

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

**BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

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The Committee Co-Chair, Erick 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.

announced our Librarian has stepped down. He explained Librarian descriptions and qualifications. Dayna and Chuck both want to be Librarian. Chuck is nominated as Librarian and Dayna will act as Co-Librarian.

Tradition of the month was read by Sue and Concept of the month was read by Mike.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):** Erick explained what an IGR is. Tania & Ashley - Women's BYOBB in EL

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

**Treasurer's Report** Lauren was present and gave report.

- Total donations \$2,136.49
- Expenses \$465.81
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$1,870.68

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

**Erick announced that Kate, the Berkshire Institutions Chair, returned \$250 from their Workshop that they are tabling for now.**

**BTG Report** - Lauren was present and gave report  
3 calls; 2 voicemails; 1 no answer

**INVITED REPORTS**

**Area Delegate** – Alternate Delegate Mike was present and gave report.

- Back from New York with Delegate Mike (who is saving his information for the Round Up
- Round Up is June 10 - will highlight what is going on in our area and the world
- Co-Hosting Mass State convention with Area 30 (Eastern Mass), chair positions still available
- June 2-4 NERF (North East Regional Forum) General Service Office heads to Mars, PA
- Theme of 2018 General Service Conference - AA: A Solution for All Generations

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

- May 4 - Concept Meeting at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke
- May 17 - Traditions Meeting at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke
- Area is available to come to Home Groups to share their experience, strength, and hope
- Area Meeting is May 10, 7:30, at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke

**Berkshires Institutions** – Kate, Berkshire Institutions Chair was present and gave report.

- Berkshire Institutions is having a group inventory
- Jones III (psych ward) has asked for an AA meeting
- There are other open meetings in the Berkshires

**Round-Up** - John discussed what will be happening at this year's Round-Up June 9, 10, 11 (open to anyone). The Delegate will give a report. Saturday Night there is a Banquet (\$25)! There is a Bi-Lingual meeting Saturday morning and afternoon. There is a dance Saturday Night, followed by a Spirituality meeting Sunday Morning.

**Area 11 Accessibilities** - Guy M. was present and gave report

- Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Chair were present
- Discussed how Accessibilities Committee provides ASL, large print to meetings

**Erick 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**

- John - Monday Night Providence Hospital Psych Ward 6:30

**ROLL INS**

- John - Monday Night 6:30 3rd Floor Providence Hospital Commitment

**OLD BUSINESS**

3rd Floor Providence Hospital after detox (voluntary) 7 - 14 days. Erick has been putting a meeting on. Every week, the people change. Monday and Saturday commitment

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ad Hoc Committee - met tonight before the regular meeting; 5 were in attendance. Agenda - better decide how to disperse books to Berkshires (District 3). Decided not to change the method of dispersal.

**Nancy from Franklin Recovery Center (new Detox in Greenfield) is desperate for commitments to come in (Thursday, Friday, and Sunday)!**

Alisha from Hope Center in Springfield read a letter (1st time) that they are looking for more meetings.

Cybulski Prison in CT is looking for male escorts to bring men to meetings and work steps with men.

**ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:**

- Motion was made and passed to spend the money on books \$1,870.68.

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	Chuck	
Liaison	Rachel	
Berkshires	Kate L.	
Co-Chair	Chaula H.	

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa G.  
Secretary Institutions Committee