

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday September 2, 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 Chuck.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Lauren Chicopee Beginners Step, Susan Northampton been there done that Saturday morning,

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

Treasurer's Report

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| ○ Total donations | \$ 2,204.51 |
| ○ Expenses | \$ 104.26 |
| ○ Ending Balance for Book Purchase | \$ 2,100.25 |

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

BTG Report

Katelyn reported 8 calls, 4 made it to meetings, 4 were not in need of services. A lot of calls coming in from halfway houses, we do not bridge the gap from halfway houses. **In need of contacts to give rides!**

Liaison Report

Jerry reported Baystate Psych filled one of the meetings, St. Lukes meeting still going on. Paula from providence detox said that a commitment on Friday 330 hasn't showed since June, now open

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Mark the alternate delegate was present to give report. Spoke on the General Service Conference; they talked about How are we making ourselves welcoming to people in institutions, Carrying the message making people feel welcome, connecting with the new comer, singleness of purpose, form group conscience, connecting with aa as a whole, etc. Fall assembly is coming up, mass state convention in November, NERASSA February 26-28th.

Area Chair – Paul H was present and gave report. The workshops coming up are at 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke. There will be a movie night in October. 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=to educate professional people who might come across alcoholics in the community. One commitment last month in Northampton, going to New England Trial court later this month. If your looking to get involved it is on the second Tuesday of the month at 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke.

Berkshires Institutions– Darren was not present.

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

- Andy rolling out of providence detox Saturday morning
- Holly out of Chicopee Hampden

ROLL INS

- Anthony B rolling into Salvation army 1/3 Thursday
- Julio Monday Spanish Howard street (WM)
- Tony into Sunday morning Providence Detox
- Steve into alternate 2/4 Thursday Salvation at 6
- Robert into alternate Friday night Phoenix House 7pm
- Ryan into Sponsor Friday night Phoenix House 7pm

ROLL CALL did roll call tonight

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Sign in sheets, we discussed that if you know anyone who has a commitment and does not attend institutions please ask them to attend the next meeting, or when you are at a meeting please make an announcement to the group asking for them to attend institutions meeting

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$2,100.25 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