

OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2016

Meeting opened by Vice Chair at 7:30 with Serenity Prayer

The 12 Traditions and The 12 Concepts were read

In Attendance:	Chairperson:	Mike B.	845-492-1293	mb711true@yahoo.com
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	RCM:	Sandy C	646-261-6215	thechef21@yahoo.com
	Policy & Proc Chair:	Aisha	914-290-9325	aisha@frontiernet.net
	Treasurer:	Eileen B.	845-551-7825	ladyluck5117@yahoo.com
	Co- Treasurer:	Craig F.	516-410-4460	craig.f@life.com

Mike welcomed three new GSRs and advised to bring any questions to Policy Chair.

Secretary Report: Previous months minutes read by Mary Ann R. – copies were distributed. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer's report was distributed, reviewed and accepted

Policy and Procedure: Delivered by Aisha – No one showed for May 7th or May 21st meetings. No meeting for June is scheduled.

RCM Report: No new report since last area two weeks ago. Emergency meeting to discuss GNY Region is scheduled for 10:00 AM on June 12, 2016 at 154 Christopher Street. All reports from previous meetings have been distributed via e-mail and are available on the web-site.

27 GSRs were in attendance; 29 group reports were submitted

Group:	3 – 7 – 11	GSR:	Michael
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday – 6:30 – Montgomery	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotate Steps 3 – 7 – 11; 1 st Sunday Tradition of Month	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:		Louise	31yrs Last Sun
Special Needs:			

Group:	Alive and Free	GSR:	Sarah
Day, Place, Time:	Mondays- 7:00 – 201 West Harford Street, Milford, PA	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting is doing decent		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Back from the Grave	GSR:	Steve S.
Day, Place, Time:	Mondays- 7:30 – Grace Community Church – Washingtonville	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Beginner	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Attendance is good		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Back on Track	GSR:	Regina C.
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday-7 P.M – 7 Prince Street, Monticello	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting just moved from 10 Jefferson St to 7 Prince St. Attendance is mostly addicts from the recovery house. Having trouble paying rent at new location because of purchase of literature.		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Back to Basics	GSR:	Timothy W
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Day, Place, Time:	Thursday-7 P.M-Middletown – 40 Smith Street (RECAP)	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing well	Tim	8 yrs 6/23/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Clean and Crazy	GSR:	Rafael
Day, Place, Time:	Sundays – 7:00 – 1 st Presbyterian Church Monroe	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Revolving	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing well.	Tommy	2yrs 6/26/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Dopeless Hope Fiends	GSR:	Doug B.
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday-7 P.M-Rock Hill	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Average attendance-16 people. Would love to have other areas visit.		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Friday Night Lights	GSR:	Christine K.
Day, Place, Time:	Friday-10 P.M-Main Street in Goshen	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Nothing to report	Justin R.	3yrs 6/24/16
Special Needs:	None	Dani C.	1yr 6/24/16

Group:	Hope on Thursday	GSR:	Bobby C.
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday-7:30 P.M.-Chester	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Just for Today	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Buying literature from world		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	It Works How & Why	GSR:	
Day, Place, Time:		Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No Report		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Joy Is In The Journey	GSR:	Tara M.
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday-5:30 P.M- RECAP 40 Smith St, Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is growing nicely, could always use trusted servants.		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Just For Today	GSR:	
Day, Place, Time:	Tues-7:30 P.M/Fri 8 P.M-Port Jervis	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Trusted servants are being rotated regularly. Will be buying literature from world.		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Men On Point	GSR:	Steve R.
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Day, Place, Time:	Monday-7:30 P.M-New Windsor	Donation:	Yes
Format:		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Everything is going fine. Will be passing clean time basket to help region.	Dennis C.	12yrs 6/28/16
Special Needs:	None	Brian B.	3yrs 6/28/16

Group:	New Way of Life	GSR: Randy N	
Day, Place, Time:	Friday-7 P.M-Recap 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Nothing to report	Ronnie	15yrs 6/24/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	The Nooners	GSR: Jaqui	
Day, Place, Time:	Mon – Fri, 12:00P.M- 1 st Presbyterian Church, Goshen, NY	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing well		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Reach Out	GSR: Kylee	
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday-7:00P.M 33 Park Place, Goshen	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating – 1,2,3 First 3 weeks – with speaker, 4 th week popsicle topic meeting	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No celebrants		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Recovery By The River	GSR: Lexi F.	
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday-7 P.M-1 76 th Street Newburgh	Donation:	
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group anniversary-June 23, Group picnic-Jun 25	Miles	1yr 6/16/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Reflections	GSR: Cory M.	
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 12 P.M-22 Sweezy Ave Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Just For Today	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No report		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Relationships	GSR: Diana	
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7P.M.-Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave, Middletown	Donation:	No
Format:	Open	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Attendance is good, need trusted servants		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Saturday Morning Awakenings	GSR: Chris M.	
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 10 A.M-264 Vanness St Newburgh	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Just for today	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Doing well	John	11yrs 6/25/16
Special Needs:	None	Annie	31yrs 6/25/16
		Aaron	2 yrs 6/25/16

