committee Report:** [g.oustatcher@gmail.com](mailto:g.oustatcher@gmail.com) (Jeremy O.)
- Posted minutes. Updated meeting list. Updated flyers.
- X. **Speaker Exchange:** [boomumu4@gmail.com](mailto:boomumu4@gmail.com) (Donna C.)
- Committee met to discuss policy, which was presented to Laura. Consists of Terry from Fishkill as Secretary, Janet from Rockhill Group joined as Vice-Chair. We would like to engage GSR's to seek out their group conscience to act as a Speaker Exchange rep. Will pass around a sheet for the GSR's. Please put your phone number if you want.
- XI. **Convention:** (Janetta C.)
- Our last meeting was on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. We did have 3 people join the committee. I would like for the Treasurer from Convention, Area Treasurer and myself to meet so that we can open a bank account. All we have planned right now is a pre-Valentine's Day Speaker Jam and Dance in Beacon in February 2019.
- XII. **Public Relations:** [rem19902003@yahoo.com](mailto:rem19902003@yahoo.com) (Raphael)
- Our sub-committee met – the 2nd Wednesday of October @ 7:00 PM, 1st Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Road, Monroe NY (Clean & Crazy location). Our next meeting is scheduled for 11/14/18, please take it back to your Groups, we need and encourage participation.
  - Planned Agenda: Committee Business, Discussion regarding FACE Books ads, Committee voted to run during various time frames and gauge responsiveness.
  - P.R. Presentations – None scheduled
  - Literature Order: \$0.00
  - Please pay in cash, Amount: \$25.00** (Lauren – FACE BOOK ADS) See attached receipt.
- XIII. **Hospitality**
- No written report.
- XIV. **OLD BUSINESS**
- Co-Treasurer is needed. Bring that back to your groups.
  - MOTION GOING BACK TO THE GROUPS – Motion made Marty, co-signed by Kenny F. – That the Open Arms Area boundaries be defined as 1) all of Orange County, 2) All of Beacon, 3) Sullivan County as far west as Route 55 to the Delaware River border. Intent: To make Area boundaries clear and help Area Service Committee understand its responsibilities and assure that NA services are delivered consistently. **PASSED.**
  - MOTION GOING BACK TO THE GROUPS – Motion made by Marty, co-signed by Lauren K. – To increase petty cash refunds from \$30 to \$100 and to change the wording from “may be paid” to “shall be paid in cash with valid receipt.” Intent: To reduce the number of checks written from our bank account on a monthly basis. **PASSED**

- d. MOTION GOING BACK TO THE GROUPS – Motion made by Laura S., co-signed by Lauren K. – That all subcommittee policies get reviewed by the policy subcommittee for approval and to make sure the subcommittee policy does not contradict Area policy. Intent: To expedite the policy of subcommittees without burdening the groups and to have people familiar with Area reviewing for contradictions.

**PASSED.**

- e. MOTION GOING BACK TO THE GROUPS – Motion made by Marty C., co-signed by Lauren K. - To change the wording under fiscal policies for E&A section from “larger events” to “larger or multiple events” (amended) and must demonstrate the need for additional funds by submitting a budget. Intent: To be accountable for Area funds. **PASSED.**

XV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- c. No new motions.
- d. Meeting ended with the serenity prayer at 9:30 pm.

November 2018 treasurer report

November				YTD		
<b>Treasurer Ray D.</b>						
<b>Beginning Balance</b>				7,319.10		
<b>Credits</b>						
<b>Group Contributions</b>		656.65				
<b>Literature Sales</b>		665.30				
<b>H&amp;I Halloween</b>		158.82				
<b>Hospitality</b>		36.07				
<b>E&amp;A Contributions</b>		158.82				
<b>Total Deposit</b>				1,675.66		
<b>Total Available</b>				8,994.76		
<b>Debits</b>						
<b>Freddy Cash</b>	Hospitality	-36.07				
<b>Ken Cash</b>	Printer	-204.97				
<b>Amie Cash</b>	Postal	-9.47				
<b>Raphael Cash</b>	P&I	-25.00				
<b>Check 1631 Goshen 1st pres</b>	rent	-60.00				
<b>GYRSO 1632</b>	Lit	-683.12				
<b>Freedom Voice 1633</b>	phone	-35.98				
<b>First pres church 1634</b>	h&I p&1	-20.00				
<b>GNYRSC 1635</b>	Annual insurance	-1,311.00				
<b>Janet C C 1636</b>	Convention Seed \$	-1,000.00				
<b>Total Debits</b>				-3,385.61		
<b>Ending Balance</b>				5,609.15		
<b>Meeting Name</b>	<b>Contribution Amt</b>					
3-7-11	6.45					
Back from the Grave	38.00					
Breathe of new lives	10.00					
Change or Die	3.00					
Clean & Crazy	30.60					

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Dopeless Hopefiends	21.00					
Friday night lights	26.00					
It works H&W	19.00					
Men on Point	39.00					
Never Alone	20.00					
Noon + 1/2	24.53					
Reach Out	20.00					
Recovery by the River	15.00					
Reflections	120.00					
Saturday Night Fever	35.07					
Steps on Sunday	10.00					
Steps in the right direction	40.00					
Upfront	169.00					
Walk the Walk	10.00					
A women time for change	19.50					
Total Group Donations	656.65					
Hospitality	33.07					
Hospitality Oct bal	3.00					
Total Hospitaloty	36.07					
Expense receipt - sept	none reported					
Collected - 10/4/18						