

**Minutes**  
**Erie Area Central Committee**  
**Meeting Date: 4/2/2024**

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

Readings: Preamble was read by Tahia, the Twelve Steps were read by Eric, the Traditions were read by John, the Pruposes were read by Dan, and the Declaration of Unity was read by Chris

**New Members:** Dan

- **Visitors:** N/A
- **Secretary's Report: Reports** were printed. Motion to accept March 2024 minutes by Terri; seconded by Colin All in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reports were distributed prior. Motion to accept March 2024 reports by Jeff; seconded by Chris. All in favor.

**Committee Report**

- **Jails:** Leslie was not present. Facebook update: Working to recruit 1 or 2 additional men to help take Meb's meeting into Erie County Prison. Volunteer should be at least 3 years continuous sobriety and clean record (clean enough to pass the Prison security check). Have 1 man in process now but 1 or 2 more would be help. SCI Cambridge Springs, the statewide DOC Volunteer Coordinator reports that their quarterly Operations Committee meeting (May 13) will consider the statewide waiver of "recommendation letter" requirement for A.A. and N.A. volunteers in light of our anonymity-based traditions. With that approval from DOC, we can again work to get volunteers situated with an eye toward turning this over to the Crawford County A.A. service structure.
- **Answering Service:** Eric was present. All is going well. The current bill is \$138.82. Rick has the Magic Jack for call forwarding to the hotline and will continue to keep it unless there is a need or concern.
- **Meeting Schedules:** Colin was present. New Schedules are printed and available.
- **Activities:** Terri was present.
  - We are actively recruiting new chairs and event chairs for Old Timers and Anniversary Dinner.
  - Registrations are starting to come in for the golf scramble.
- **Public Information:** Rosanna was present. The second workshop was Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a "postcard" available to have a QR code for the AA website. Health fair April 17<sup>th</sup> John B. will assist Rosanna. Dan T. District 32 and Joanne T. District 31 be liaisons for Public Information.
- **Treatment Facilities:** Margie was not present.
- **Detox:** Pete M. was not present.
- **Literature:** Chris C. was present.
- **Website:** Brian was not present. Michael has learned the website, hand over has not been completed.
- **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 proposal. 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. 3/5/2024: Jeff has been nominated for Chair, he has accepted. 4/2/2024: A vote has been approved that Jeff will take over. Eric has been nominated for Treasurer; he will think it over. 4/2/2024: Eric has declined the nomination. Brian will continue to oversee. Tahia was nominated for Meeting Schedules; she was not present to acknowledge. 4/2/2024 Tahia will take over Meeting Schedules for Colin.

**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. 3/5/2024: Terri has been wooing younger members to become active with Central Committee 2/6/2024: Halloween Trunk or Treat. Each home group could have a car. Coffee and doughnuts could be provided. Prizes for best decorations. Chris C. will look into Grace Harbor Creek for a location. 3/5/2024: Chris reached out to Grace Harbor Creek and has not received a response. 4/2/2024: Chris talked to the Pastor at Grace in Harbor Creek, and they are willing to allow the event. We asked if we would be permitted to use the lobby for restrooms. Chris will ask what the fee for use would be. Potential dates: October 26<sup>th</sup>? There will be a discussion about the times.

### **New Business**

**4/2/2024:** There was a discussion of the number of meeting schedules being printed. Could we add a section on the back of the proposed “post card” for numbers for new members.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris C.

### **Attendees:**

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