

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday January 7, 2015

The Committee Chair, Andy, 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 was read by Shawn.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Debbie from Wilbraham Friday night, Jim from South Hadley Tuesday, Seth from Randal Group, Vance from Stepping Stones in Springfield, Bob from The Step Group in Holyoke, Joe from Holyoke Sober Sunday, Beverly D from Cold Spring Group, Joe from Mulberry Group, Ralph from Hand in Hand, Laura from Chapman Street Group, Chris from Chicopee Mon-Sat group, Julia from Holyoke Daily Reflections Group, and Mark Forest Park Group.

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

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| ○ Total donations | \$1813.27 |
| ○ Expenses | \$107.89 |
| ○ Ending Balance for Book Purchase | \$2626.00 |

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

BTG Report

Chuck has been filling in while this post is vacant, there was 1 call this month. Please take the sign-up sheets to your groups to get more names of people willing to act as BTG contacts.

Liaison Report

Chuck reported that from this day forward if you are a rep and do not attend a meeting within 3 months, you will be taken off the list.

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Mark gave report. NERASAA 2015 will be held in Somerset New Jersey, February 20-22. If you would like more info about Delegate activity or to contact people on the Area Committee go to www.area31aa.org.
July 2 to July 5 is the International Convention in Atlanta, GA.

Area Chair – Paul H let us know that 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 ###-###-####

- January 19 will be an area service commitment at 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke
- 2015 Roundup will be held June 6th and 7th at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in Springfield
- 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
- The next NERASAA will be in Somerset, NJ the 2016 NERASAA will be in Springfield, MA, there will be lots of opportunities for service at that conference
- The area website has information about all the area committees.

CPC – no report

Berkshires Institutions – no report

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

- Jeff 2nd and 4th Wednesday Coles Place
- Peter Thursday Holyoke Psych

ROLL INS

- Jim into Thursday Holyoke Psych
- Ed into alternate 2nd and 4th Wednesday Coles Place
- David alternate 1st and 3rd Sunday Providence Detox
- Chris into Ludlow Saturday
- Matt into alternate Ludlow Saturday
- Adam into Saturday Howard Street
- Ben into Tuesday Franklin Medical Center
- Zack into alternate Tuesday Franklin Medical Center

ROLL CALL

Did roll call for both IGR’s and Commitment Sponsors. Updated several meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- A motion was made and passed to spend \$2626.00 on books this month.
- A motion was made and passed to close the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2014 Institution Committee

Chair	Andy	email:
Co-chair	Rich J	email:
Secretary	Holly	email:
Treasurer	Mike	email:
BTG	Open	email:
Librarian	Victoria	email:
Liaison	Chuck	email:
Berkshires	Darren M.	email:

Respectfully submitted,

Holly W

Secretary
Institution Committee