

2023 Pioneer Christian Fellowship Annual Business Meeting
Celebrate Recovery Report, Presented by Margaret Ellis, Ministry Leader

We would like to give glory and honor to God the Father for **FIVE wonderful years of growth at Celebrate Recovery**. On January 21, 2023, we will be holding a dinner to honor and thank our CR Leaders and their spouses for many years of faithful service. Celebrate Recovery would not be possible without the continued support and guidance of our pastors, elders, CR leaders and member volunteers. **Thank you to each and every one. Together, we can continue to offer this valuable outreach to the church as well as the community.**

I serve as Ministry Leader with my CR Leadership Team (in alphabetical order):
Bonnie Baker, Paula Blasdel, Pat & Erin Brotka, Marianne Hrobocinski, Brian Lawrence, Cheri & Jeff Ludwick, Jim Meyers, Susie Prutsman, Rob & Marcella Reidy, Vicki Simar and Dianne Williams. David Stefan faithfully provides weekly technical support for the soundboard and video-taped testimonies.

Celebrate Recovery meetings are held in the Gathering Room every Friday from 6:30- 8:30pm.

A free dinner and refreshments are offered at no charge in the SonShine Cafe 30 min. before the meeting begins at 6pm. We offer a safe place to find help and hope for life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. Anonymity and confidentiality are cornerstones of the program. We all meet together for the Large group, but when it's time to go to Small Share groups, men only meet with men, and ladies only meet with ladies. CR is not a dating service.

We learned at the National Summit that most CR's have 12 attendees or less. Our group consistently has a **weekly attendance between 20 and 40 individuals**. Free CR Bibles and training materials are provided to all who attend a meeting, and we continue to offer training opportunities to our leaders so that we can stay informed and up-to-date on National policies.

In **May of 2022**, we invited the County Nurse to facilitate a Narcan training in the Gathering Room and all attendees received free Narcan kits. One of our CR Nurse Leaders has agreed to be the Mental Health Advocate and provided valuable hand-outs regarding Suicide and Mental Health issues. These opportunities help us to better prepare to handle possible crisis situations that may present at meetings. We also had several attendees who were court mandated, or headed to incarceration...so we also serve that sector of folks as well. We also had a second annual CR Barbecue on **June 3, 2022**.

This year, due to the generous donation of an anonymous donor, we were able to send (5) CR Leaders (two men and three women) to an all-expense paid training trip to the **2022 National Summit** held at The Potter's House in Dallas TX in **July**. The theme was **"REFRAME YOUR SHAME"**.. It was not only an excellent learning opportunity, but we also forged valuable contact resources and friendships.

The **checkbook balance** at the beginning of 2022 was **\$3606.78** and the ending balance is **\$4440.15**.

If you would like more information about Celebrate Recovery, visit our information table in the Welcome Center, usually on the first Sunday of the month. **We are here for you when you are ready to begin your own self-care journey. That's why we say KEEP COMING BACK!**

Faithfully submitted,
Margaret Ellis, CR Ministry Leader

January 2023 – Part II of CR Annual Business Report Notes
CR Changes since 2021-22:

1. The Springville chapter closed. Jim Meyers said there was some interest in opening one in Dayton, NY and that he would be willing to help them get established, but nothing more has been done on that as of this date.
2. We no longer go through the church office for our CR Finances. Two CR members (one male, one female) were appointed to share Treasurer duties.
3. We were invited by leadership to host a CR Information table in the Welcome Center once a month, usually the first Sunday. CR members (male and female) rotate schedule coverage.
4. A second in-house Narcan training session was held on May 10th in the Gathering Room. Not only did we receive good information from the County Nurse (facilitator), but she said she also gleaned valuable feedback concerning current service needs. Updated kits were provided for all attendees.
5. Our monthly leadership meeting nights have been changed to the third Tuesday of each month. This enables the men on our Leadership staff to attend any Monday night men's dinners and functions.
6. We held our second annual CR Barbecue night on June 3, 2022 during our regular Friday meeting night. CR purchased the meat and drinks and attendees were asked to bring a dish to pass.
7. A husband and wife couple have offered to prepare weekly meals for our Friday night meetings. We voted to offer them a small monthly stipend to help pay for food ingredients, but much of it is donated, along with their labor of love. Many thanks to these very generous folks.
8. We ordered new, updated CR business cards and continue to offer free CR Bibles and printed materials and attendance awards/chips/medals to all attendees. The Treasurer also purchased small giveaway items at the SUMMIT in TX which were used to make up information goody bags for newcomers.
9. Regarding Ladies Step Studies, two are offered at this time....one on Monday morning, and one on Thursday night. The men finished up their Thurs night step-study with plans to have another one sometime in 2023.
10. As Ministry Leader, I had to consult with church leadership and National CR leadership concerning certain societal changes: the medical marijuana issue, gender identity questions and dating within the group during the first year of attendance. We received clear directives and now have policies in place to address these sensitive issues.
11. The 2022 National CR Summit was again held at the Potter's House in Dallas, TX. The topic was "REFRAME YOUR SHAME". Because a generous individual anonymously donated \$5000. to several church groups (CR being one of them), we took a vote and unanimously felt that God had provided the funds to sponsor (5) Leaders attendance fees (two men and three ladies).