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# Mid-Hudson Area of Narcotics Anonymous, P.O. Box 1092 Kingston, NY 12401 AREA SERVICE MINUTES: January 25, 2024

Position	Trusted Servant	January	
Chair	Jess 2	Р	
Vice Chair	Michele O	Р	
Treasurer	Vince V	Р	
Secretary	Laura M	Р	
RCM#1	Debbi R	А	
RCM#2	Jennifer R	А	
Policy Chair	BarbaraMarie (1/24)	P (elected)	
H&I Chair	Helen B	А	
Helpline Chair	Reine A	А	
E&A Chair			
Literature Chair	Lashawn	Р	
Literature Vice Chair			
Mail Accountability	Keith & Deb	Р	
Meeting List Chair	Christine S	Р	
Outreach Chair			
Public Relations Chair			
Literature Review Chair	John B. (1/24)	P (elected)	
Convention Chair	Steven J	Р	
Convention Treasurer	Keith R	Р	
Coffeemaker	Annie	Р	
Greeter	Royal	Р	

Group Name	GSR	January	
A New Way		A/A	
Alive & Free	Anne D	P/P	
Back to Life	Ralph M	A/A	
Based on the Evidence 2	Kathy M	P/P	
Becoming Whole	Herman C	A/A	
Cancer in Recovery (Zoom)	Vanessa M	A/A	
Clean & Free	James L	A/A	
Clean & Serene	Brian G	P/P	
Come as you Are	Kelly B	P/P	
God Shaped Hole	Lynn B	P/P	
Hope in Hudson	Laura S	A/A	
Hope of Courage	Gilbert S	A/A	
Journey to Recovery	Crystal R	A/A	

Just for Tonight	Andrew	A/A
Keep Hope Alive	Gina / Cristy	P/P
Kingsmen Do Recover	Billy Joe	P/P
Last Chance	Eric M	A/A
Lifeline	Jennifer C	A/A
Living Proof (Men)	John B / Derricks T	P/P
Men Do Recover (Zoom)		A/A
Midweek Miracles		A/A
Miracles Happen		A/A
Miracle on Main Street	Ali G	A/A
Mission to Recovery	Barbara Marie (temp)	P/P
Monday Night Miracles	Keith R	P/P
New Beginnings		A/A
On a Woman's Journey	Felicia	P/P
Pay it Forward		A/A
Peak of Serenity	Lavonna M	A/A
Principles B4 Personalities	Bryan H	A/A
Recovery on the Mountain		
(seasonal)	Darrel / Don M	A/A
The Message is Hope	Christine S	P/P
Unity in the Community	Brother Minister	A/A
Vision of Hope		A/A
We Do Recover	Ian F	P/P

# AREA MINUTES OF AREA SERVICE MEETING ON JANUARY 25, 2024

# MOTION TO ACCEPT LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Accepted as distributed.

# ATTENDANCE

1<sup>st</sup> Roll Call: 13 Committee Chairs and 13 GSR's – Quorum is 7 GSR's, Quorum Met. 2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call: 13 GSR's present, Quorum Maintained.

# **NEW MEETINGS – WELCOME TO OUR AREA!**

Re-opened: *Mission to Recovery*, Fair Street Reformed Church, 209 Fair Street, Kingston – Sundays 7PM-8:15PM. Format to be developed. Contact Barbara at 845-901-0148. GSR needed. *A Set of Principles*, Delafield Street Community Center, Poughkeepsie – Sundays 1PM-2:30PM.

# **NEW GSRs – WELCOME, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

#### None.

# CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Jess 2

Remember, you all voted me in! I appreciate you guys, thank you for your patience.

# VICE CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Michele O.

No report.

# SECRETARY REPORT - Laura M.

Happy to be serving as the Area Secretary!

# <u>RCM #1 REPORT</u> – Debbi R. & <u>RCM #2</u> – Jennifer C.

Sorry we can't be there tonight. Both of us are under the weather... We attended region 1/6/2024. The normal agenda was suspended in lieu of the planning session for the Environmental Scan survey sent out last month. We worked through the survey and came up with the 2 issues to be addressed further:

1. Lack of clear, consistent message and 2. Service not attractive: lack of trusted servants. The Zone will follow up with our suggestions. We will keep you posted. In Loving Service, Deb and Jen.

# POLICY CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Barbara Marie

Barbara Marie elected this evening (January 2024) as Policy Chairperson. Thank you for your service!

# H&I CHAIRPERSON REPORT- Helen B. (Note: Absent, but Gary D. reported on her behalf).

We are working on getting the core group together. Our Chairperson is sick this evening. So far, so good. mhanahandi@gmail.com.

# HELPLINE CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Reine A.

No report.

#### **E&A CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

This is an open position.

