

Open Arms Area Service Committee
July Area Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2018

Administrative Body Attendance

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- **Meeting opened with a moment of silence, reciting of the Serenity Prayer, reading of 12 traditions and 12 concepts.**
- **New GSR introductions and instructions – PLEASE NOTE:** GSR Orientations will be held at 6:30 before Area for any new GSR who would like free materials, numbers for help and more information on being a GSR for their group starting in August.
- **Secretary Report:** Read and accepted.
- **Treasurer Report:** See report emailed and provided to body before meeting. Read and accepted.
- **Group Reports:**

Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
3-7-11	Montgomery				
A New Way of Life	Middletown	Nettie H.	\$12.00	Tasha 2 yrs., Marybeth 2 yrs., Dain -1 yr.	None
Alive & Free	Milford, PA	None	\$40.00	None	Still need support and speakers. We would like to thank Open Arms for supporting our speaker jam and homebound for supporting our meeting.
All R Welcome	Monticello				
Alive and Free Saturday Night	Monticello				
Bad Girls Gone Good	Port Jervis				
Back from the Grave	Blooming Grove	Lauren K.	\$35.00	Jennifer – 1 year Lauren – 6 years	None

Back on Track	Monticello	Regina	None	Jennifer – 1 year Regina – 10 yrs	None
Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
Back to Basics	Middletown	George	None	Mark – 1 year Trevor – 1 year	We can always use support
Breath of New Lives	Newburgh	Phyllis S.	\$10.00	None	Needs Support
Bridge Back to Life	Newburgh	Phyllis S.	\$10.00	None	Needs Support
Change or Die	Beacon	Mitch B.	\$43.75	Lauren – 3 yrs.	None
Change or Die II	Newburgh				
Clean & Crazy	Monroe	Xavier	\$10.00	None	None
Dopeless Hope Fiends	Rock Hill				
Friday Night Lights	Goshen	Jack H.	\$44.00	None	Meeting is now back to 10:00 pm.
Get Clean Stay Clean	Liberty		None	None	New group. Rotating format. Meets Mondays 5:30-7:00 pm. Need speakers.
Hope on Thursday	Chester	Chris L.	\$25.00	None	We can always use support.
Inner Visions	Highland Mills				
It Works How & Why	Middletown	Jack	\$13.00	None	None
Joy is in the Journey	Goshen				
Just for Today	Port Jervis				
Keeping it Green on Green	Woodridge, NY				
Keeping it Green on Green II	Woodridge				
Keys to Success	Newburgh	Terry P.	\$5.00	None	None
Kickin' It Live (Gut Level)	Middletown	Wanda M.	None	None	In need of support and home group members
Man Up	Middletown				
Men on Point	New Windsor	Mark R.	\$25.00	Adnan – 1 year Pat - 9 - yrs	None
Mid-Day Break	Monticello				
Never Alone	Warwick	Ray D.	\$15.00	Aimee – 22 yrs. Derek – 33 yrs. Peggy – 33 yrs.	None

Noon Meetings	Goshen				
Pay It Forward	Beacon				
Proof Is In the Pudding	Chester	Ed	\$4.00	None	Need new meeting space by Sept. 1 st . 2018
Reach Out	Goshen				
Recovery by the River	Newburgh	Terry P.	\$72.00	Candi – 5 yrs. Terrance – 9 yrs	None
Recovery on the Hill	Kauneonga Lake				
Reflections Group (J.F.T.)	Middletown				
Name	Location	GSR	Donation	Celebrations	Notes
Relationship Group	Middletown	Deana M.	\$22.00	None	Group attendance is up
Saturday Morning Awakenings	Newburgh				
Saturday Night Beginners	Beacon	Laura V.	\$10.45	Carl P. 20 yrs	Need support
Saturday Night Fever	Goshen	Ken F.	\$11.15	None	Need experienced member attendance
Some are Sicker than Others	Newburgh				
Stayin Alive	Port Jervis				
Staying Clean on Wednesday	Port Jervis				
Steps in the Right Direction	Middletown	Diana M.	\$50.00	None	None
Steps on Sunday	Newburgh	Michele	\$24.81	None	None
Steps to Life	Washingtonville	Jacyln E.	\$34.00	None	None
Surgery of the Spirit	Goshen	Giorgio	None	None	New meeting. Starts 7/22/18. 6:30-8:00 pm, Closed meeting. Rotating steps 4-7. Read out of Basic Text with speaker. Goshen Reformed Church.
The Joy is in the Journey	Middletown				
The Newcomers Group	Beacon				

