

OPEN ARMS AREA SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2016

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

The 12 Traditions were read by Tim W. and The 12 Concepts were read by Ronzette B.

<u>In Attendance:</u>	Chairperson:	Robin V.	845-346-5510	deliadoxie@aol.com
	Vice Chair:	Gil M.	845-219-4324	i22rock@yahoo.com
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	Co-Secretary:	Open		
	RCM:	Sandy C.	646-261-6215	thechef21@yahoo.com
	Policy & Proc Chair:	Aisha	914-290-9325	aisha@frontiernet.net
	Treasurer:	Craig F.	516-410-4460	craig.f@live.com
	Co- Treasurer:	Open		

Robin welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there are any new GSR's. She stated that there is a motion on the floor coming up that has gone back to the groups that should have further discussion. There is more clarification needed and I was told that I cannot call it out of order.

Secretary Report: Previous months minutes read by Lauren P. – copies were distributed and reviewed.

Robin – some people contacted world service and updated their groups. The files are being updated, none were submitted as new. (lists/groups) Mark H. mentioned that groups do not have to be registered unless there it is a new group. These letters are just a confirmation that the updates have been done by Mark H. Minutes accepted by Mark H, seconded by Dan N.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer's report was distributed by Craig F., reviewed and accepted by Randy N. and seconded by Mark H.

Steve – What about donations for the GNYR? Are we stopping that?

Craig – that's up to everyone. I don't make that decision and no one told me to write any checks.

Robin – normally what we do is send whatever is left over prudent reserved, after bills are paid which I thought we were under, but it looks like we were brought back up.

Motion to accept and seconded.

Policy and Procedure: Aisha – the Policy and Procedure committee met on July 7th at the St. Ann's Church in Washingtonville. It was myself and the secretary, Robin. We read traditions and concepts. There was discussion concerning H&I subcommittee specifically, the need for submission of accounting for expenses and monies spent for the recent learning day. This is not only for H&I, it is for any standing committee that has a budget; must submit a written, detailed, accounting of expenses.

We also discussed the decision of the Learning Day. The H&I subcommittee has changed it to once a year to spend the \$300 allotted for the learning day expenses. This does not agree with the current H&I policy and the subcommittee will need to make a motion to have it changed. The subcommittee also needs to submit an expense report of the literature along with the inventory they have on hand and the amount that is being distributed.

We also had a discussion concerning the adhoc committee which was formed. There were many questions including the finances of the start up cost, renting space to hold the meeting, storing inventory, and there were concerns about having experienced members on the BOD etc. and the need for the current RSC to be supported, more discussion is needed before a decision is made.

We also had discussion regarding the clean time requirement for E&A and PI subcommittee chairpersons. 2 motions will be submitted (see new business).

There will be no policy and procedure meeting this month, we'll meet again in September. We meet the 1st Saturday after area at 6 PM at St. Ann's in Washingtonville.

RCM Report: Sandy- Opening Regional Treasury Balance 7/9/16 \$8,981.00 The monthly operating expense for June was \$7,492 (expense report will be on website).

Open positions: Vice chair, treasurer, co-treasurer, secretary, co-secretary, and 8 Board of Directors.

At the emergency business meeting, Beverly was removed from Chairperson of the RSO.

There is a new quickbooks company file in the works for the 3rd quarter.

The fundraiser was very successful, thanks to all who came. Total funds collected \$3,174.50 and have been sent to NAWs.

Lynne V. was nominated as a board member; Larry H. was nominated for vice-chair of the RSO. John S. is the convention committee chair and would like to have 7 people from our area become part of the committee, he'd like all areas to be a part of. Registration, programing, merchandising, fundraising, serenity keepers, hospitality, and arts & graphics. He has asked to come here and I hope he gets to come in Sept. with Lynne.

The next fundraiser is the boat ride Sept. 3rd, there is a link to buy tickets so I sent a link to the secretary so that will be put on the website.

There is some discussion on what to do to keep the current regional meeting space a float. They are thinking of having meetings in that space.

Robin – the convention chair was invited to come up but I was concerned with the motion on the table that there would be a confliction so I've asked that they come up next month to speak to us.

