

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday October 5, 2016

The Committee Chair, Rich opened the meeting at 7:02 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 Victoria.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Dan Morning Light Group; Victoria Women's BYOBB; Michael Making Progress Group

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

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

- Total donations \$ 2864.01
- Expenses \$ 140.72
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$ 1829.29

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

BTG Report

Chuck was present and gave report. 3 calls received – all unreachable.

Liaison Report

Jerry gave report. Franklin County jail in dire need of support. St. Luke's commitment sponsor passed away, co-sponsor position open.

INVITED REPORTS

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

- Annual Report from General Service Conference available.
- Supporting our future (financially and through membership) is the topic for next General Service Conference.
- NERAASA 2017 in Framingham in February.

Area Chair – Sue was present and gave report.

- What a Concept Meeting 1st Thursday of the month at Intergroup at 7:30.
- Traditions Meeting will be held 3rd Wednesday at Intergroup at 7:30.
- Contact Areachair@area31aa.org to have area put on meeting at your home group. There are 2 booked for this month. Past delegates are available to do a group inventory.
- Upcoming Mass State Convention.
- Fall Assembly will be held in October 15 at 10 am-4 pm. October 16 area business meeting at the corner of 395 High Street in Holyoke. Find out more about service.
- Explore Area31aa.org, many upcoming workshops.

CPC – Steve was present and gave report.

- Upcoming commitment at Elm’s College, AIC, New England Drug Court Professional Conference, and Swift River.
- CPC will present at the Fall Assembly.
- Will work on reaching out to the VA.

Berkshires Institutions – Darren was present and gave report.

- 11 people in attendance at last monthly meeting.
- 9 open meetings and people stepping up for positions.

Liberty Prep Commitment – very disorganized, students on field trips and doing other activities.

Carlson Commitment – group member asked if intoxicated.

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 Alt 2/4 Saturday at Carlson Detox

ROLL INS

- Shelly Howard Street Women’s Monday
- Anevay 1/3 Saturday Phoenix House, Northern Hope Center 1/3 Monday
- Victoria Alt 1/3 Saturday Phoenix House

- Daniel Franklin County Monday
- Michael Hampshire County jail Wednesday

OLD BUSINESS

- Request for meeting in at Swift River in Cummington, meeting will be added to the open meeting list any day at 7:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- Corrections Correspondence, take to your home group.
- Institutions Workshop on December 3rd 1-3 at Providence. “Behind the Walls. Coming to Believe” theme. More will be revealed. CPC boards are available for use at workshop, other committee boards available as well.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend \$1829.29 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	Chuck
Librarian	Andy
Liaison	Jerry
Berkshires	Darren M.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren W.
Secretary Institutions Committee