Turn It Over	Beacon	Mark H.	\$24.00	None	None
Up Front	Beacon	Joey P.	\$43.00	Tony – 31 yrs., Jim S. – 2 yrs., Sammie – 1 yr.	None
Wed. Night Newcomers	Beacon				
Women's Time for Change	Middletown	Bianca	None	None	None
Walking the Walk	Chester	Joe M.	\$19.00	None	None

- **RCM Report:**
 - No RCM report. Derek has raffle tickets to win hotel and registration for 2019 convention. \$20.00
- **Policy Report:**
 - No policy report.
- **Events and Activities Report:**
 - The campout was a great success. We had 42 overnight campers and 49 people come up for the day. Total event profit including the \$192 in raffle sales was \$792.62. Thank you to all who contributed to make this an awesome event. We will be meeting 6:30 on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month where Area meets in Goshen at 33 Park Place. Next event 8/25/18, Open Arms Area's very first Grillmaster Cook-off. 12-6 pm. Fliers are available on the OAA website and at meetings. The next event is 10/27/18, the annual Halloween dance. Fliers will be provided at next month's Area meeting. We have discussed a Gratitude Brunch for November, but details will be provided soon. E&A is always looking for trusted servants. This is a fun committee with a great group of people. I am honored and excited to serve in this capacity and I look forward to seeing everyone next month. I would like to thank Chris L. for his service and dedication to this subcommittee and Lauren for her continued service. Mike B. Will E&A cover the marathon meetings this year? Come to the committee meetings and help arrange them. We will need people to help with the middle of the night commitments.
- **Helpline:**
 - Now meets the first Thursday of each month before area at 6:30 at 33 Park Place in Goshen. There were 8 calls in June. Still some open time slots from 12:00 am – 5:00 am. Email @oaahelpline@gmail.com if interested in a time slot or come to the committee meeting.
- **Hospitals & Institutions Report:**
 - There is no report due to the July 4th holiday, b/c the Temple was closed and H&I was rescheduled for July 18th. H&I will be having a Service Learning Day on 9/29/18 12-7 pm at Davidge Park in Middletown. Gave back the check for \$175.00. They needed two checks, one for deposit of \$100 that will be deposited. Requesting a check for \$70 made out to Wanda for the Pavillion. Will have the receipt next month for rent. Secretary on vacation. Need support for H&I.
- **Meeting List Report:**
 - Throw out old lists. **CALL or EMAIL WITH CHANGES MONDAY BEFORE AREA:** Mark Hollenbeck (845) 797-5571. Flat3flat7flat5@aol.com. Mark's address: 31 Revere Road, Fishkill, NY 12524. CHANGES TO THE MEETING LIST: New group starts 7/22/18. Surgery of the Spirit. 6:30 pm. Goshen Reformed Church. 2440 Rt. 17A Goshen 10924. Closed. Steps 4-7. GET RID OF OLD MEETING LISTS.
- **Literature Report:**
 - Last month's sales were \$795.55. This month's literature purchase was \$1764.89. As you will see from the order form there have been some price changes due to price increases from Region.

New order forms will be ready for next month with price changes. If price changes are an issue we will discuss with the Admin. Body after the meeting. Literature is to be picked up at 9:30 or if the meeting ends before that.

- **Outreach/Home Bound Report:**

- Meets at 40 Smith Street Middletown on last Sunday at 2.30 pm. 6/18 a meeting was taken to a homebound member. 11 members attended. 6/16 went to support Alive and Free in Monticello. 20 members attended. On July 8th we will visit The Joy is in the Journey in Middletown at 5:30 pm. On 7/18 we will visit Change or Die in Newburgh at 7 pm. PLEASE CONTACT COREY OR DIANA IF ANY MEMBER NEEDS A MEETING TAKEN TO THEIR HOUSE OR HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF ILLNESS.

- **Website Committee Report:**

- Posted minutes, CAR Report results and updated meeting list.