25 GSRs were in attendance; 26 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:	All is well	Silus	2yrs 8/28/16
Special Needs:			

Group:	Alive and Free	GSR:	Sarah A.
Day, Place, Time:	Mondays- 7 PM – Milford, PA	Donation:	no
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	going good		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Back from the Grave	GSR:	Chris L. Filling in
Day, Place, Time:	Mondays- 7:30-9PM – 2839 Rt 32 Washingtonville	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Beginner, Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Steady attendance going well	Lauren P.	4yrs 8/22/16
Special Needs:	Need a GSR		

Group:	Back to Basics	GSR:	Tim W.
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday-7 PM-9:30PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation:	yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is doing well		
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Change or Die	GSR:	Alexce R.
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 7:30 PM – Beacon	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Steps and Traditions	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting continues to flourish	Elise	10 yrs 8/26/16
Special Needs:	None	Ray	.11 yrs 8/26/16

Group:	Clean and Crazy	GSR:	Rafael
Day, Place, Time:	Sundays – 7PM-9:30PM – 1 st Presbyterian Church Monroe	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group anniversary 8/21/16 starting at 5:30 PM. Bring a dish if you wish.	Rafael	24yrs 8/28/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Dopeless Hope Fiends	GSR:	Doug B.
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday-7 PM-Rock Hill 96 Lake Louise Road	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	

Report:	Group attendance dropped from summer members. Average 12-15 members and 2-3 trusted servants.	Kathy T	15 yrs	8/30/16
Special Needs:	None			

Group:	Friday Night Lights	GSR: Mike B.		
Day, Place, Time:	Friday-10 PM-11PM - Main Street in Goshen	Donation:	Yes	
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Going well, but could always use support	Mike B	13yrs	8/26/16
Special Needs:	None			

Group:	Innervisions	GSR: Laura S.		
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 8PM-9:30PM – Highland Mills	Donation:	yes	
Format:	Speaker/Topic Discussion	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	All	None		
Special Needs:	None			

Group:	The Joy is in the Journey	GSR: Angel P.		
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 5:30 PM – 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation:	Yes	
Format:	Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	The group is doing well	Howard J	2yrs	8/28/16
Special Needs:	None	Angel P	4yrs	8/28/16

Group:	Just for Today	GSR: Jim B. filling in		
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7:30PM, Friday 8 PM – Port Jervis	Donation:	No	
Format:	Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Group is well attended, chairperson is now 3 month commitment. Have been holding softball practices to play Middletown in Sept.	Louis	7yrs	8/30/16
Special Needs:	None			

Group:	Keys to Success	GSR: James B		
Day, Place, Time:	Monday 6-7:30PM 3 Commercial Pl.	Donation:	Yes	
Format:	Beginner/Speaker	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Group is doing well			
Special Needs:	Need trusted servants			

Group:	Men on Point	GSR: Steve R.		
Day, Place, Time:	Mon 7:30 PM New Windsor	Donation:	No	
Format:	Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Group is doing fine	None		
Special Needs:	None			

Group:	The Miracle of Change	GSR: Reid (James B)		
Day, Place, Time:	Wednesday 7-8PM	Donation:	No	
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Doing well	None		
Special Needs:	Need trusted servants			

Group:	Never Alone	GSR: Aimee H.		
Day, Place, Time:	Wednesday 7PM Warwick Center, Warwick	Donation:	Yes	
Format:	JFT, 1-3 Step, Speaker	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Meeting is well attended, a lot of new members each week. All positions are filled	None		
Special Needs:	None			

Group:	New Way of Life	GSR: Randy N	
Day, Place, Time:	Friday 7PM - 40 Smith St. Middletown	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well	Randy	4yrs 8/26/16
Special Needs:	None	Sharell	8yrs 8/26/16

Group:	The Nooners	GSR: Michael filling in	
Day, Place, Time:	Mon-Fri Noon – 33 Park Place Goshen	Donation:	Yes
Format:	Various	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	All is well	Amy	1yr 8/29/16
Special Needs:	None	Renee	32yrs 8/26/16

Group:	Reach Out	GSR: Kylee	
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7-8PM - 33 Park Place Goshen	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:		None	
Special Needs:	Need support from members with clean time		