Group:	Saturday Night Fever	GSR: Dan N	
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Day, Place, Time:	Saturday, Methodist Church Goshen, 10pm	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u> Chris 1yr 6/25/16	
Report:	Meeting is well attended, trusted servants are needed		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Spiritual Foundation	GSR: James B	
Day, Place, Time:	Fri, 6:00 to 7:30, Newburgh Ministry, 9 Johnston St. Newburgh	Donation:	No
Format:	Step Meeting from N.A. 3 books	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group doing well		
Special Needs:	Trusted servants		

Group:	Spiritual Solutions	GSR: Ryan K	
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday 7:30PM Washingtonville	Donation:	No
Format:	Living Clean Book Study	<u>Anniversaries</u> Gil 28 yrs 6/25/16	
Report:	No report		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Steps in the Right Direction	GSR: Diana	
Day, Place, Time:	Wed, 7:30 to 9:00, Recap, 40 Smith Street, Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting is doing well		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Steps On Sunday	GSR: Stacey P.	
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday-1 P.M- 172 Liberty St, Newburgh	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Step meeting	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	attendance is good		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Steps to Life	GSR: Rob C./Gina B.	
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 7:30 P.M-St. Ann's, Washingtonville	Donation:	No
Format:	Step meeting	<u>Anniversaries</u> Betty 3yrs 6/25/16	
Report:	Ordering literature from free state region		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Turn it Over Group	GSR: Mark H.	
Day, Place, Time:	Tues, 7:30PM, St. Andrews, Beacon	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Open Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well with the group		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Up Front	GSR: Billy K	
Day, Place, Time:	Sun 5:30PM St Andrew's Beacon, NY	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Open Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u> Victor 7yrs 6/26/16	
Report:	Meeting is strong		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Women's Time for Change	GSR: Ronzette B.	
Day, Place, Time:	Mon 7:00 PM 40 Smith Street, Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u> Daphnie 26yrs 6/27/16	
Report:	The group is doing well. Will always need more women to share		
Special Needs:	None		

Sub –committee Reports:

Area Website - www.openarmsarea.com Mark R - 914-447-4566 mark@albrohvac.net	Meeting – TUESDAY BEFORE AREA - 5:30PM 18 Little Britain Road Newburgh, NY
Report: Website updated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from May have been posted • There is a link on the front page for the clean time donation flyer 	
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Lauren P. 845-820-1274 lpiazza830@gmail.com	Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:00PM RECAP, 40 Smith Street Middletown, NY
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are more flyers for the campout and tickets are for sale \$25 overnight and \$12 for the day. June 18th – 19th at Landers River Trips in Narrowsburg • There are also flyers for the water park event – August 6th, 2016. Tickets are \$28 • Thank you very much for allowing me to serve, it has been a great pleasure. 	
HELPLINE Derek D. 845-803-2211 oaahelpline@gmail.com	Meets First Thursday of the Month 7:00PM Before Area
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report as chair was absent 	
Hospitals and Institutions Gil T i22rock@yahoo.com	Meets every 1st Wed of the month 7:30pm 75 Highland Ave Middletown, NY
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 people were in attendance at last meeting • 1 new member • We have 11 commitments, 10 are full and 1 is open • H & I Learning Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saturday June 4th from 12-5 ○ Fancner Davidge Park (Lion’s Shelter) 130 Lake Ave Middletown, NY • We can always use trusted servants • Must have a minimum of 6 months clean time 	
LITERATURE James T	N/A
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were not able to get literature last month. • I am asking for \$1200 to get literature for our area. I also asked last month and the month before 	
MEETING LIST Stefan stefan.davenport1@gmail.com	N/A
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 new lists were available for distribution to GSRs for \$75.00 • Since we met 2 weeks ago I did not print any more meeting lists, there were no changes. I can e-mail the meeting list to anyone if needed. • Any changes should be e-mailed to website or I can be contacted directly at 845-545-0850 	

