

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

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Wednesday July 6, 2016**

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The Committee Chair, Rich 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 were read by Evan.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):** Jason TSDD

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

**Treasurer's Report** Susan was not present. Rich gave report.

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| ● Total donations                  | \$ 2347.61 |
| ● Expenses                         | \$ 100.88  |
| ● Ending Balance for Book Purchase | \$ 2040.62 |

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

**BTG Report**

Katelyn was not present, Lauren gave report. 4 calls received – 1 unreachable, 1 taken to a meeting, 1 not in need of services, and 1 looking for information.

**Liaison Report**

Jerry gave report. No new letters, no complaints. CPC is talking with Mercy Life.

**INVITED REPORTS**

**Area Delegate** – Delegate, Mark was present and gave report.

- Mass State Convention November 11-13 at Sheraton in Framingham.
- More transparency on agenda items at General Service Conference. There are several proposed changes to AA literature.
- Annual report should be coming out for Fall Assembly.

**Area Chair** – Sue was present and gave report.

- What a Concept Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Intergroup.
- Traditions Meeting will be held July 20 at Intergroup.
- Area available for outgoing commitments. Area will come to home groups to put on a meeting and talk about service. Contact at areachair@area31aa.org.
- Explore Area31aa.org.
- Check out Area meeting 7:30 1<sup>st</sup> July 13 at Intergroup.
- Fall Assembly will be held in October, no date yet. Find out more about service.

**CPC** – No report.

**Berkshires Institutions** – No report. Still need more volunteers.

**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 OUTS**

- Chris Monday Night Hampshire County

#### **ROLL INS**

- Charlie 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed Phoenix House
- Chris Carlson 2/4 Sat
- Ann Not So Young People’s Group Providence Friday 3:30

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Ray filled Care 1 commitment and would like a literature rack. Motion made to purchase literature rack for this commitment, after discussion motion was tabled. Institutions Committee will purchase rack and Care 1 offered to maintain the rack. After more discussion, motion was called to question and vote passed.
- Mercy Life commitment (elder care) is not attended, Jerry will look into removing the meeting and will call Accessibility Committee.

Motion was made to remove meeting, after discussion motion passed.

- Institution Committee guidelines reviewed and updated. After discussion, 2 issues (removal of suggested understanding of concepts for service position and Area having a vote) to be discussed at home groups and tabled until next month. Ad hoc committee amended wording to “suggested willingness to learn concepts” as requirement for Institutions Committee positions. After discussion, motion was passed.
- Discussion about removal of voting privileges of invited committees (area delegate and area chair) per suggestion of ad hoc committee. Motion was made to remove these voting privileges, after discussion, motion was passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Nelson at Phoenix House concerned that commitments are not being met.
- Singleness of purpose – not going into facilities to put on “NA meetings.”

#### **ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:**

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$2040.62 on books.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

#### **Your 2016 Institution Committee**

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