Group:	Recovery By The River	GSR: Stacy P.	
Day, Place, Time:	Thursday-7 P.M- 76 First Street Newburgh	Donation:	yes
Format:	Beginners	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Doing well	Stacy	2yrs 8/25/16
Special Needs:	None	Terrence	7yrs 8/25/16

Group:	Relationships	GSR: Ronzette B.	
Day, Place, Time:	Tuesday 7P.M.-Temple Sinai 75 Highland Ave, Middletown	Donation:	No
Format:	Open	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Group is going strong and attendance is usually good. It is so important to keep the doors open.	Cornel	3yrs 8/23/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Saturday Morning Awakenings	GSR: Aaron G filling in	
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 10 AM Newburgh	Donation:	Yes
Format:	JFT	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	No report	Ellen	8yrs 8/27/16
Special Needs:	None		

Group:	Saturday Night Fever	GSR: Dan N.	
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday, Methodist Church Goshen, 10pm	Donation:	No
Format:	Rotating	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Report:	Meeting is well attended		
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, looking for a need meeting place	none	
Special Needs:	Trusted servants		

Group:	Steps to Life	GSR: Rob C	
Day, Place, Time:	Saturday 7:30 PM – St. Ann’s Washingtonville	Donation:	No

Format:	Open, Steps, Tradtions	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Attendance is good	Robin	7yrs	8/27/16
Special Needs:	None	Rob C	1yr	8/27/16

Group:	Steps On Sunday	GSR: Stacy P.		
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday-1 P.M- 172 Liberty St, Newburgh	Donation:	Yes	
Format:	Step meeting	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Doing well	Michele D	10yrs	8/28/16
Special Needs:	None			

Group:	Turn it Over Group	GSR: Cara G.		
Day, Place, Time:	Tues, 7:30PM, St. Andrews, Beacon	Donation:	Yes	
Format:	Open Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	Group is doing well			
Special Needs:	None			

Group:	Up Front	GSR: Billy K		
Day, Place, Time:	Sunday 5:30 PM St. Andrews, Beacon	Donation:	No	
Format:	JFT	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	The group is doing well	Denise	5yrs	8/28/16
Special Needs:	None	Billy K	31yrs	8/28/16

Group:	Women's Time for Change	GSR: Ronzette B.		
Day, Place, Time:	Mon 7:00 PM 40 Smith Street, Middletown	Donation:		
Format:	Rotating Format	<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Report:	The group is doing well	None		
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"> Received an e-mail from our hosting company that bill is due August 14th. The bill was for \$250/year but after some negotiation they dropped it to \$210/yr or \$22/month. I looked into other options and found one on godaddy.com that will cost us \$200 for 3 years. \$200 is due at sign up. It will take about a month to get that set up because we'd have to redesign the website so we'd like to keep our current hosting company for another month for \$22.*A motion needs to be submitted* Billy-our website is running so good, is the new website going to be as good? --- Mark – it will be better and easily accessible on mobile phones. If we use the trail to build the site, it will cost an additional \$60 to transfer it once we sign up so we would rather just sign up and create the new site. Robin-there is currently no fiscal allotment in policy, so submit a motion and we'll vote tonight because it's time sensitive. 	
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"> The Mountain Creek Action Park event was postponed until Saturday August 20th. Tickets are \$28.00 WE NEED A CHAIR!!! 	
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"> Still acting chair until someone steps up, more than willing to help and train the new chair 18 calls in July 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill was paid for last month • We have volunteers who man the phones and they get put into a time slot which delegates the calls to whoever has that time slot 	
Hospitals and Institutions Wanda M. (845) 313-8476 wandam_naservice@yahoo.com	Meets every 1st Wed of the month 7:30pm 75 Highland Ave Middletown, NY
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 members present at last meeting • 2 members orientated • 1 new member • Motion was passed to drop Sponsor's Corner as a commitment • Literature report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received \$350 last month – was owed \$38.80 from the Free State order ○ \$224.56 was spent on IP's leaving a balance of \$84.64 that will be spent on regional meeting lists that we have not gotten yet because no one could go to region ○ We are not asking for any literature funds this month • Open commitments- Panel Coordinator and Monticello Crisis Center • Wanda M. celebrates 5 years Sunday August 28th at Kicking it Live Gut Level Noon Middletown. 	
LITERATURE James T.	N/A
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We got back ordered literature from region (please see attached receipt) • Last month literature sales were \$998.50 • This month we bought a total of \$322.20 + shipping \$38.17=\$360.87 so I'm asking Treasurer for a check for that amount along with a \$75.00 check for myself to make order forms. 	
MEETING LIST Mark H.	N/A
Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 new lists were printed for distribution to GSRs for \$75.00 • Please check info for your group and give me any updates • THROW OUT the old meeting lists because they do not have updates!! • World and region websites are up to date. Area website is not yet updated. 	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had meeting directly before area today • No exchanges filled this month • Last month, 5 exchanges were held but 1 was missed • Our next meeting is Sept 1st and all GSR's are welcome to attend 	
Outreach John 917-716-3102 jbet250@yahoo.com	2 nd Wednesday of each month-Goshen Presbyterian Church 33 Park Place
Report: Ryan filled in for John tonight. See attached report	

