

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, February 1, 2017

The Committee Chair, Holly, opened the meeting at 7:00 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 Kat.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Jerome - Young Peoples; Jim - Haydenville Sunday Night Life; Brian - Greenfield; Will - Amherst Monday Night; Joe - Scrambled Eggs;

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

BTG Report - Annie was present and gave report
3 Calls; 2 got rides/phone numbers. 1 from a BHN rep who did not know what BTG was. Annie explained the purpose of BTG.

Treasurer's Report Lauren was present and gave report.

1. Total donations	\$ 2711.80
2. Expenses	\$ 440.52
3. Ending Balance for Book Purchase	\$ 1577.28

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

Liaison Report - Jerry was present and gave report
Northern Hope and Franklin Recovery Center are straightened out. Sign in Sheet is very important!

INVITED REPORTS

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

1. Mass State Convention, one big AA meeting blown up big!
2. NERAASA - February 24-26
3. April 1st - Mini Conference at Intergroup to discuss pamphlets, financials, AA structure, etc.

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

1. Area meeting 2/15 at 7:30.
2. Monthly concept and traditions meetings held at Intergroup.
3. Contact Areachair@area31aa.org to have area put on meeting at your home group or do a group inventory. Past delegates are available.

4. Explore area31aa.org!

Berkshires Institutions – Chaula was present and gave report.

1. Have 66 meetings total in Berkshires
2. Only 5 open meetings!
3. Last minute fill in speakers list is a success
4. Seeing more participation in general at Institutions meeting

Holly 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

1. None

ROLL INS

2. Chris - Making Progress Group - Tuesday Night Soldier On Alternate
3. Nelson - Men’s BYOB - Salvation Army 5th Thursday
4. Brian S. and Brenda P. - Chatman Street Group - Monday Night FRC

Holly made clear who are voting members of the group. Did count off around room of voting members (Sponsors and co-sponsors of meetings, IGRs, Secretary, BTG, Liaison, and Treasurer). 39 voting members were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Berkshires Intergroup has extra funds that they would like to donate. Motion made to decline those funds. Discussion followed. Motion was accepted to decline the funds if there is an offer.

Kate from Berkshires motioned that Berkshire Institutions get seed money for a workshop. Motion was seconded. Motion made to give Berkshire Institutions \$250 for workshop. Motion was passed.

New floor opening at Providence in February 2017. They want Western Mass Institutions to put on a weekly AA meeting, at night time, unsure of days.

Franklin Country Recover Center is officially requesting meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Curtis says FRC and Northern Hope has been turning away “unofficial” meetings. He spoke to Nancy and asked if he could take on meetings because he is in Institutions and she said no because he was not “officially rolled in”. Jerry says we have no say over their rules.

Jerry received a letter from Nancy of open meeting list. At NHC there were double booked meetings. It is up to NHC and FRC whether or not they want a meeting.

Curtis says that the Only Requirement Group was willing to temporarily fill the open meetings; however they were turned away. Nancy says FRC requested that all the meetings are signed up through the Institutions Committee. Any meetings that went on previously are to stop. Anyone who wants to put on a meeting must Roll In through the Institutions meeting.

Victoria went over how the books are distributed to each commitment. The books that we get at Institutions only go to Institution Commitments and nothing else.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

1. Motion was made and passed to spend \$ 1577.28 on books.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2017 Institution Committee

Chair	Holly W	email: institutions@area31aa.org
Co-chair	Erick	

Secretary Melissa G

Treasurer Lauren W

BTG Annie

Librarian Victoria

Liaison Jerry

Berkshires Kate L.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa G.
Secretary Institutions Committee