

Gamblers Anonymous

Leinster Region AGM

Minutes of meeting held on 16th November 2013

The AGM of the Leinster Region of Gamblers Anonymous took place in Room 20 Carmichael House on Saturday 16th November 2013 at 12 noon.

Attendance:

Those present were as follows: Liam (sec), Tony R (treasurer), Peter (Internet), Dave (Phone Service), Mark O'D (Clondalkin), Richard (Newbridge), Damien, Joe (Wexford)

Secretary's Report:

Disappointment with the attendance for the agm and also the regional meetings which were held over the past twelve months in different locations to try and foster interest in working for the fellowship at the regional level. Gratitude was extended to everyone who helped out during the year when working in the office, attending schools, attending prisons, taking calls in the phone service, working on the website and everyone trying to carry the message to the members wherever that might have been

PRO Report:

15 schools were covered. 4 radio stations were covered and there were articles in two newspapers. No awareness week was held for the first time in nearly 17 years due to lack of support.

PLO Report:

Visits were made to Mountjoy Prison, the Midland Prison, Wheatfield Prison and Shelton Abbey Prison over the year. Should anyone would like to help please contact the office for further information.

Phone Service:

The phone service is working well and volunteers are always welcome. The lines are very busy. Calls for Gamanon have increased dramatically. There are plenty of calls into the office each day. The busiest time seems to be around lunchtime. There are calls with regard to Gamanon in Gorey etc. A grate thanks to all was offered by Dave who has been doing a great job managing the phone service.

Internet Service:

Between January and November there were 31464 unique visitors to the website. There were 45753 visits, 140532 pages were viewed and there were 321914 hits.

The website is going to be revamped over the next twelve months. There is a new “red Book” app available on the website. If you have a story to tell please email it to the website or drop it into the office or bring it along to the next regional meeting.

Election of Officers

The following elections took place at the meeting

Secretary:	Liam B
Assist Secretary:	Richard (Newbridge)
Treasurer:	Tony R
Assist Treasurer:	
PRO:	Ciaran
Assist PRO:	Mark
PLO:	
Assist PRO:	
Phone Service:	
Assist Phone Service:	
Internet Service:	Peter
Assist Internet Service:	Damien (Finglas)

There are people who have said that they will fill the gaps and we will hopefully have them in place by the next regional meeting.

General:

A long time ago there was a magazine produced by the region. It was called New Dawn. We are trying to resurrect it again and if anybody would like to help please leave your details with the office or come along to the next regional meeting.

Joe from Wexford was up looking to have the 2015 convention in Wexford. He was given some hints and ideas and he will be back with an update shortly.

It was decided to review the current office situation in Carmichael House. People are bringing it to their respective meeting places to discuss the matter further as without support we cannot continue to pay for something we cannot afford. Teach Mhuire was mentioned as an option. Should you have any ideas or thoughts on the matter please feel free to contact the office or the website or come to the next regional meeting.

The next regional meeting will be held in Tallaght (Glenview) on Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 8.15 pm all are welcome.

The UK international convention 2014 will be held in The Holiday Inn, Basildon, Essex on the weekend of the 5th – 7th September 2014. See website for details.

Remember Step 12 talks about carrying the message. The regional needs your help and support. There are 45 groups in Leinster. There are 6 regional meetings each 12 month period. There is an average of 10 – 15 people in each group. If you do the maths you will see how often you might need to attend a regional meeting. Each group will only need to find 6 people each year to cover the six meetings. In the old days each group had a secretary, a treasurer and a group nominee. Please think and remember how you found GA and what you can do to give back.