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN POSITIONS:

Co-Secretary(2yrs clean time), Co-Treasurer(5yrs clean time), Policy & Procedure(5yrs clean time), Helpline Alt. RCM, Public Information

Janetta volunteered for E&A chair, will be here next month for her second consecutive month to be voted in.

Mark-is there still going to be a meeting with all the sub-committee chairs next month?

Robin – oh, yes thank you! Next month, the administrative body along with all subcommittee chairs will meet at 6:30 before area. Anyone can join but only the body and chairpersons have a vote. I'll have Lauren send out a reminder.

QUORUM: 22

Motion #1

Motion Maker: Marty C.

Seconded: Laura S.

Motion: To move forward with creating a new region in the Hudson Valley NY areas.

Intent: To facilitate resources that unify the Hudson Valley Region to support our home groups and service structure.

All in Favor: 11

All Opposed: 3

All Abstained: 8

MOTION PASSED!

Robin – okay so we need to form a new adhoc committee to move forward with this

Billy – there is something we need to address. There are other areas involved in this right now so we're going to have a point of responsibility at each area but the committee will be separate. It won't be the Open Arms Area because we're forming our own region but we can nominate someone from each area. I will volunteer to be that point, I'm not going to be the chair, we'll have a temp chair until we can make a flyer so anyone interested in getting involved has the opportunity to show up. We need to have a full committee with all positions filled in order to move forward. Each month we'll bring back whatever information we find to each area.

Robin-how will we title that?

Billy - I don't know I've never done this before. Does anyone have an idea? We're no longer an open arms area committee.

Marty – it is no longer an adhoc committee, we're not just representing the open arms area.

Derek- maybe this is out of line but in light of so many abstentions and being part of the area for a while, my gut feeling is that I don't think the groups have had the opportunity to really understand, or at least the groups I've been to.

Making a new region is a rather large proposition and I know you know that and maybe I'm out of terms but I don't believe that the body of our whole area really understands.

Billy – the adhoc committee was created to gather information and I was the chair. We gathered more information than needed and got other people involved. We brought back all that information and everything was put into the minutes so you had as much information as any other group. The motion passed. It was in the minutes and on the website and it was very important information. We sent it out as what we had and to see how everyone agreed with it. To say it's out of order is incorrect. Everyone is entitled to an opinion.

Mike – I'm speaking for my group and we read everything that was there. The motion passed and I can't argue that, it hit the floor and did all that good stuff. The problem I have is with the procedure of what was done before this. There was no pros or cons and no discussion about a lot of other things that are going on. It basically feels like we're jumping the gun. We've basically given the go ahead to start a new region and we haven't even explored a lot of other things. Regions normally take up to a year to start. The problem is that we kind of voted on something blindly because now there's discussion that there are other people from other areas that are involved, I would have loved to have known that you guys were going to do a committee like that together so that all the areas have a say.

Billy – you nominated me as the chair for a committee to go out and do research. That research was to go out and see if anyone else was going to get involved. We took it and went to other areas and all showed some level of interest. They have sent 2 members of their areas to represent their areas but we haven't even had a meeting yet. There is a lot of work to be done and a lot of questions to be answered. We don't know the outcome we just got permission to proceed. We could sit here and put this under a microscope and sit here for another 10 years doing the same thing over and over again or we can proceed and see what the other areas have to put in.

