

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday August 4, 2015

The Committee Chair, Andy 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 was read by Chris.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

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

Treasurer's Report

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| ○ Total donations | \$ 2068.82 |
| ○ Expenses | \$ 160.13 |
| ○ Ending Balance for Book Purchase | \$ 1808.69 |

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

BTG Report

Kaitlyn reported 13 calls, a few picked up for meetings!

Liaison Report

Jerry reported St. Lukes now has a meeting on Wednesdays, Baystate med psych dropped a lot of criteria for background checks= lot easier to get in & need meetings. Meetings at Phoenix House have not been going on. Numbers are not working on Master List for Howard Street, need updating.

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Ann was present and reported there are 2 service day events to learn about service, August 22nd at Lennox Community Center hosted by Berkshire intergroup, everyone is encouraged to attend, topics include safety and diversity in AA from 10a-3pm. Also, September 19, district 4 is hosting a service event 1pm-4pm at 474 Pleasant Street (intergroup office) topics are service and how AA service has changed our life and importance of sponsorship. Western Mass Young People now meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm. Area 31 is hosting Northeast Regional Service Assembly in 2016 and we are meeting on the last Thursday of every month at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield at 7pm.

Area Chair – Paul H did not attend. 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 ###-###-####

- 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
- Saturday October 17th Workshops, taking inventory, Sunday October 18th Area Business Meeting
- Website committee has assembled an informative packet that is going to print

CPC– Tim spoke on Cooperation with the Professional Community. Commitment in a couple weeks at UMASS, also New England Trial Court Conference.

Berkshires Institutions– Darren was present, 8 open meetings. Another nursing home is looking for a meeting but they have run out of volunteers in Berkshire County to help, contact Darren 413 448 1845 if your interested.

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

- Chris, Sunday Night Hope Center 2, 4, 5 Sunday
- Sarah, Hope Center, 2, 4, 5 Sunday as alternate

ROLL INS

- Sarah, 2, 4, 5 Sunday Hope Center Sponsor
- Laura, Chicopee Womens 4th Thursday
- Shannon, Hope Center, 2, 4, 5 Sunday alternate

ROLL CALL no roll call tonight

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Discussion about sign in sheet and updating the master list.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to have a sign in sheet
- Motion was made and passed to spend \$1808.69 on books

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