

AREA MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2023

The meeting was held on January 4 at 33 Park Pl. Goshen New York

The meeting was open by Giorgio chair at 7:30 with prayer and readings

Old minutes were read by Giorgio

Regional committee member, Jesse, not present

Treasurer Suzanne, opening balance for January is \$2852.53

Convention committee, Gina, bank account balance is \$6849.20. New Year's Eve event was a success. January 13 old timer meets newcomer from 2 PM to 6 PM. Saturday, March 2 speaker jam.

Helpline Brian, meet at 6:30 before area we had 10 calls and two missed, but got back to both missed calls can always use support

Literature, Fiona, December sales were \$425 order for January area approximately \$260 invoice not received. Inventory after December area \$2585.30.

Meeting list Mark, everything was the same

Events and activities Angela, we will be hosting a speaker jam on April 20 and also have chose the weekend of the 21st through the 23rd for a camp out in June

Joy in the journey, Barbara, no special needs. Barbara S will be celebrating 33 years January 23.

Pay it forward, no celebrations, new format, open meeting

Miracles happen, rotating format, open meeting, consistent attendance

Nooner, Barbara T we meet to help each other stay clean

Change your die Ben, we have good attendance, but need to fill commitments

Proof is in the pudding, attendance is good

The point Jim D, could you support, meeting attendance is low, but steady, we have Mat with his miracle year this month

Back from the grave, Thomas, group is doing well

Reflections, Fred V, all is good. We have Roger with 10 and Janet with 31.

Back on track Ron S, nothing to report

Clean and crazy Aisha group is doing well

Change or die 2 Mark R, Attendance is good we have many newcomers, could always use support

Revival of the spirit, Jamie B, this month we have Jimmy with 24 Giorgio with eight and Angela with four.

Just for today, Jim B, Friday the 26th. We have Grace with 13 years and Ray with two.

Dopeless Hopefiends, Janet looking for a new meeting place in Rockhill could always use support

Never hopeless, all is well

Recovery by the river, Jason D, group is carrying the message of hope, this month we have Gloria and Refen Both with their first miracle year

Back to basics, Cornell, the last Thursday of the month we have Val with two years.

Steps to life, Aaron, group is doing great. Could use more support. This month we have Stephanie with 33.

Old business: Motion made by steps to life and seconded by Dopeless Hopefiends “ Motion to amend current policy language under groups, joining open arms area section E to state verbatim attachment in accordance with the group booklet and a guide to local services in NA, The group and the FIPT.” Intent “to clearly state the area policy in accordance with existing laws approved service literature.”

**OAA Approved NA Recovery Literature:
What kinds of literature should we use?**

NA, 1990, 1997, THE GROUP BOOKLET, PAGE 9

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NA, 2002, A Guide to Local Services in NA, The NA Group,

Page 31

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NA, 2002, A Guide to Local Services in NA, Page 113

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NA, 2002, A Guide to Local Services in NA, Glossary, Page 115

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NA, 2002, A Guide to Local Services in NA, Copyrights, Page 3

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New business: a total of 21 gsr were in attendance to vote on the motion in old business.5 abstentions. 2 oppose. 12 in favor. The motion passes.

Excerpt put out by the area chair:

Open Arms Area of Narcotics Anonymous Policies & Procedures General Policies and Procedures

3. **Robert’s Rules of Order will be used**, as a guide, to conduct business in an orderly fashion, except when they conflict with specific Area policy, Guide to NA Service, or the 12 Concepts of NA.

a. Position descriptions for officers will be as follows:

Chairperson

b. The chair’s primary tools are the short-form **rules of order**, which appear at the end of this guide, a firm hand, a calm spirit, and a clear mind.

c. The chairperson can find additional help in books about business meetings, decision-making processes, and volunteer organizations that are often readily available at local bookstores and libraries.

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition 2020

Chapter 12: Assignment of the Floor; Debate

Section 43 Rules Governing Debate

Decorum in Debate

43:22 **Addressing All Remarks Through the Chair.** Members of an assembly cannot address one another directly, but must address all remarks through the chair. If, while a member is speaking in debate, another member wishes to address a question to him—which the person speaking can permit or not as he chooses, but which is taken out of his time if he does—the member desiring to ask the question rises and addresses the chair, proceeding as explained under Request for Information (33:6–10).

Twelve Concepts of NA Service

Fifth Concept

- One particular trusted servant, service board, or committee should be designated as the single point of decision and accountability for that assignment.
- The single point of decision we define for each service responsibility is also a single point of accountability.
- An assigned service responsibility can be fulfilled swiftly and directly, because there is no question of whose responsibility it is.

NA Basic Text

Tradition 3

- We feel that the ideal state for our Fellowship exists when addicts can come freely and openly to an N .A. meeting, whenever and wherever they choose, and leave just as freely.

Jamie is nominated for policy and procedure, she accepts and is voted in

Co treasurer is open

Rcm is open

Co secretary is open