

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday January 4, 2017

The Committee Chair, Holly, opened the meeting at 7:01 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 Lynn.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Jose - Miracles in the Making; John - Holyoke Group; Gae - Belchertown Sat Night Group; Jessica - Mulberry Street; Dawn - Holyoke Step Group; Kat - Trials and Smiles; Nick - Amherst Young People's/My Brother's Keeper; Dan - Randall; Tom - Better Life Group; Dayna - Chicopee 123; Dave - We Can Group

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

Treasurer's Report Lauren was present and gave report.

1. Total donations	\$ 2017.80
2. Expenses	\$ 108.37
3. Ending Balance for Book Purchase	\$ 1809.43

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

BTG Report

Chuck was present and gave report. 2 calls - 1 disconnected.

Annie was present and gave report. Asked for support with helping alcoholics get rides.

Liaison Report

Holly gave report. Howard Street moved in a smooth transition to Mill St in Springfield. Received letter about specific meetings for Northern Hope Center.

INVITED REPORTS

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

1. Congrats to everybody and thank you for your service
2. Mass State Convention planning committee meets January 31
3. Feb 24-26 NERAASA

Area Chair – Sue was tickled to be present and gave report.

1. Area meeting 1/11 at 7:30.

2. Monthly concept and traditions meetings held at Intergroup.
3. Contact Areachair@area31aa.org to have area put on meeting at your home group or do a group inventory. Past delegates are available.
4. Explore area31aa.org!
5. Trustee at Large U.S. is available to share his experience at a dinner on 1/14 at East Mountain Country Club. Tickets are \$35.

CPC – Pete was present and gave report.

1. Fulfilled commitment at Behavioral Health Network; they were very pleased.
2. CPC is available to present to a number of facilities, not just institutions, such as college courses.
3. CPC meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at Intergroup at 7:30

Berkshires Institutions – Kate was present and gave report.

1. Had great meeting last month
2. Have had more support, but still have 10 open meetings.
3. No Bridging the Gap calls.
4. Discussed how to improve Bridging the Gap for the Berkshires.
5. Want CPC to talk to some of the facilities in the Berkshires.

Commitment Updates

Erick has a commitment. Cybulski talked to Warren about a furlough program and bringing inmates to outside men’s meetings; bring men into the day room to do step work with the inmates.

Curtis has 2 commitments at Northern Hope/Franklin Recovery - seem to be finally all set, but needs more books.

Kate Liaison at CSS unit in Berkshires brought special Christmas meeting in.

Holly 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

1. Gary/others - HCC every Monday night

ROLL INS

2. Gary - Swift River Addiction Center; Tuesday Night
3. Michelle - Monday Night 1st, 3rd, 5th Chicopee Women’s Prison
4. Rachel - 5th Wednesday Northern Hope Center
5. Kim - Monday Night Howard Street Women’s Meeting (Alternate)

6. Nick - Wednesday Franklin Recovery Center 7:00 (Alternate is Dwight);
7. Dwight - Saturday Night at Franklin Recovery Center (Alternate is Nick)
8. Jose - 2nd Wednesday Cole’s Place
9. Swift River Sunday Night

OLD BUSINESS

Berkshires Intergroup has extra funds that they would like to donate. Motion made to decline those funds. Discussion followed. Motion was accepted to decline the funds if there is an offer.

NEW BUSINESS

Kate from Berkshires motioned that Berkshire Institutions get seed money for a workshop. Motion was seconded. Motion made to give Berkshire Institutions \$250 for workshop. Motion was passed.

New floor opening at Providence in February 2017. They want Western Mass Institutions to put on a weekly AA meeting, at night time, unsure of days.

Franklin Country Recover Center is officially requesting meetings.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

1. Motion was made and passed to spend \$1809.34 on books.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2017 Institution Committee

Chair	Holly W
Co-chair	Erick
Secretary	Melissa G
Treasurer	Lauren W
BTG	Annie
Librarian	Victoria
Liaison	Jerry
Berkshires	Darren M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa G.
Secretary Institutions Committee