

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

**BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

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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 the guidelines for Institution Group Reps.

Tradition and concept of the month was read by Wayne.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):** Holly explained what an IGR is. Al & Mike - After Work Group; Jason - Park Allen on Sat Night

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

**Treasurer's Report** Holly gave report.

- Total donations \$2,100.74
- Expenses \$153.87
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$1846.87

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

**Liaison Report** - Rachel was present and gave report. Someone called to discuss a meeting at Carlson and Ludlow and the confusion of why residents were not showing up and if the commitment was open or not.

**BTG Report** - Annie was present and gave report. Only one number called this month; made several attempts to call the number back, but their mailbox was full.

**INVITED REPORTS**

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

- A committee looked at how often the A.A. website was being visited
- Discussion of a new video for correctional officers and professionals
- Reviewed current literature available to inmates; including The Grapevine and La Vina - all should be provided by area if possible
- In St. Louis on November 10,11,12 - first ever Corrections Conference

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

- Area is available to come to Home Groups to share their experience, strength, and hope
- Area Meeting is May 14, 7:30, at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke
- Come to the Round Up to hear the Area Delegate's Report
- Fall Assembly is October 21 - 22

**Berkshires Institutions** – Chaula, Berkshire Institutions Co-Chair was present and gave report.

- Meet at 7pm, 3rd Wednesday - 3rd floor of 152 North Street, Pittsfield
- Doing an inventory this month
- There are some open meetings in the Berkshires
- You can be put on a fill-in speakers list
- Berkshire email - [berkshireinstitutionscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:berkshireinstitutionscommittee@gmail.com)

**Cooperation with the Professional Community** - Rich, CPC Co-Chair was present and gave report

- Radio commitment, 3rd Monday of every month
- Springfield Diocese is having a luncheon and CPC will give a presentation to the clergy
- If you have a commitment that you think the staff would benefit from a CPC presentation, please let the committee know

**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.

Important - The Banquet is at 5pm - previous tickets say it starts at 5pm

**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**

- Erick - Saturday 2pm Providence CSS

### **ROLL INS**

- Rob - Saturday 2pm Providence CSS

**Holly informed us that Institutions is having a meeting at 4:00pm on Saturday at the Roundup.**

### **OLD 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alisha from Hope Center in Springfield is still looking for women to chair meetings.

Nancy from Franklin Recovery Center is here to answer questions regarding her commitments.

Holly read a letter discussing guidelines from the Phoenix House. The committee discussed their thoughts on the letter.

Motion was made and passed that the guidelines are handed out to individuals who take Phoenix House Commitments

Jack has been putting on a commitment at the Walker Corrections Institutions for many years with a few other men. He wants to be put on

Chuck will be stamping all of your books with an Area 31 Western Mass Institutions stamp.

### **ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:**

- Motion was made and passed to spend the money on books \$1,846.87.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

**Your 2017 Institution Committee  
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the list to be part of this committee.

Chair	Holly W
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