- **Speaker Exchange:**

- The subcommittee would like to ask GSR's to take back to their groups if they are willing to set up the 3rd week of the month to book in and book out. If possible could their GSR act as a Speaker Exchange Rep.

- **Convention:**

- We meet on the first Saturday at 2:30 downstairs at 33 Park Place. No changes. Alexi will be here next month. We need support to fill empty positions or the committee will fold. It is suggested the meeting be moved from Saturday at 2:30. The plan is to move the meeting.

- **Public Relations**

- Subcommittee meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Note the new time. First Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Road, Monroe, NY. Standing invitations to the Helpline and Website chairs to come to the meetings. 1) Facebook page is up and running and open for viewing. 1500 people have viewed it so far. 2) Met with Newburgh Legislator Kevin Daryan Lujan to discuss upcoming awareness day scheduling. 3) Attended Great American Weekend on Saturday and Sunday. Set up tent and table and provided our literature to those who desired it. Upcoming event. Addict walk in Warwick NY on July 29th Sponsored by Warwick Community Group.

- **Hospitality**

- All is well. If you do take something from hospitality, please leave a dollar in the basket.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- Open commitments: PR. Raphael wants to take the commitment but he is away. He hasn't been here for two meetings in a row, so if anyone wants to volunteer or if there are nominations, we will need to hear them. There is no nomination or volunteer. It's tabled until next month.
- Policy chair. Laura S. elected by acclimation.
- Motion to nominated Ray from Warwick for Treasurer. Will wait until next month before accepting nomination.
- Convention chair. There is someone interested but he couldn't be at Area. Barry is filling in as Vice-Chair.
- Meeting list chair. Ken F. is nominated and elected.
- Motion went back to the groups: \$ H&I has 300 annual budget. They need more for learning day and they want \$150 more to raise total to \$450 annual budget. GSR's – 23. 1 No, Ab. 1, 21 yes. Vote passes.
- Policy chair will bring copies of the policy to Area next month, but there will be changes to policy. Policy will meet the third Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church in Goshen at 6:30.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **MOTION GOING BACK TO GROUPS** – To increase our operating fund from \$2,000 to

\$2,500 and also increase reserve from \$2,000 to \$2,500 to assure the Area stability and being financially responsible. INTENT: Is to assure Area can fund our Area Service committees.

- Pro: We haven't moved our budget in more than ten years and we have subcommittees operating at a higher level.
- Con: We really don't struggle. We keep a maximum of \$4000 in the bank and the only time we falter is when we pay the insurance in November but we come right back.
- Pro: We were under \$2,000 for almost two years. The first time we could make a donation to Region was last month.
- **MOTION GOING BACK TO THE GROUPS** – To create an ad hoc committee to explore what Open Arms Area's boundary line should be to assure that our Area and subcommittees are functioning within the Area's boundaries. Currently there is no boundary line. INTENT: We use the "Guide to Local Service" as the Area's Guideline Book. Page 71. Clear Area boundaries help each ASC understand responsibilities and assure that NA services are delivered consistently.
 - For Clarification: When the Open Arms area broke away no clear boundaries were set up. It was assumed the boundaries were Rockland at our south and Delaware at our west, Hudson River at our East and Beacon to the North was outside of our area, we don't do service that far North. In terms of who will decide the final boundaries, it will be the groups and not the ad hoc committee. The committee will just find out where the boundaries could be and then make a recommendation. There will be a motion submitted with several options.
 - Pro: This area does seem to talk about it a lot. It would be good if we could make a final decision and not talk about it anymore.
 - Con: People have an attitude of indifference to people outside of the boundaries. It would be wrong for a few people to make the decision about what groups belong in the area.
 - Pro. H&I does presentations outside of the Area and has for years. We've asked for help to bring the message to Areas who need the help.
- Treasurer request to make donation of \$291.40. This is above the \$1,000 set aside for the Convention Committee and \$1,000 set aside for the higher literature purchase this month. It is policy that whatever money is not earmarked for the Area needs to be donated to Region.
- Something needs to be placed in Policy that asks a nominee for a position whether they have been to Area twice in a row so we don't have guess whether they've been here or not. This will be done next month in New Business.