

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday November 4, 2015

The Committee Chair, Andy opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, and read the Articles of Purpose from The Western Massachusetts Institution Committee Area 31 – Guidelines and Job Descriptions (p.1) as well as guidelines for Institution Group Reps.

Tradition of the month and Concept of the month was read by Dale.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Dan from Randall & ByOB, Dylan Hadley 6pm

Secretary's Report Read by Holly; motion to accept seconded and passed

Treasurer's Report

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| ○ Total donations | \$ 1,803.17 |
| ○ Expenses | \$ 424.02 |
| ○ Ending Balance for Book Purchase | \$ 1,479.15 |

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

BTG Report

4 calls this month. Grateful to everyone who put their name on the list, anyone who wants to sign up please do!

Liaison Report

If anyone holds institutions commitment please update information with committee. If you know anyone who holds a position please pass on to come to the institutions meeting.

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Mark was present to give report. Received information about the international convention, \$200,000 was lost due to extra expenses. @NERASSA area committee members discuss information pertaining to AA as a whole. Questions will be answered, why we do things or how we do things. This is a service assembly.

Area Chair – Paul H was present and gave report.

- November 21, 12:30-4, District Workshop @ St. Bernard Church in Enfield
- Northeast regional service assembly, NERASA=February 26-28.
- November 6-8 State Convention.

- The area web site is www.area31aa.org and the area calendar is available on the site. He also reminded everyone that the Area Committee is available to come to your home group to share their experience, strength and hope as it pertains to service. Go to the website and send an email to him or call him directly at ###-###-####
- What A Concept Meeting is held the first Thursday of the month at Intergroup @ 7:00pm.
- Check out the calendar on the area site www.area31aa.org for info about activities
- 2016 NERASAA will be in Springfield, MA, there will be lots of opportunities for service at that conference
- NERASAA Planning committee meets 7:00 pm last Thursday of month at Sheraton Springfield.
- The area website has information about all the area committees.
- 12 Traditions meeting 5/20 at Intergroup
- Website committee has assembled an informative packet that is going to print

CPC– no report

Berkshires Institutions– Jen was present from the Berkshires. Still have 13 open commitments, Berkshire house of correction, Barton Crossing, Jones is looking to bring commitment in on Sundays.

NERASSA- Gay from hospitality asked that if anyone wants to get involved please contact her

Andy gave definitions of “Roll Ins” and “Roll Outs”, it is suggested sponsors have one year of sobriety, and alternates have 6 months of sobriety.

ROLL OUTS

- Lee M 2nd Wednesday Providence Psych Unit

ROLL INS

- Lyn into Hampden County Women Monday 7pm
- Sober Sunday 2nd Wednesday Providence
- Paula into Chicopee Women 1st and 2nd Thursday
- Tatiana into My Sisters House Thursdays
- Lauren into Alternate My Sisters House Thursday
- Victoria into Care 1 as sponsor
- Chris H alternate for Care 1
- Pam into Soldier On, Soldiers Home Wed 6:30p-7:30p

ROLL CALL did roll call tonight

OLD BUSINESS

Andy spoke to clean slate and we will not be putting on a meeting

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NEW BUSINESS

- Letter for Care 1 of Northampton to have a meeting put on 6p-7p Tuesday nights.
- Another letter from Solider On in Leeds, MA requesting a meeting Wed 630p-730p
- Elections:
 - Co-Chair= Holly
 - Secretary= Lauren
 - Librarian= Tatiana
 - Treasurer= Susan

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$1,479.15 on books

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2015 Institution Committee

Chair	Andy	email:
Co-chair	Rich J	email:
Secretary	Holly W	email:
Treasurer	John R	email:
BTG	Katelyn	email:
Librarian	Victoria	email:
Liaison	Jerry	email:
Berkshires	Darren M.	email:

Respectfully submitted,

Holly W.
Secretary Institution Committee