

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday November 2, 2016

The Committee Chair, Rich opened the meeting at 7:00 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 were read by Kate.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

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

Treasurer's Report Susan was present and gave report.

- Total donations \$ 1620.54
- Expenses \$ 103.89
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$ 1416.65

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

BTG Report

Chuck was present and gave report. 2 calls received – 1 brought to a meeting and 1 referred to NA.

Liaison Report

Jerry gave report. Ray from Care Center needs speakers for commitment. Howard Street is moving again (possibly December) to Mill Street. Sign in sheet is very important to maintain accuracy. Northern Hope Center has been confusing.

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Alternate Delegate, Mike was present and gave report.

- Thank you everyone for service.
- Mass State Convention is next week – Nov 11-13 at the Sheraton in Framingham. Ask your sponsor and sponsees to attend.

Area Chair – Sue was present and gave report.

- NERAASA is coming up.
- Thank you everyone who attended Fall Assembly and for service.
- Contact Areachair@area31aa.org to have area put on meeting at your home group. Past delegates are available to do a group inventory.

- January 14, Area will put on a dinner and hear the Trustee at Large share his experience at East Mountain Country Club in Westfield.
- Explore Area31aa.org, many upcoming workshops.

CPC – Pete was present and gave report.

- Fulfilled commitment at Elms College and AIC is coming up. Will do commitment at DCF in Holyoke and BHN outpatient programs.
- Exploring the possibility of doing commitment at Hampden County jail.
- If you are in contact with any professionals, ask them if they would like to have a commitment from CPC.

Berkshires Institutions – Darren was present and gave report.

- New incoming chair, Kate and other positions.
- More people have been attending monthly meeting and updating meeting lists regularly.
- No bridging the gap calls.
- Positive feedback from CSS.
- Complaint from McGee unit, member putting on meeting behaved inappropriately. Now a 2 person minimum to do a commitment.

Commitment Updates

Liberty Prep Commitment – went very well last month.

Northern Hope Center – confusion about commitments and which floor to go to. Working to resolve this issue.

Berkshires CSS – going very well.

Swift River – now open, so please roll in.

Rich 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

- Virginia 1st Thursday at Carlson Detox

ROLL INS

- Tom Chicopee Group 1st Thursday Carlson Detox

- Daniel Franklin County Sunday and Monday 6 & 7pm
- Curtis 3rd Tuesday Arbor House and 1/3 Saturday Northern Hope
- Alex 1st Friday Phoenix House

OLD BUSINESS

- Corrections Correspondence, take to your home group.
- Institutions Workshop on December 3rd 1-3 at Providence. “Behind the Walls. Coming to Believe” theme. Let others know.

NEW BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$1416.65 on books.

Elections

Area Chair, Sue, facilitated Institution Committee elections

- Co-chair – Erick
- Secretary – Melissa
- Treasurer – Lauren
- Librarian – Victoria

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2016 Institution Committee

Chair	Rich J
Co-chair	Holly W
Secretary	Lauren W
Treasurer	Susan R
BTG	Chuck
Librarian	Andy
Liaison	Jerry
Berkshires	Darren M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren W.
Secretary Institutions Committee