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

# **BUSINESS MEETING** Wednesday December 7, 2016

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 Nancy.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Nancy – Chapman Street Group; Gay – Downtown Saturday Night; Tom – Chicopee Group; Dayna – Chicopee Beginner's Step; Marty – Morning Light; Jim – Geno's; Chuck – East Longmeadow Group; Miguel – Second to None Group

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

Treasurer's Report Susan was present and gave report.

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- Expenses \$759.90
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$ 1628.17

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

#### **BTG Report**

Chuck was present and gave report. 4 calls received – 1 referred to Berkshires, 3 unable to be reached.

#### **Liaison Report**

Jerry gave report. Issues at Hampden County Women's with commitments. Discussed importance of showing up to Institutions Committee to let roll out – communication is vital. Northern Hope mostly straightened out.

## **INVITED REPORTS**

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

- GSO updates financially contributions have increased and revenue is up. You can contribute with your group or individually.
- New Delegates elected.
- NERAASA will be held in February.
- Possible agenda items: reducing the cost of the conference, the Grapevine, changing the AA\_Service Manual, General Service Board exploring the possibility of holding General Service Conference in Canada, AA International activities.

Area Chair – Sue was tickled to be present and gave report.

- Area meeting 12/14 at 7:30.
- Thank you everyone at Institutions for service.
- Monthly concept and traditions meetings held at Intergroup.
- Contact Areachair@area31aa.org to have area put on meeting at your home group or do a group inventory. Past delegates are available.
- Explore Area31aa.org.
- Trustee at Large U.S. is available to share his experience at a dinner on 1/14 at East Mountain Country Club. Tickets are \$35.

**<u>CPC</u>** – Betty was present and gave report.

- Fulfilled AIC and DCF in Holyoke commitments.
- CPC is available to present to any facility holding new Institutions commitments.

**<u>Berkshires Institutions</u>** – Kate was present and gave report.

- Kate rolled in as new chair. New co-chair also rolled in.
- Have had more support, but still have 10 open meetings.
- No Bridging the Gap calls.
- Had another complaint from CSS, 2 people must sponsor and attend commitments from now on.

**<u>PI</u>** – Chris was present and gave report.

- Chris rolling in as chair.
- Many commitments available.

## **Commitment Updates**

Northern Hope – last month turned away because another meeting was already happening. This month the meeting was held. 2 floors with 2 different programs has caused a lot of confusion.

Hampden County Men's Spanish – commitment day changed resulting in lower attendance.

Carlson 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – Have had a lot of support. Cybulski – in need of support. 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

- Anevay Phoenix 1/3 Saturday
- Charlie Phoenix 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
- Lina Chicopee Women's Saturday

# ROLL INS

- Charlie 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Phoenix House
- Melissa McGee Unit
- Lynn Chicopee Women's 1/3 Monday

# OLD BUSINESS

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Berkshires Intergroup has extra funds that they would like to donate. Motion made to accept funds from Berkshires Intergroup, after discussion, motion was tabled. Holly thanked all who attended Institutions workshop. Jerry brought up discussion of donating seed money to Berkshires Institutions for workshops.

## **ADDITIONAL MOTIONS**:

• Motion was made and passed to spend \$1628.17 on books.

## **Elections**

Area Chair, Sue, facilitated Institution Committee elections

- Co-chair Erick
- Secretary Melissa
- Treasurer Lauren
- Librarian Victoria

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

# Your 2016 Institution Committee

ChairRich JCo-chairHolly WSecretaryLauren WTreasurerSusan RBTGChuckLibrarianAndyLiaisonJerryBerkshiresDarren M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren W. Secretary Institutions Committee