

Open Arms Area Service Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2017



I. Administrative Body Attendance

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|----------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Chairperson:   | Steve (Not present) | 845-706-3783 | <a href="mailto:luckysaber1949@yahoo.com">luckysaber1949@yahoo.com</a> |
| Vice Chair:    | Mike B.             | 845-492-1293 | <a href="mailto:mb711true@yahoo.com">mb711true@yahoo.com</a>           |
| Secretary:     | Aimee H.            | 845-667-6091 | <a href="mailto:aimeehenkel@yahoo.com">aimeehenkel@yahoo.com</a>       |
| Co-Secretary:  | Open                |              |  |
| RCM:           | Eileen              |              |  |
| Policy & Proc: | Joey L.             |              | <a href="mailto:levatojoey@gmail.com">levatojoey@gmail.com</a>         |
| Treasurer:     | Robin V.            | 845-346-5510 | <a href="mailto:deliadoxie@aol.com">deliadoxie@aol.com</a>             |
| Co-Treasurer:  | Laura S.            | 845-234-6077 | <a href="mailto:lauraotr98@optonline.net">lauraotr98@optonline.net</a> |

II. Meeting opened with a moment of silence, reciting of the Serenity Prayer, reading of 12 concepts.

III. Chairperson announcements: Need to nominate new chairperson. Steve needs to resign from the commitment because of work. We will need to nominate someone during new business.

IV. Secretary Report: Read by Aimee H. Motion to accept and seconded.

V. Treasurer Report: Make sure contributions are correct for last month. Because the number of groups are calculated in September, we were required to pay for a total of 53 groups. Not knowing this I wrote a check for 52 groups last month. We still owe for one group \$21.85, which will be paid tonight. There are three outstanding checks: #1498/GNYRSC – donation \$214.85; #1506/RCM - travel expenses \$33.00; #1509/PI – building use \$30.00 for a total of \$277.85. Current bank balance: \$2,392.67 less outstanding checks of \$277.85 and paper statement fee of \$2.00 the ending balance is \$2112.82.

VI. Group reports: 29GSR reports were submitted. 24 voted.

| Name                          | Location       | GSR        | Donation | Celebrations     | Notes  |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------|------------------|--|
| 3-7-11                        | Montgomery     | Louise H.  | \$60.13  | None             | Trusted servants are needed. Last Sunday is reserved for anniversaries                       |
| A New Way of Life             | Middletown     | Nettie H.  | \$16.00  | None             | None   |
| Alive & Free                  | Milford, PA    | Sarah      |          |                  | THE GROUP HAS CLOSED. The group was asked to leave. The donation will be brought next month. |
| All R Welcome                 | Monticello     | Donna B.   | \$10.00  | None             | Needs speakers. Rotating format.   |
| Alive and Free Saturday Night | Monticello     | Donna B.   | None     | Donna – 28 years | None   |
| Bad Girls Gone Good           | Port Jervis    |            |          |                  |  |
| Back from the Grave           | Blooming Grove |            |          |                  |  |
| Back on Track                 | Monticello     | Illegible  | \$10.00  | 2 celebrations   | None   |
| Back to Basics                | Middletown     |            | \$20.00  | None             | None   |
| By the Book                   | Beacon         | Cheryll H. | None     | None             | Needs speakers,  |