# <u>LITERATURE CHAIR REPORT</u> – Michele O.

Michele O's 2 year term finished December 2023. She took a complete inventory prior to the start of January's Area Service, when LaShawn took over as Literature Chairperson. This inventory will be made available at February's Area Service.

For January, as reported by LaShawn: Previous Month Sales: \$426.35 / Previous Month End Inventory: \$4232.47 / Total NAWS Purchase: \$428.59 / Starting Inventory: \$4661.06.

# LITERATURE VICE REPORT – Denise M.

Although Denise's 2 year term finished December 2023, she has agreed to stay on as Literature Vice Chairperson until a new Trusted Servant steps up for this position. This is an open position.

# MAIL ACCOUNTABILITY- Keith & Debbi

No mail.

# MEETING LIST CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Christine S.

Good evening! The next meeting list will be for March-April, 2024. Please have any changes or addition to me in writing by FEBRUARY 9th so that we make sure it gets on the updated list for printing before AREA SERVICE next month on FEBRUARY 22nd! Thank you for allowing me to serve as the MEETING LIST CHAIR. It has been a privilege. In loving service, Christine

**Note:** Christine was re-elected for a second year as Meeting List Chairperson at Area Service, January 2024. Royal and Lynn suggested Groups provide details such as accessibility, open or closed meetings, etc. to include on the meeting list. GSR's can consider updating their information to include these details on the List.

# **OUTREACH CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

This is an open position.

# **PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON**

This is an open position.

# WEBMASTER REPORT - Brian

I posted the Minutes from the last meeting, any fliers I received and the site is up to date.

# LITERATURE REVIEW CHAIRPERSON REPORT – John B.

John B. elected this evening (January 2024) as Literature Review Chairperson. Thank you for your service!

# CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Steven J.

For the Convention 2025, we are working on our first Fundraiser – a Speaker Jam and Dance set for April 6. A flyer will be included with the January Announcements. Please come out and support. In loving service, Steven J.

# **CONVENTION TREASURER REPORT** Keith R.

The Convention checkbook balance is currently \$7717. Our prudent reserve is \$7000. We are beginning fundraising efforts for the Convention 2025.

# COFFEE MAKER REPORT – Annie D.

I spent \$15.80 on cookies and cups. I like being the coffeemaker and feel happy when people eat the cookies! Anne

TREASURER'S REPORT – Vince V.				
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$3340			
Less Prudent Reserve:	<u>\$2000</u>			
=Operating Funds	\$1340			
Add (Cash Received):				
Cash from Literature	\$345			
Area Donations	\$373			
Basket Passed @ Area	<u>\$15</u>			
=Total Cash Received	\$734			
Subtract (Expense Reimbursements	r)			
Coffee	\$14.80			
H&I	<b>\$</b> 0			
Literature	\$428.59			
Meeting List Printing	\$98.12			
RCM	<b>\$</b> 0			
Website	<u>\$0</u>			
=Total Cash Distributed	\$462			
Funds before Donations	\$272			
Less Donation to Region	\$14			
Less Donation to World	<u>\$14</u>			
=Total Donations	<u>\$28</u>			
Ending Operating Funds	\$1584			
Prudent Reserve	\$2000			
Total Cash on Hand	\$3584			

# **GSR REPORTS & OPEN SHARING FROM THE FLOOR**

- Mission to Recovery (Barbara Marie). After receiving many requests, this meeting has reopened. This will be a literature based meeting. It is wheelchair accessible. Bring your books/NA literature. This is a closed meeting. The first Sunday they met, 3 people came, the second Sunday, 2 and the third Sunday it was closed due to snow. At the fourth meeting, there were 3 attendees. Maybe we shouldn't have opened, but I don't like to quit! For now, we'll keep it open. Not yet passing a basket. The men's meeting right before this one leaves us their coffee and stuff, which is appreciated.
- Based on the Evidence 2 (Kathy M.). Everything is going very well. We have new members who are service oriented. We have been having business meetings regularly. I will be celebrating 10 years on 1/31/24. Attendance has been good. There are people who sit in the back and talk and we are addressing that with quiet signs. We have a literature based format.
- We Do Recover (Ian F.). 10-15 people attend, many newcomers. We have 5 in our business meetings.
- King's Men Do Recover (Billy Joe). All is well. We had 2 come to the meeting during the storm.

