

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday May 6, 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 Sam.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Glen, Park Allen Sat. Night; Ruth, Miracles in the Making

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

Treasurer's Report

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| ○ Total donations | \$1625.86 |
| ○ Expenses | \$95.43 |
| ○ Ending Balance for Book Purchase | \$1430.43 |

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

BTG Report

Katelyn reported new business cards are available. There were 5 calls last month; one to the Berkshires, two that needed rides.

Liaison Report

Gerry reported he is in contact with Joanne at Howard St. Most meetings are on hold until Howard St. moves to Holyoke. Escorts are still on, make pick-ups at 311 State St. Franklin County still needs support.

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Ann talked about the North East Regional Forum in Albany, NY 5/29-5/30. The Forum is hosting service reps from GSO. This is an opportunity for AA members to ask questions, air complaints and express ideas about the Fellowship. There will be workshops and presentations on what AA is doing around the world and locally.

Ann also reported about a program sponsored by the Grapevine, "Carry the Message" to support inmates. Committees can send GV subscriptions directly to inmates who request a

subscription. She had a request for a subscription from an inmate in Connecticut (See new business).

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 ###.###-####

- 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
- 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
- The state convention planning committee meets in Framingham 5/26; carpool from Plantation Inn, Chicopee at 6:00 pm. There are many opportunities to get active in service here.
- Website committee has assembled an informative packet that is going to print

CPC– Tim P says they are looking for commitments, contact CPC through www.area31aa.org

Berkshires Institutions– Jen reported that many commitments are open in Berkshire County.

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

- Bobby S. Coles 2nd and 4th Wednesday,
- Chris E., Hope Center, Saturday Night.
- Chris, Alternate, Hampshire County Monday Night,

ROLL INS

- Kyler, Hope Center, Saturday Night.
- Chris, Hampshire County Monday Night,
- Ed, Coles 2nd and 4th Wednesday
- Steve, Alt. Coles 2nd and 4th Wednesday, Coles
- Lauren, Chicopee Women's, 7:00 pm First and Third Wednesday
- Jason, Alternate, Hope Center Sat. Night
- Evan, Alternate, Leeds VA bldg. 26

NEW IGRs Glen, Park Allen Group, Saturday Night
Ruth, Miracles in the Making

ROLL CALL no roll call tonight

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- Chuck made a motion to purchase a Grapevine subscription for an inmate at Willard Prison. Seconded. Motion defeated. Yes 14, no 16.
- Tim made a motion to donate 4 Grapevine subscriptions to the Grapevine Scholarship Fund. Seconded. Motion tabled until next month. Ann, the delegate will try to provide more information about the program.
- Rich, co-chair reported the Institutions Committee is putting on a workshop at Inter Group office and needs topics.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$1430.43 on books
- A motion was made and passed to close the meeting at 7:55p.m.

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	Open	email:
Librarian	Victoria	email:
Liaison	Rich	email:
Berkshires	Darren M.	email:

Respectfully submitted,

Tim P. for Holly W.
Secretary InstitutionCommittee