

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday October 7, 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 Pete.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Victoria Eye Opener in Florence.

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

Treasurer's Report

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| ○ Total donations | \$ 1,214.60 |
| ○ Expenses | \$ 110.56 |
| ○ Ending Balance for Book Purchase | \$ 1,004.04 |

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

BTG Report

5 calls, 1 person brought to a meeting because of circumstances. If anyone wants to be a contact please sign up to bring people to meetings.

Liaison Report

Mercy Hospital has requested meeting. All meetings filled at Howard Street but in dire need of escorts.

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Ann the area delegate was present to give report. Every 2 years a new panel is elected. On October 18, elections are held. If you have past experience in service, area 31 could use your participation.

Area Chair – Paul H was present and gave report.

- Mentioned the fall assembly inventory and elections.
- Northeast regional service assembly, NERASA=February 26-28.
- November 6-8 State Convention.
- Movie night featuring Days of Wine and Roses in October 9.

- 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 this month at New England Drug Court.

Berkshires Institutions– Darren was present to give report. 13 open commitments, 3 Barton crossings homeless shelter, Berkshires house of corrections, hillcrest commons nursing home. Jones county requested new meeting Sundays at 10am, patients that were allowed to go out are not allowed anymore so they want meeting brought in. Having trouble getting volunteers. Contact Darren 413 448 1845 if you’re interested in taking a commitment in the Berkshires.

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

- Evan Hampden County Prerelease 1/3/4 wed
- Lina Alternate Saturday Chicopee Hamden
- Monday Womans Howard street 5pm Victoria/alternate
- Laura Chicopee 4th Thursday Hamden County

ROLL INS

- Tom Baystate Psych Unit Tuesday and Thursdays
- Lina into Sponsor Saturday Chicopee Hampden
- Hampden County Ludlow Thursday as alternate Evan

ROLL CALL did roll call tonight

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS A letter was read by Rich from Clean Slate asking for AA meetings to be held at the office on High Street in Holyoke. Discussion was held and Chair Person Andy will look further into it and bring information to committee next month.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$1,004.04 on books

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2015 Institution Committee

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| Chair | Andy | email: |
| Co-chair | Rich J | email: |
| Secretary | Holly W | email: |
| Treasurer | John R | email: |
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| Liaison | Jerry | email: |
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Respectfully submitted,

Holly W.
Secretary InstitutionCommittee