Mike – just to follow up, the problem is that the question I have and the reason we voted no is because of the very reason that we didn't know all of that, we didn't know that you were going to continue to find more information before moving forward. The motion is pretty cut and dry that we are starting a new region. It doesn't say that there is going to be further research with other areas, we were very confused as a home group. We voted unanimously no because there wasn't a lot of information.

Lauren – these minutes came out 3 days after the area meeting and I wrote word for word everything that Marty and Billy said and the second line says they spoke to Rockland and the Lower Hudson Valley Area and both were interested. There are also 7 other pages of information that they came up with. If anyone says that there wasn't enough information, I'm not sure that this was read.

Mike – they did a lot of research, I'm not denying that you guys did an excellent job. The problem is that there was certain information that wasn't answered, like they said they were going to do a non-profit, they didn't know how to label, it as a corporation or not. I read it word for word. There are little details that weren't answered.

Marty – this was a temporary thing. It was a temporary adhoc committee that was formed to gather information. The committee for the region is something else in itself that needs BOD members. At some point and time this area is going to have to decide if they want to be a part of that.

Billy – we're still going to come back and bring information to the area. We do know that it takes time and effort and we asked for permission and for the groups to support us because there is no point moving forward without support from the groups.

Mark R – I thought that the motion was to continue to give the committee the power to continue getting information. Maybe I didn't read it either.

Billy – I made a statement that we'll need to do fundraisers to make the money to create the corporation. There was discussion on how we could make the monies to move forward. Without a BOD and a corporation we can't move forward. At any point and time the area can say they don't want to be a part of, even a group can say that they don't want to join. We're not forcing anyone to do this. There are no strong arm tactics, this is your choice.

Marty – Mark, the reason for that was to figure out if we should set out on that course or not, to find out all the information.

Mark – I thought it was just to find out if the groups are interested.

Billy – that's what it was

Steve – you guys are doing a great job and I look forward to next month to hear what you have to report. The problem was last month, and no offense Robin, 90% of the conversation was between you and them and people from the floor had our hands up and weren't acknowledged and there were no pros and cons. There were also questions that were never answered. Now let's let these guys do their jobs and find out some more information.

Billy – now I don't know if this needs to go to a vote for me to be a point of information to bring back our findings, I don't know because I've never been in this position before, I don't mind doing it as a member of the committee that's going to be doing this work. I can just make a report and bring that to area.

Marty – the last time I was involved in something like this I don't remember there being a title. I heard Aisha's definition of an adhoc committee, basically the second part of what were doing is going to come to an end. It's not just Open Arms Area either, there are other areas involved.

Robin – I think we need to think about a name, how about RC development coordinator for the Open Arms Area?

Billy – listen I'm just saying that I volunteer to bring that information back to the area so that the groups can get it. That's what we want, for the groups to know what's going on and make decisions and have ideas to bring back here and hopefully some of members will come to our meeting and get involved. Sometimes we lose a lot in our failure to communicate well in our rush to get out of here and some information can be left out that should be included. Whether we agree or not, it's important to disagree.

Marty – she does have a point, what we hope for is that in 9 months or a year when it's all done that we have all 21 votes to say yes

Robin – what I'm going to suggest is to table it for a month to come back with a job description and title, we're not in a big hurry and it's not time sensitive.

Billy – we're planning to have our first meeting in September. We haven't set a time and place yet. We were waiting for tonight to have permission. We need to get that set up and have the groups notified. The reason that it's time sensitive is so that we can set that up with the other areas. We have names and numbers of the people from the other areas to get in touch with.

Mike – I think it's pretty clear that we need to have another RCM and alternate to go to their meetings and have people representing our area who are actually going to come back and give us a report.

Marty – I personally think we should nominate 2 people like the other areas did to be a part of it. Not Billy, not Gina S, because they're already on the committee.

Billy – they are already putting in their input. I go to people who are more experienced than me and they have experience with this. This is all new for me. You can say that we can have 2 people that would be interested in joining but any one can join.

Robin – but it's not time sensitive, why can't we come back September 1st with a motion? We need more information, we don't have a title or job description, we have nothing telling us what this position is.

