

Minutes
Erie Area Central Committee
Meeting Date: 1/2/2024

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

Readings: Margie read the Preamble; Brian read the Steps; Terri read the Traditions; Tahia read the Purposes; and Jeff read the Declaration of Unity.

- **New Members:** None
- **Visitors:** None
- **Secretary's Report: Reports** were printed. Motion to accept December 2023 minutes by Terri; seconded by Jeff. All in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reports were distributed prior. Motion to accept December 2023 reports by Terri; Jeffi seconded. All in favor.

Committee Reports

- **Jails:** Leslie was not present. Meetings continue at Erie County Prison. She is still trying to work with getting women into Cambridge Springs, the demand for Letter of Referral "confirmation of A. A. membership" is still a sticking point. Leslie has emailed statewide DOC Volunteer Coordinator in an effort to get this impossible condition waived. She has gotten zero action on it from Cambridge Springs staffers. No response from Crawford County area chair on whether they can/will take over that jail.
- **Answering Service:** Eric was present. All is going well. The current bill is \$105.82.
- **Meeting Schedules:** Colin was present. November schedules have been distributed to District meetings and are available here today. There is one box of schedules left.
- **Activities:** Terri was present.
 - All funds have been calculated for the Anniversary Dinner: ticket sales \$1,800 50/50 sales \$228 total income \$2,028 total expenses \$3,291.06 for a net loss of \$1,263.06
 - We are actively recruiting new chairs and event chairs for Old Timers and Anniversary Dinner.
 - Jeff will start recruiting a co-chair for golf scramble.
- **Public Information:** Rosanna was present. She is producing the agenda, dates and location for the workshop she is planning for Public information. She reached out to Tammy D. in Area 60. Two dates in mind: January 14 or Feb. 25. Opinion was to have the meeting sooner than later, in January. We will aim for January 14. update workshop 14th of January. Flyers will be sent to District 32 and 31. There will be 2 meetings, the first is to establish direction. Tammy D. from 60 March 9th to help launch committees. Attendance of the first meeting will determine if a second class is needed.
- **Treatment Facilities:** Margie was present. Ghaudenzia is having trouble getting leads.
- **Detox:** Pete M. was not present. Everything is in order at Detox. Staff is pleased and attendance is perfect
- **Literature:** Chris C. was present.
- **Website:** Brian was present. Michael will learn about the website. Separate page for CC, disclaimer for 24-48 hours for a response. Note added to call the hotline.
- **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: 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 #1
- 12 Step Committee – getting meetings to sick and homebound.
- Treatment Facilities

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

- **11/7/2023: Districts** agree with the proposed. Potential for transition will take a considerable amount of time to do properly.

11/7/2023: Several service positions will be coming due for rotation of service. Rick as Chair, Brian as Treasurer, Colin as Meeting Schedules. 1/2/24: Nominations will be in March for these openings.

12/5/23: Activities - we need something else to do. Talk to the younger members to get involved in putting on another event. A survey will be put on the Facebook page. There are large groups of younger members that will want to have fun.... Quarterly.

New Business

Someone at AM Sober is selling drugs. It is happening at certain Club meetings as well. The meetings are autonomous, and they need to determine the appropriate solutions through their group conscience. Central Committee does not govern.

A home group member from Lawrence Group raised concerns about disruptions from a few facilities

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris C.

Attendees:

1. Brian
2. Rosanna
3. Tahia
4. Rick
5. Jeff
6. Eric
7. Colin
8. Terri
9. Margie
10. Chris