

Minutes
Erie Area Central Committee
Meeting Date: 11/7/2023

The meeting was opened by Rick at 7:30 leading us in the Serenity Prayer.

Readings: Susan read the Preamble; Jeff read the Steps; Chris read the Traditions; Eric read the Purposes; and Brian read the Declaration of Unity.

- **New Members:** Nicole, Mike, and Michael
- **Visitors:** N/A
- **Secretary's Report:** Reports were printed. Motion to accept October 2023 minutes by Susan seconded by Brian. All in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reports were distributed prior. Motion to accept September 2023 reports by Susan; Brian seconded. All in favor.

Committee Reports

- **Jails:** Leslie was not present. Digital ad was placed for November through January. Jail meeting at County ongoing. Still trying to work out SCI Cambridge Springs demand for "verification of membership" letter. Reached out to DCM of Area 51/Meadville to pass SCI Cambridge Springs to that area, with no response.
- **Answering Service:** Eric was present. All is going well, no new news to report. The current bill is \$84.87. No new reports of prank callers.
- **Meeting Schedules:** Colin was not present. June 2023 schedules are down to a limited number remaining. New schedules will be ordered. Schedules have been distributed to District meetings.
- **Activities:** Terri was not present.
 - The Anniversary Dinner, waiting for all funds to be calculated.
 - Margie was not present. All revenue has been received and all bills have been paid, net cost \$852.
 - We are actively recruiting new chairs and event chairs for Old Timers and Anniversary Dinner.
 - Jeff will start recruiting a chair for golf scramble.
- **Public Information:** Rosanna was present. An email was sent from Erie County Drug and Alcohol requesting a meeting to discuss a new committee. We have a green light to place literature in 3 District Judge offices. We met with the chair of Erie County Drug and Alcohol, had a great chance to talk about the purpose of AA and what we have to offer. Once Judges are on, a presentation will be developed to share. Look to schedule and plan for training session.
- **Treatment Facilities:** Margie was not present. Susan is going to House of Healing. There are 7 different women taking meetings in. Community house does not seem interested in bringing in meetings. Susan suggested providing a Temporary Sponsor list. There are negotiations about the vetting of sponsors. There are discussions about bringing a Big Book meeting to Snug Harbor. Rick will reach out to Todd H. about meeting status at Gateway. Charity will provide assistance to Susan.
- **Detox:** Pete M. was not present. Literature and schedules have been provided.
- **Literature:** Chris C. was present. Meeting in a pocket have been ordered and delivered. Provide clarity on pamphlets, update price list and FB post. Update Large Print to say 4th edition.
- **Website:** Brian was present. A message will be posted to provide instructions on how to post files to website. We need to start looking for another person to start learning the website operations.
- **Twelve Step:** Diane was not present.

Old Business

8/1/2023: Rick has reached out to district chairs about what should be centralized/decentralized. Brian, Terri, and Rick will speak together with chairs. **9/5/2023:** September 27 and October 11 are tentative dates. Leslie will join.

10/3/2023: Committees that make sense to keep centralized for the benefit of a combined Erie region (Both districts 31 and 32):

- Website
- Answering Service
- Literature (for cost savings)
 - Could use district reps to help distribute once centrally ordered.
- Activities
 - We need multiple District reps for volunteers, for distributing flyers and for selling tickets to events.
 - Perhaps could alternate leads for events by District, to support fairness. Would need volunteers to step up.
- Meeting Schedules
 - Could use district reps for distribution of hard copy schedules at meetings.

Potential proposed committees that perhaps may make sense to have most efforts occur in the District, rather than in the Central Committee:

- Jails
- Public Information
- 12 Step Committee – getting meetings to sick and homebound.
- Treatment Facilities

High level support from Central Committee could possibly exist, but estimated 95%+ of the work would occur in the districts.

Any other types of services that are lacking or non-existent?

11/7/2023: Districts are in agreement with the proposed.

New Business

11/7/23: District 32 put on a Third Legacy class; it was brought to vote to donate \$300 from the reserve to help offset the cost. All in favor.

11/7/2023: Several service positions will be coming due for rotation of service.

There was a motion to close the meeting by Susan; Brian seconded. The meeting was closed with all joining in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris C.

Attendees:

1. Brian
2. Charity
3. Susan
4. Mike
5. Nicole
6. Jane
7. Rosanna
8. Tahia
9. Rick
10. Jeff
11. Eric
12. Michael
13. Chris