Billy – these positions are going to be developed. You asking for something we've never done before. You're not going to until you start it. When the people sit down and get together we can do that.

Rafael – why don't we let them go off and at the next area meeting come back and give us an update of where they're at.

Sandy – and if anyone wants to join, let them join. Let them go and see what it's all about?

Tim – and you're going to get a hold of the other areas?

Billy – we've already asked them if they're interested if they would nominate 2 people and they've already done that. This way when we sit down, all 3 areas can come together as a whole. There will be different needs, and different levelsof experience.

Alexce – it's my suggestion that one of those people be someone who is against it. They'll hear what everyone else is not hearing and they'll be the ones to challenge whatever needs to be challenged. I'm all for it so my openness will be more susceptible.

Robin – there is no motion presented, if you guys want to continue looking into new information and bring it back next month and we'll continue to work on that.

Marty – so next month you guys decide what members want to be involved. In any event, we're still going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Quorum: 13

Motion #1

Motion Maker: Mark R.

Seconded: Steve R.

Motion: To allot \$22.00 to renew 1 month of homestead and \$200.00 for 3 year subscription to go daddy.com

Intent: To keep website operating and lower cost

All in Favor: 13 **All Opposed:** 0 **All Abstained:** 0

Motion Passed!

Motion #2

Motion Maker: Rafael

Seconded: Douglas

Motion: To resume ordering literature from NY regional office.

Intent: To support our region and the area by having literature available for Open Arms Area groups.

Billy – how do we know we have it? We've been through this a long time and we were only getting part of the literature.

Aisha – it's part of our policy to order from region

Robin – that's why I posed the question to Sandy earlier.

Sandy – all I know is they have literature to sell, whether or not they'll be short on something, I don't know.

Robin – do you want to table this until we have further information?

Tim- makes a motion to table it

Rafael – but what are we going to table it for? Sandy already gave her information. If you don't want to order from region vote no, but why would we table it?

Robin – Sandy doesn't know but anyone else can call the RSO and ask them

Stacy – I thought that we voted to buy our literature from world

Aisha – temporarily cause it's our policy to get it from region

Mike – I don't see any reason to table it, it has had 2 cons, it needs 2 pros and go back to the groups.

Steve – James, what do you think?

James – let's go back to region!

Robin – what I'm being told is it's already part of our policy to purchase literature at the regional area.

Aisha – it is the policy to purchase the literature when the RSO has it. It shouldn't even be a motion.

Alexce – we already said what policy is so why is there even a motion on the floor? We went to world in an emergency so to speak

Mike – I hate to be the one to clarify but when we put the motion in to order from world, that was a policy change and it should have changed in policy. This would be another policy change to go back to the groups. Maybe policy wasn't updated but it should have been.

Goes back to the groups.

Motion #3

Motion Maker: Mike B.

Seconded: Rafael

Motion: For treasurer to obtain a pre-paid credit card with \$0.00 balance so when literature needs to be ordered, for the treasurer to put the exact amount needed on the card to purchase literature each month.

Intent: To be fully self supporting

Robin – so does that mean that the treasurer will have to do business outside of the meeting? (Yes)

Mike – it has to be done that way right now anyway to order from world as it stands. What we're asking for is a policy change. To make sure we have literature each month.

Craig – this is so that I can put the money on the card outside of this meeting.

Pros: 1. we'll have literature each month and be fiscally responsible and not rely on someone's personal credit card.

Laura – so in order to order from world, can we do that same thing with our region?

Robin – region just sends us a bill and we pay it.

Goes back to the groups.

Motion #4

Motion Maker: Aisha

Seconded: Michael J.

Motion: To change clean time requirement for E&A Chairperson to 3 years

Intent: To ensure we have experienced members representing NA as a whole and is capable of managing funds responsibly.

Goes back to groups.

Motion #5

Motion Maker: Aisha

Seconded: Michael J.

Motion: To change clean time requirement for PI Chairperson to 3 years

Intent: To ensure we have experienced members representing NA as a whole in a public setting and is capable of managing funds responsibly.

Goes back to groups.

GREIVANCES:

Robin – this is all new to me. Please don't shoot the messenger, I'm just a little taken aback tonight

Laura – you're doing a great job!

Meeting closed at 9:30

In Loving Service,
Lauren P.