

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday March 2, 2016

The Committee Chair, Rich 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 were read by Chris.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Rachel A Way Out Group; Carlos Morning Light Group; Anne C. & Abbey Alano Club; Karen S. Women's New Direction; Travis New Freedom Group.

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

Treasurer's Report Rich gave report.

- Total donations \$ 1955.82
- Expenses \$ 686.64
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$ 1,769.18

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

BTG Report

Katelyn gave report. 9 calls received; 4 people taken to meetings; 4 unreachable; 1 not in need of services.

Liaison Report

Jerry gave report. Reminder to be respectful to commitment locations. Let Jerry know if commitment sponsors aren't making their commitments. Still need to get in touch with Adrienne.

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Alternate Delegate, Paul, was present and gave report.

- The area sponsors What a Concept Meeting.
- Traditions Meeting third Wednesday of the month.
- Mini Conference, all are welcome to attend.
- Spring Assembly in April.

Area Chair – No report.

CPC - Steve was present and gave report.

- Presentation scheduled at Elm’s College was successful.
- Presentation at Baystate Medical coming up.
- CPC will be opening up the Round Up this year.
- All institutions where we do service are welcome to attend CPC at Round Up.

Berkshires Institutions – No report

Rich 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 CALL – Lauren did roll call tonight.

ROLL OUTS

ROLL INS

- Kat Alt Chicopee Women’s Correctional Saturday
- Erin 2nd Friday Providence Detox
- Kathleen Alt 1st Monday night Providence
- Sonny Hampden County (M) Pre-Release Thursday

OLD BUSINESS

- Recovery High School in Springfield wants meetings, there was discussion. They need to write a letter to the Institutions Committee. CPC will give presentation. Ad hoc committee will take under consideration whether this falls under institutions guidelines. There will be further discussion next month.
- Letter from Summit Elder Care requesting a meeting. Maybe escorts are needed, ask New York for guidance.
- Ad hoc committee to review guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

- Phoenix House is changing meeting days and times.
- Institutions Guidelines discussed.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$1,769.18 on books.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2016 Institution Committee

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| Chair | Rich J |
| Co-chair | Holly W |
| Secretary | Lauren W |
| Treasurer | Susan R |
| BTG | Katelyn |
| Librarian | Sara K |
| Liaison | Jerry |
| Berkshires | Darren M. |

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren W.
Secretary Institutions Committee