- A Set of Principles (Steven J). Steven was asked to attend Area to pick up a start up kit for this NEW MEETING. It'll take place at the Delafield Community Center in Poughkeepsie, Sundays from 1-2:30PM. It'll be a literature based meeting and it started last week.
- On A Woman's Journey (Felicia). Kat has turned over GSR duties to Felicia. Felicia will celebrate 28 years on 1/26/24! Meeting attendance has been good with 10 to 12 women each meeting.
- Come As You Are (Kelly B). Everything is going well with this group, lots of newcomers. Kelly celebrates 25 years on 2/27/24!
- God Shaped Hole (Lynn B.). We are having a Speaker Jam on 3/30/24 from 12-6 PM and we have a flyer here. We are asking each Group to suggest a speaker for the Jam. It'll take place at 209 Fair Street. Upcoming celebrations include Gary with 21 years on 2/3/24, Tara with 5 years on 3/23/24, Lynn with 30 years on 3/30/24 and Denise with 27 years on 4/6/24.
- Living Proof (John B & Derricks). We have a rotating format, this is a men's meeting with an average attendance of 15-20 people. This meeting attracts people coming from institutions and many stay! There are guys with 2 or 3 years clean doing service.
- Clean & Serene (Brian G.). Attendance is improving and we have a new group member who is gung ho!
- Keep Hope Alive (Cristy M.). Average attendance is 6 with 3 in the business meetings. Still assessing details of transition from one area who provided little support. Fund flow cycle is in transition but we should be able to contribute to Area again next month. The group is working out a way to let hospitals and institutions in the meeting's area know that they are there. So long as they can meet their rent, they will show up (\$25/month). Very welcoming church. Note: This meeting is new to our Area and it meets Mondays from 7:30-8:30 at Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Saterlee Place in the Village of Wappingers.
- Monday Night Miracles (Keith R). We usually have 12-15 people in attendance, sometimes more with about 10 in our business meetings. Going strong, coffee is good and we have the best chairs in Ulster County.
- Alive & Free (Annie D). We have 6-8 people. We miss having new people there, newcomers can be very inspiring.
- The Message is Hope (Christine S.).Meeting is going great. We are reformatting the meeting with beginners in mind. Carol G. will celebrate her first Miracle year on 3/2/24 and Nadina M. celebrates 15 years on 2/10/24.

**First Concept (January)** was read and we requested feedback from the floor. Barbara Marie shared – knowing that we coordinate together, why do we still have open positions that we are struggling to fill. I learn from other people. She did not get her clean time alone. Her sponsor brought her here to learn about the Traditions – sponsors teach sponsees how to do service. Change happens through step work and service. The concept of showing each other how to do service has been lost.

# NEW MOTIONS:

There were no new Motions submitted at Area Service.

# **NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:**

- Christine up for re-election as Meeting List Chairperson, year 2 of a 2 year commitment. ELECTED.
- Barbara Marie was nominated as Policy Chairperson. ELECTED.
- John B. was nominated as Literature Review Chairperson. ELECTED.
- Steven J. was nominated as Convention Chairperson. This will go back to Groups and voting in February. Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your service!

# **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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None.

# **MOTION TO CLOSE**

Next Area Scheduled for <u>Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> @, 7PM</u> @ Saint James Church, Pearl & Fair Streets, Kingston, NY. NOTE: WE MEET THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. THANK YOU!

# ADDENDUM: AREA SERVICE POSITIONS WITH REQUIREMENTS:

Trusted Servant Position	Commitment	Clean Time (suggested* unless otherwise noted)	Service Experience (suggested* unless otherwise noted)	Current	Election Status
Area Chairperson	1 year	5 years (req'd)	3 years (req'd)	Jess 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Area Vice Chairperson	1 year	3 years (req'd)	2 years (req'd)	Michele O.	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Area Treasurer	1 year	5 years (req'd)	3 years (req'd)	Vince V.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Secretary	1 year	1 year	6 months	Laura M.	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Regional Committee Member #1	2 years	2 years	1 year	Debbi R.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Regional Committee Member #2	2 years	2 years	1 year	Jennifer C.	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Policy Chair	1 year	4 years	2 years	Barbara Marie	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Meeting List Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	Christine S.*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Mail Accountability	1 year	6 months	3 months	Keith & Debbi	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Coffee Maker	1 year	3 months		Anne D.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	2 years	2 years	1 year	Helen B.	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Public Relations Chair	2 years	2 years	1 year	*****	Open
Helpline Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	Reine A.*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Outreach Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	*****	Open
Literature Supply Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	LaShawn	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Literature Supply Vice Chair	2 years	1 year	6 months	*****	Open
Events & Activities Chair	1 year	2 years	1 year	****	Open
Literature Review Chair	1 year	1 year	6 months	John B.	1 <sup>st</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)
Convention Committee Chair	2 years	5 years	2 years	*****	Open
Convention Treasurer	2 years	5 years	1 year	Keith R.*	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (Jan. 2024)

\* in Current column indicates Trusted Servant was elected within a couple of months of the start of 2023 Year of Service and 2023 will be their first complete Year of Service.

Note: RCM #1 & RCM #2, Meeting List, Mail Accountability, Helpline, Outreach, Coffee Maker, Convention Treasurer and Literature Review Chair may also hold a GSR position.