

- AREA MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2023 OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

The meeting was held on December 7 at 33 Park Pl., Goshen New York

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

Old minutes were red by Nick

Regional committee member, Jesse, not present

Policy and procedure, Sandy, I will be stepping down

Treasure, Suzanne, opening balance is \$3050.60

literature , Fiona , November sales are four hundred and seventy six dollars , November order for December ASC 480.00, Literature inventory after November sales is \$2463.35

Website, Mark, posted minutes and removed old flyers

Convention committee, Gina, bank account balance is 6000.43 We had a very successful event on November 17, our next event is New Year's Eve tickets are \$15 now and \$20 at the door. On January 13 at 2 PM at 33 Park Pl.. We will be

having a newcomer meets old timer speaker jam. On Saturday, March 2 we will be having a free speaker, jam, venue to be determined.

Helpline Brian, we had seven calls, one of them was missed. We could use more support. We have a finish policy and will send it over to the area before the next meeting. Currently working on training protocol for incoming volunteers.

Public relations, Rafael, our subcommittee meeting the last Tuesday of the month via zoom or planned. Agenda is committee business. We have no upcoming PR presentations.

Events and activities, not present

Meeting list, mark, spent \$100 for toner. The Monday meeting is now only an hour as opposed to an hour and a half

Clean and crazy, Asia, Fellowship participation is improving, still in need of trusted servants

Miracles happen, Kaitlyn acting GSR, we meet Wednesday at 7:30 to 830 in Wappingers Falls, we picked up \$31.50 in key tags

Keys to success, Bonnie co gsr, We are growing

Back to basics, Bonnie, we are looking for more attendance and speakers

The joys in the journey, Rob, group is doing well, but we need trusted servants, Rob will be celebrating nine years on the last Tuesday of the month

Steps to life, Wanda, all is good. We are still meeting at 7:30 PM on Saturday, all are welcome.

The point, Mark, Group is doing well could always use support

Recovery on the Hill, Pat, needs support

Back on track, Ron, need support, two celebrants Edwin and Kenny both with their first miracle year

The proof is in the pudding, attendance is good

Ties that bind, Ronzette, The group is doing well, we are starting to get trusted servants

Recovery by the river, Jason D, group is carrying the message of hope, we have Done With first miracle year, Jason, D with three Teri P with eight

Nooners, Barbara, T, We need support, we may be closing both meetings at the end of the year due to lack of participation

Pay it forward, Maria, we are reviewing policy and basics, Need more attendance

Turn it over, Mark, nothing new, Mark will be celebrating 32 years

Dopeless Hopefiends, Janet, Could always use support

Reflections, Fred, all is well we have Frank with 18, Doreen with 14 and Shawn with 21

Steps on Sunday, Michelle, all is well

Revival of the spirit, Jamie, anniversary was a success

Old Business: A motion to remove Saturday night. Fever is being voted on tonight.

The chairman reread the motion and reminded everyone that floor was closed to debate/discussion as everyone was given the opportunity to be heard last month. We will go straight to a vote

A member called for "a point of information" asking "what part in the FIPT is the group in violation of?"

The chairman reminded everyone that the floor was closed to discussion/debate.

A member stated "that a point of information can be called for at any time and doesn't need a second"

The chairman again reminded everyone "that the floor was closed to discussion/debate as the opportunity to be heard was held last month" and stated "we will keep moving forward".

See below for clarification on the chairman's ruling as well as references and citations in regards to the call for a POI

The chairman then called for all voting gsr's to please raise their hand to calculate the total number of voting gsr's present. The total number was 18, making the 2/3 majority 12 in order to pass. The chair then asks for "all abstained" and the total was zero. The chair then asks for "all opposed" and gets a count of six. The call for "all in favor" is made and the total was 12 causing the motion to be passed. The chair announces "The motion passes and the Saturday Night fever meeting will be removed from the OAA meeting list.

The miracles that happen Group is asking to be a part of open arms area. Gina asked if four groups from Dutchess County come over would the group consider bringing back the zoom platform. Giorgio states that someone will have to bring a motion to bring back the zoom

Policy and procedure is open, co-secretary is open, co treasurer is open and RCM alternate is open

Below you will find clarification as well as references and citations in regard to the chairman's ruling in regards to the POI

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

Chapter 1: The Deliberative Assembly: Its Types and Their Rules

Section 2 Rules of an Assembly or Organization

Rules of Order

2:16 Special rules of order supersede any rules in the parliamentary authority with which they may conflict.

Example: Under the chairmanship of the current chairman a special rule has been put into place, through general practice, that closes the floor to debate/discussion once the motion has been sent back to the groups. This comes only after every member, who chooses to do so; has had a chance to have their voice be heard on the current motion.

Chapter 10: Renewal of Motions; Dilatory and Improper Motions

Section 39 Dilatory and Improper Motions

Dilatory Motions

39:1 A motion is dilatory if it seeks to obstruct or thwart the will of the assembly as clearly indicated by the existing parliamentary situation.

39:4 It is the duty of the presiding officer to prevent members from misusing the legitimate forms of motions, or abusing the privilege of renewing certain motions, merely to obstruct business. Whenever the chair becomes convinced that one or more members are repeatedly using parliamentary forms for dilatory purposes, he should either not recognize these members or he should rule that such motions are not in order—but he should never adopt such a course merely to speed up business, and he should never permit his personal feelings to affect his judgment in such cases. If the chair only suspects that a motion is not made in good faith, he should give the maker of the motion the benefit of the doubt. The chair should always be courteous and fair, but at the same time he should be firm in protecting the assembly from imposition.

Merriam-webster.com (n.d.)

Dilatory: 1) tending or intended to cause delay

|dilatory tactics

Note: All members and officers share in a certain level of responsibility at the ASC meeting. It is the chairperson's responsibility to be sure that every voting member is receiving clear and accurate information during the ASC meeting with which to be able to vote. It is also the chairman's responsibility to facilitate the ASC meeting in an orderly manner.

Each member also shares in responsibilities by being present at each ASC meeting to receive the information that pertains to motion(s) to be voted on. Furthermore, each member shares in the responsibilities of carrying themselves in an orderly manner during the ASC meeting.

New 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

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- This is NA Conference-approved literature



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