

**Minutes**  
**Erie Area Central Committee**  
**Meeting Date: 6/4/2024**

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

Readings: Preamble was read by John, the Twelve Steps were read by Michael, the Traditions were read by Seth, the Purposes were read by Rosanna, and the Declaration of Unity was read by Eric

**New Members:** N/A

- **Visitors:** Seth
- **Secretary's Report: Reports** were printed. Motion to accept May 2024 minutes by Terri; seconded by Leslie All in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reports were distributed prior. Motion to accept May 2024 reports by Terri; seconded by Leslie. All in favor.

**Committee Report**

- **Jails:** Leslie was present. Erie County jail meeting is continuing to meet, alternating men and women. It is hard to get volunteers and the approval process for volunteers. Leslie has not heard back from the state regarding waiving the form for AA members. Leslie will reach out to the state to follow up.
- **Answering Service:** Eric was present. The current bill is \$157.85. There was a 6-page decrease in call volume in May. A report on how people are getting the number is being provided. The responses are vague.
- **Meeting Schedules:** Colin and Tahia were present. We are getting low on schedules; summer order will be placed. We will reduce it from 3,000 to 2,000, printing time is 2 weeks. It was discussed to email meeting changes to the website. Groups must be up and running for 6 months prior to being included in the printed schedule.
- **Activities:** Terri was present.
  - Old Timers, flyers and 50/50 tickets are available. Volunteers are needed for setting up and sound system. Terri will be looking for another member to take over this event for next year.
  - Anniversary Dinner was a money loss last year and we should discuss if we should cancel. Terri will be out of town that day. We are at risk of losing our \$500 deposit if we cancel for this year.
  - Registrations are in for the golf scramble. Waiting on four teams to pay. Volunteers are needed.
- **Public Information:** Rosanna was present We did sign up for June 7<sup>th</sup> coalition event. There are 2 helpers in the am. There are 5 events that Public Information will be attending. There were 2 Go Erie ads approved last year that will put Public Information over budget for 2024. We are aware of the \$500 overage.
- **Treatment Facilities:** Margie was present. Things are going well, and she is getting a lot of volunteers to speak. She is having instances where 2 people will come in and share together, it goes over well, and she will start planning it monthly.
- **Detox:** Pete M. was not present. Jeff has talked to Pete, and he wants to step down as chair.
- **Literature:** Chris C. was present.
- **Website:** Michael was present. Page traffic was down 29% in May. The primary page of traffic is meeting views.
- **Twelve Step:** Diane was not present. Diane is looking to step down as chair. We should look to decentralize this to the Districts.

## Old Business

**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. 5/7/2024: Chris is still discussing dates with GC looking at 10/26 or 10/27 from 4pm to 8pm or 3 pm to 7 pm. 6/4/2024: Grace is ok with Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will need to get the word out to Home Groups and start posting on social media.

**5/7/2024:** John asked the group to donate a few soft covered Big Books and a basic pamphlet (BP-61) to Detox. Public Information has pamphlets available. There is a concern that this is against Traditions. The topic will be tabled for further investigation. 6/4/2024: One opinion is that the hospital should provide since they are for profit. The other opinion is that we should help the sick and suffering. There was a motion to send 6 Big Books to Detox, Terri approved, John seconded, majority approved.

## New Business

**6/4/2024:** Seth T. has volunteered to take the responsibility of Treasurer. There must be a discussion about the bylaws for meeting attendance. Seth will attend 3 meetings prior to assuming any responsibilities.

**6/4/2024:** Rosanna will design and quote options for postcards with QR code.

**6/4/2024:** Michael inquired about what is considered AA and Non-AA related items posted to the AA Erie Website. Club activities with stay on the club link, Spring Conference will remain a cooperative agreement and we will support posting events.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris C.

### **Attendees:**

1. Colin
2. Eric
3. Rosanna
4. Jeff
5. Chris
6. John
7. Tahia
8. Brian
9. Terri
10. Michael
11. Margie
12. Leslie
13. Seth