

Minutes
Erie Area Central Committee
Meeting Date: 10/3/2023

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

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

- **New Members:** N/A
- **Visitors:** N/A
- **Secretary's Report:** Reports were available on the website. Motion to accept September 2023 minutes by Diane seconded by Eric. All in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reports were distributed prior. Motion to accept September 2023 reports by Eric; Jeff seconded. All in favor.

Committee Reports

- **Jails:** Leslie was present. Meetings at Erie County Prison are active on Wednesday evenings. Men support is still needed. Leslie has been in contact with the representatives at Cambridge Springs, things are moving forward slowly.
- **Answering Service:** Eric was present. All is going well, no new news to report. The current bill is \$99.76.
- **Meeting Schedules:** Colin was present. June 2023 schedules are down to a limited number remaining. New schedules will be ordered.
- **Activities:** Terri was not present.
 - Old Timers Day "Smashing Success." Net loss \$113.50. Overages of supplies were donated to Club.
 - The Anniversary Dinner turnout was great. Waiting for all funds to be calculated.
 - Margie was not present. The bus trip is full, 2 people have tickets they cannot use. Arrangements are being made for food and beverage pickup. Theresa's deli is charging \$220 for food.
- **Public Information:** Rosanna was present. Celebrate Recovery was attended by Rosanna and Diane. Many contacts were made. The Salvation Army was interested in bringing meetings to Hospitals and Institutions. Diane suggested that we understand the requirements of the Salvation Army prior to committing. Rosanna will discuss it with Margie. An email was sent from Erie County Drug and Alcohol requesting a meeting to discuss a new committee.
- **Treatment Facilities:** Margie was not present. Diane will discuss with Margie to understand other meetings being brought in to Gaudenzia.
- **Detox:** Pete M. was not present. Literature and schedules have been requested.
- **Literature:** Chris C. was present. Pamphlets are still on back order. Meeting in a pocket quote is \$1,375 for 2,000 each. We will order 2,000 and charge for profit institutions \$2.00 for the small version and \$3.00 for large version.
- **Website:** Brian was present. A basic package for "contact us" was purchased, spam email has been reduced. A file upload section has been added, max of 3 documents. Notifications can be sent out to the proper committee chair. It was suggested to create generic emails for correspondence.
- **Twelve Step:** Diane was present. She is getting a lot of donations with CD's and tapes of leads.

Old Business

- **9/5/2023: Closed 4/5/2022: Stephanie and Julia brainstormed activity ideas for EACC to sponsor:**

- **Paid bus trip to Akron, OH. Margie will research details (e.g. costs, logistics). See additional details in August - March minutes. -**
 - **4/4/2023: Brian made the \$250 deposit. Location for parking/bus pickup needs to be determined. Bus will depart at 8am sharp. specific stops/times need to be determined to inform the bus driver/create flyers. Teresa's Deli will prepare 55 lunches for \$220; soda will be purchased from Sam's Club. EACC will require each rider to cover \$20 of the cost.**
 - **5/2/2023: Flyers have been made. The Elevate Church parking lot will be the bus pick up location.**
 - **8/1/2023: See Activities Committee Report above.**
- **6/6/2023: Jane is working on Meeting in a Pocket. The thumb drive is corrupt. Jane is working on updates. Price for new printing will be the same. Need to discuss how we are going to manage MiP. Do we charge/do we donate? How are we going to budget/transfer funds? 8/1/2023: Jane will print/review proof and order. 9/5/2023: Review pricing, quote. Printing Concepts and Emerald Printing. Do we add the charge to Public Information. At what point in time do we charge for them. For profit rehab, should be charged? Rosanna will reach out to New York to ask the question. 10/3/23 Closing.**

New 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?

- **9/5/2023:** What is the effectiveness of the Ad on JETTV? Terri suggested we should run through the end of the year and holidays. Have the efforts of some to push people to the website for questions or the prank caller skewed traffic? Brian turned on Google Analytics to review website traffic. There is not a

lot of inquiries on the website for help. Rick proposed we run the ad November, December, and January. All in favor **10/3/2023**: Ad will be purchased.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris C.

Attendees:

1. Brian
2. Diann
3. Rick
4. Colin
5. Rosanna
6. Eric
7. Leslie
8. Chris
9. Jeff