|                             |                 |             |                 |  | membership/attendance/needs trusted servants.  |
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| <b>Name</b>                 | <b>Location</b> | <b>GSR</b>  | <b>Donation</b> | <b>Celebrations</b>                        | <b>Notes</b>   |
| Change or Die               | Beacon          | Ray L.      | None            | None                                       | None   |
| Change or Die II            | Newburgh        | Ben B.      | None            | None                                       | Celebrating 25-year group anniversary  |
| Clean & Crazy               | Monroe          | Tommy L.    | \$30.00         | None                                       | None   |
| Friday Night Lights         | Goshen          |             |                 |  |  |
| Hope on Thursday            | Chester         | Marjorie S. | \$31.00         | Rhiannon – 1 year/Thurs. 11/30             | Group anniversary Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> – 2 years.   |
| Hopeless Dope Fiends        |                 |             |                 |  |  |
| Inner Visions               | Highland Mills  | Gerard D.   | \$58.76         | None                                       | Needs Support  |
| It Works How & Why          | Middletown      | Jack S.     | \$26.95         | None                                       | None   |
| Just For Today              | Port Jervis     |             |                 |  |  |
| Keeping it Green on Green   | Woodridge, NY   |             |                 |  |  |
| Keys to Success             | Newburgh        |             |                 |  |  |
| Kickin' It Live (Gut Level) | Middletown      | Darren P.   | None            | Randy M. – 17 years/4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | None   |
| Man UP                      |                 |             |                 |  |  |
| Men on Point                | New Windsor     | Tim W.      | \$17.00         | Mark R. – 33 years last Monday             | None   |
| Mid-Day Break               | Monticello      | AJ Pace (?) | \$10.00         | None                                       | None   |
| Never Alone                 | Warwick         | Peggy D.    | None            | Joe – 14 years                             | None   |
| Noon Meetings – Goshen      | Goshen          |             |                 |  |  |
| Pay It Forward              | Beacon          | Cheryll H.  | None            | None                                       | Need trusted servants and speakers   |
| Proof Is In the Pudding     | Chester         | Lauren K.   | \$16.00         | None                                       | None   |
| Reach Out                   | Goshen          |             |                 |  |  |
| Recovery by the River       | Newburgh        |             |                 |  |  |
| Recovery on the Hill        | Kauneonga Lake  | Robert      | \$40.00         | None                                       | Needs support and speakers   |
| Reflections Group (J.F.T.)  | Middletown      | Cory M.     | \$26.00         | None                                       | Good attendance/need trusted servants  |
| Relationship Group          | Middletown      | Ronzette B. | None            | None                                       | Group is doing well. Meeting attendance is flexible. Not open the 10 <sup>th</sup> , will resume 10/17 |
| Saturday Morning Awakenings | Newburgh        |             |                 |  |  |
| Saturday Night Beginners    | Beacon          |             |                 |  |  |
| Saturday Night              | Goshen          | Ken F.      | \$55.00         | Ryan C. – Four                             | Needs experienced members  |