PUBLIC INFORMATION openarmsareapi@gmail.com	OPEN
Report: None	
Speaker Exchange Jim 646-753-2527 jbeaton63@gmail.com	Monthly meeting to be held immediately prior to Area Service at 7:00.
Report: • No written report given	
Outreach John 917-716-3102 jb250@yahoo.com	2 nd Wednesday of each month-Goshen 1 st meeting will be July 13, at 7 P.M
Report: See attached report	

OLD BUSINESS:

QUORUM: 24

MOTIONS from May 2016

MOTION # 2 – To Groups

Motion Maker: Tim

Seconded: Sara

MOTION: For Area to order their literature from World moving forward

INTENT: So Open Arms Area has literature for the groups to help carry the message of NA

Pros:

Whatever we save on the purchase can be donated to Region

Con:

No money for Region

We should support Region

FOR: 17 AGAINST: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 3 PASSED

NOTE: Mid motion an addict named Gina B moved to suspend business of the day. It was seconded. Chair pointed out that it was out of order, as we were in mid vote.

OPEN POSITIONS:

All positions are open for new elections.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION # 1 - Housekeeping

Motion Maker: Rafael

Seconded: Gina B

MOTION: To use \$2,500 of Area funds to purchase literature from Free State Region in Maryland.

INTENT: To restore literature inventory and support service structure

QUARUM: 24 FOR: 26 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 1 PASSED

MOTION # 2 - Housekeeping

Motion Maker: Billy K.

Seconded: John M.

MOTION: To form an Ad Hoc committee to research the possibility of forming our own region together with the other suburban NY areas.

INTENT: To bring the services we require back to the areas.

QUARUM: 24 **FOR:** 24 **AGAINST:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS:** 0 **PASSED**

MOTION # 3 - Housekeeping

Motion Maker: Ryan K.

Seconded: Corey W.

MOTION: To form an ad hoc committee to explore a new region to join

INTENT: To be responsible to those we serve and the group.

QUARUM: 24 **FOR:** 22 **AGAINST:** 1 **ABSTENTIONS:** 4 **PASSED**

Elections:

Chair: Robin V.

Vice Chair: Gil M.

Treasurer: Craig F.

Co-Treasurer: Open

Secretary: Lauren P.

Co-Secretary: Open

RCM: Sandy until June 2017

Alt. RCM: Stephan V.

Policy & Procedure: Open-Aisha filling in

E&A: Open

Helpline: Open

H&I: Wanda M.

Literature: James will continue

Meeting List: Mark H.

PI: Open

Outreach: Jon B.

Speaker Exchange: Jim B.

Website: Mark R.

GREIVANCES:

Addict by name of Gina B presented grievance that Area Policy was not followed when friendly amendment to motion from previous area meeting that had gone back to groups was denied by motion maker. Stated that the body should have been given the option to accept the amendment.

Chair pointed out that is only the case in motions not yet sent to groups for vote.

Addict named Gina cited policy to the contrary.

Meeting closed at 9:45

In Loving Service,
Lauren P.

Outreach Sub-Committee Task

- 1- Meeting Location, Date and Time
 - Meeting Place- Goshen, Second Wednesday of each Month
 - 1st Meeting to take place ~~on~~ Wednesday, July 13, 2016
 - Meeting Time 7 PM

- 2- Meeting Topics
 - Homebound Meeting Format
 - Sub-Committee Guidelines and Policy
 - Recovery by Mail or Email
 - Creating a flyer with all contact info; to include Coordinators by Location

- 3- Gathering Sub-Committee Members and Support
 - Several Member have come forth- Positions filled
 - o Vice Chair
 - o Secretary
 - o Outreach Coordinators
 - Middletown
 - Warwick
 - Highland Mills, Monroe, Washingtonville, Chester, and Goshen
 - Port Jervis & Milford (Filled by Sarah after last Area Meeting closed)
 - Still need Outreach Coordinators for:
 - o Beacon
 - o Newburgh, New Windsor
 - o Monticello, Rock Hill

- 4- Homebound Meetings
 - 1 Outreach Homebound Meetings Scheduled
 - o 1 Scheduled- No Meeting occurred
 - 1 – Addicts left ORMC prior to Meeting taking place

- 5- Still Pending
 - Visit isolated groups- Need list of Grps not at Area Meeting for 2 consecutive meetings
 - GSRs to inform their Home Grp that Outreach is up and running
 - Outreach Sub-Committee to Review and Approval
 - o Homebound Meeting Format
 - o Outreach Guidelines and Policy
 - Hotline Phone Number
 - Open Arms Website Page and Email Address
 - Outreach contact information on Area Meeting list