

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

The Committee Chair, Holly 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).

Tradition and concept of the month were read by Adam.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Adam - Park Allen Group; Jody - Friday Night Chapman St. Group; Brian - Quietly Among Us

Secretary's Report Read by Melissa; motion was accepted, seconded, and passed

Treasurer's Report Holly gave report.

- Total donations \$1384.33
- Expenses \$107.96
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$1176.37

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

Liaison Report - John was present and gave his report. John called ten contacts and introduced himself as Liaison. John will introduce himself to all institutions on our list. He is looking for any contact names for institutions that any IGRs may have

BTG Report - Annie was present and gave report. 3 calls from men and 3 from women. Reached 2 women and 2 men; could not reach other 2

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Mark was present and gave report.

- Proposed items for General Service Conference are: adding appendix to Big Book, Preamble and responsibility pledge in Big Book, Make the 12 concepts available in all formats, add section to Living Sober book, create a pamphlet on AA's 3 legacies, recognize Atheist and Agnostic members of AA with a formal group, consider approval for sharing experience on court referrals, change the pamphlet "Is There An Alcoholic in your Life?", Adapt and adopt a pamphlet from Great Britain's World Service
- Regions devastated by hurricanes need books to replenish their libraries; AA has a disaster relief fund; think about this when you make contributions
- Mass State Convention - November 10, 11, 12

Area Chair – Sue was present and gave report.

- The area is available to come out to groups for group commitments, reach Sue at areachair@area31.org
- Concept meeting 10/5/17 at 7:30 at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke
- Traditions meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke
- Fall Assembly Oct. 21-22

Berkshire Institutions - Kate was present and gave report

- Liaisons are doing great, making all meetings
- BMC nurses started a strike; all hospital meetings cannot come in for a week
- Elections for Berkshire officers are coming up in December; looking for Liaisons

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

ROLL INS

- Curtis - FRC, 1st & 3rd Friday
- Bobbt/Bruce - After Work Group - Thursday, Prov CSS 6-7

OLD BUSINESS

Erick is still looking for someone to take on a meeting on Monday Nights 5:30-6:30 at Cybulski Prison

NEW BUSINESS

Erick received packet from GSO - Treatment Committee Kit

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend the money on books \$1176.37

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2017 Institution Committee

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Secretary	Melissa G	phone: email:
Treasurer	Lauren W	phone: email:
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Respectfully submitted,

Melissa G.
Secretary Institutions Committee