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| Fever                        |                 |            |                 | years   |                                  |
| Stayin Alive                 | Port Jervis     |            |                 |   |                                  |
| <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Location</b> | <b>GSR</b> | <b>Donation</b> | <b>Celebrations</b>                           | <b>Notes</b>                     |
| Steps in the Right Direction | Middletown      | Diana M.   | \$89.40         | Marty – 23 years                              | Group attendance good            |
| Steps on Sunday              | Newburgh        | Michele D. | \$15.00         | Leroy – 3 years (11/26)                       | Group anniversary (12/10 1-3 pm) |
| Steps to Life                | Washingtonville | Rob C.     | None            | None  | None                             |
| The Joy is in the Journey    | Middletown      | Angel P.   | None            | Lucas – 1 year 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:30 | None                             |
| The Newcomers Group          | Beacon          | Roberto D. | None            | None  | Meeting well attended. Needs GSR |
| Turn It Over                 | Beacon          | Mark H.    | \$108.17        | None  | None                             |
| Up Front                     | Beacon          | Lexi F.    | \$57.50         | Arrell 14 years, Last Sunday in Nov. (11/26)  | None                             |
| Women’s Time for Change      | Middletown      | Ronzette   | None            | None  | None                             |
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- VII. RCM report – The motion for GNYRSO service to be considered as one year of service at the Regional level needs to be voted on tonight. Whatever the Area decides I will bring it back next week. **The Area abstains.**
- VIII. **Policy Report** – Joey L.: All is well. All committees have emailed me a copy of their policy. If they could also give me a physical copy I would appreciate it.
- IX. **Events and Activities Report:** Chris C. –Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 40 Smith Street. 6 active members. The Halloween Dance was a success! Nice Attendance. Total collected \$906.00. Expenses were \$703.12; total event profit \$203.00. Check #489 to Open Arms Area given. The next event is the bowling event next week at Colonial Lanes in Chester 7pm – Midnight. \$15.00 for pizza, soda, bowling and shoes. The Dec. event is the dinosaur speaker jam and dance to be held at 33 Park Place in Goshen. Speakers from 12-6, 7-11 pm dance. \$5.00 per ticket, \$7.00 at the door. Food, Fun and Fellowship. Beverages will be sold! Hear the message of speakers with 25 years or more of clean time.
- X. **Helpline – Derek D.** Not Present.
- XI. **Hospitals & Institutions** – Met on 11/1/2017 at 75 Highland Avenue in Middletown. 19 were present Quorum of 14;1 received orientation. There are 10 presentations and 19 commitments. Spent \$256.00 on literature. Received corrected T-shirt invoice after our audit for \$1,540.53 versus \$1,740.97. Making a donation of \$400.00 and will make an additional donation after receiving invoice of new orders next week. Still have T-shirts for sale. Marty C. was nominated and elected Literature Chair. Kenny & Lucas celebrate this month. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TRUSTED SERVANTS!
- XII. **Meeting List – Mark H.** Printed 1000 copies of the meeting lists for \$75. 200 were given to H&I, the rest are for groups. PLEASE NOTE THIS IN YOUR MEETING LIST: Monday Milford, PA Alive and Free is CLOSED until they find a new meeting space. Saturday Middletown Reflections Group, cross out Summitfield Library and put office building. Any changes that come up, please contact me a week before Area. You can also print meeting lists from the website when changes are made so you don’t have to change them by hand.
- XIII. **Literature** – Edwin M. – Literature sales last month were \$550.35. Literature purchased for the month was \$503.65. The duplicate order forms are here but there was a problem with the amount, so I will be in contact with Staples to find out why we were short.
- XIV. **Outreach/Home Bound** – Open Position, no report. Bring back to your groups we need a chair.

- XV. **Website Committee** - Mark R. – Website subcommittee meets the Tuesday before area at 18 Little Britain Road, Newburgh, NY. Posted the meeting list and minutes from last month. Didn't meet this month. A copy of the Area's literature form would be good to have on the website.
- XVI. **Speaker Exchange** –Donna B. – Monticello is grateful for the speakers who have come to support. We are doing well with exchange.
- XVII. **Public Information** – Raphael– Our subcommittee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Road, Monroe NY (Clean and Crazy location). Our next meeting is scheduled for 12/13/17. We have a presentation on the second Wednesday in November. Please take back to your groups. We encourage participation. Screen and projector purchased. World service has a PI slide show available, but it was not very interesting. The committee made it a little more useful and can use it to support talks. Planned PI agenda: We continue to work on presentation material, preparing for school presentations. PI presentation: Monroe-Woodbury Community Drug Forum from 6-9 pm.
- XVIII. **Ad-Hoc for Convention Committee** – Marty C. – waiting for vote on policy.
- XIX. **OLD BUSINESS**
- XX. **Outreach/Homebound** is still open. Bring this back to your groups that we need a chair for this committee. The clean time requirement is 1 year and legal means of support.
- XXI. **Motion:** Author – Marty C., PI committee, Second Donna C.
1. Any trusted servant that is a co-signature on any Open Arms Bank account must not be in collections from any debt collection agency including the IRS. Intent: To secure the Open Arms Area's money from being frozen and/or taken to collect a debt a trusted servant may have. **Vote passes with 17 votes.**
- XXII. **Motion:** Author – Marty C., seconded by Ray L.
1. Submitted convention subcommittee's policy for approval. Vote does not pass with 14 in favor and 11 abstentions. **(GOES BACK TO GROUPS AGAIN)** Please read Convention Sub-Committee policy so there are no groups who cannot vote. It is on the Area website.
- XXIII. **NEW BUSINESS**
- XXIV. **Motion:** Author Nettie H., seconded by Lexi F.
1. To purchase a new coffee pot because the old one has a shortage. Intent: to keep the coffee flowing. **The motion passes** and Area will purchase a new coffee pot.
- XXV. **Election**
1. Nominations made for new chairperson. Joey L. nominates Mike B., seconded by Peggy D. **Mike is voted as chairperson by acclamation.**
  2. Vice chair commitment is open. Craig is nominated as vice chair, but he declines. John M. is nominated as vice chair, seconded. Vote is taken and **John M. is elected Vice chair by acclamation.**
  3. Motion to close – Meeting closed at 9:25 pm.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE AREA:

1. Open Arms Area E&A Bowling Event: Friday 11/10/17. Colonial Lanes, Chester NY from 7-10pm. \$15 includes bowling, shoes, pizza and soda.
2. Recovery by the River Annual Gratitude Brunch: 11/23/17 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 76 First Street, Newburgh, NY 12550 BRING A DISH IF YOU WISH
3. Open Arms Area Dinosaur Speaker Jam & Dance: Saturday 12/9/17; Speakers from 12-6 pm, dance from 7-11pm. 33 Park Place, Goshen NY. Tickets \$5/\$7 at the door.



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|-------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance |        | 2,112.82        |
| <b>Credits</b>    |        |                 |
| Group Donations   | 815.66 |                 |
| Literature Sales  | 735.35 |                 |
| E&A               | 203.00 |                 |
| H&I T-Shirt Sales | 400.00 |                 |
| Total Deposit     |        | <u>2,154.01</u> |
| Total Available   |        | <u>4,266.83</u> |

**Debits**

|                               |         |                  |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Ck # 1511 GNYRSO - Insurance  | -21.85  |                  |
| Ck # 1512 GNYRSO - Literature | -503.65 |                  |
| Ck # 1513 Building Use        | -50.00  |                  |
| Ck # 1514 Literature copies   | -20.53  |                  |
| Ck # 1515 Helpline            | -25.90  |                  |
| Ck # 1516 Treasurer copies    | -13.25  |                  |
| Ck # 1517 VOID                | 0.00    |                  |
| Ck # 1518 H&I Literature      | -256.00 |                  |
| Ck # 1519 Meeting List        | -75.00  |                  |
| Ck # 1520 Public Information  | -200.00 |                  |
| Paper Statement               | -2.00   |                  |
| Total Debits                  |         | <u>-1,168.18</u> |
| Ending Balance                |         | <u>3,098.65</u>  |

**Meeting Name**

**Contribution Amt**

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|----------------------------|-------|
| 3-7-11 in Montgomery       | 60.13 |
| All are Welcome            | 10.00 |
| A New Way of Life          | 6.25  |
| Back from the Grave        | 22.00 |
| Back on Track              | 10.00 |
| Back to Basics             | 20.00 |
| Clean & Crazy              | 30.00 |
| Dopeless Hope Fiends       | 5.00  |
| Hope on Thursday           | 31.00 |
| Innervisions               | 58.76 |
| It Woks: How & Why         | 26.95 |
| Joy is in the Journey. The | 11.25 |
| Keeping it Green on Green  | 5.00  |
| Keys to Success            | 2.00  |
| Men on Point               | 17.00 |
| Midday Break               | 10.00 |

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| Proof in the Pudding         | 16.00         |
| Recovery by the River        | 30.00         |
| Recovery on the Hill         | 40.00         |
| Reflections                  | 26.00         |
| Saturday Night Fever         | 55.00         |
| Steps in the Right Direction | 89.40         |
| Steps on Sunday              | 15.25         |
| Turn it Over                 | 108.17        |
| Up Front                     | 57.50         |
| Women's Time for Change      | 53.00         |
| Total Group Donations        | <u>815.66</u> |

**Outstanding checks**

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Ck # 1498 GNYRSC          | -214.85 |
| Ck # 1506 RCM Travel      | -33.00  |
| Ck # 1509 PI Building Use | -30.00  |

Invoice submitted by Public Information for the purchase of a projector and screen for the amount of \$594.66

Ck # 1520 partial reimbursement of \$200.00 as agreed. Balance due \$394.66

Second payment to be distributed at the December ASC meeting of \$200.00. A third payment for the balance of \$194.66 will be made in January, 2018