

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTION COMMITTEE**  
**P.O. BOX 1391**  
**HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391**

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Wednesday June 3, 2015**

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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 Steve.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):** Chris Hadley Wednesday Night, Tom Keep is Simple Group, Meesha Sacred Heart Saturday Night, Lynn New Directions Group Tuesday Agawam

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

**Treasurer's Report**

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| ○ Total donations                  | \$ 795. 57 |
| ○ Expenses                         | \$ 218. 99 |
| ○ Ending Balance for Book Purchase | \$ 476. 58 |

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

**BTG Report**

Katelyn reported 4 calls, 3 of which were people who didn't need services, 1 didn't return the call. People may be misunderstood what bridging the gap is. We don't bridge the gap to half way houses because we bring meetings in. Also don't give rides to detox.

**Liaison Report**

Jerry reported he talked to Joanne from Howard Streets, 2-3 weeks at the least to start doing meetings again.

**INVITED REPORTS**

**Area Delegate** – Ann talked in old business

**Area Chair** – Paul H let us know that the area web site is [www.area31aa.org](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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
- Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> Workshops, taking inventory, Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> Area Business Meeting
- Website committee has assembled an informative packet that is going to print

**CPC**– Emma says radio show went well, CPC discussed having a booth at New England drug trial court in New Hampshire. contact CPC through [www.area31aa.org](http://www.area31aa.org)

### **Berkshires Institutions–**

**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**

- Julia, Chicopee Women’s, Thursday
- Megan, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Providence Hospital.
- Teri, Gandara House
- Beth, Chicopee Womens, Monday
- Marty, Wednesday 12pm Baystate

### **ROLL INS**

- Michael, Ludlow Hampden County Correctional, Friday Nights
- Evan, 1, 3, 4 Wed 7pm Hampden
- Brennan, 1, 3 Sunday Providence Detox
- Carl, Leeds Monday Night Meeting

**ROLL CALL** no roll call tonight

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ann the delegate spoke on last months discussion on grapevine. An incarcerated individual will be getting a subscription to the grapevine thanks to a member of area 31.

Areas and individuals are encouraged to get a subscription for the grapevine and donate to others in institutions. If interested, go to [AAgrapevine.org](http://AAgrapevine.org) and click get subscription, you can click to get a paper subscription and then donate.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Andy received a phone call from Deputy Warden from CT; Recently they have renamed a correction facility in Enfield with the focus of successful reintegration of the inmates, they have a number of men who want to attend AA meetings prior to their release in the area, men would be screened and have a familiarity to AA, possibly starting with 1-2 men at first to be transferred to and from meetings, looking for escorts, allowed 1 inmate per escort. Have to stay in CT
- Request from St. Lukes Home in Springfield, 85 Spring Street, to have AA meeting put on

**ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:**

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$476.58 on books
- A motion was made and discussed to donate for Grapevine 4 subscriptions to the scholarship fund yearly, motion was made to move the motion and passed.
- Motion was made and opposed to have 4 subscriptions a year for Grapevine into institutions

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	Katelyn	email:
Librarian	Victoria	email:
Liaison	Jerry	email:
Berkshires	Darren M.	email:

Respectfully submitted,

Holly W.  
Secretary InstitutionCommittee