

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

**BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

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The Committee Chair, Erick opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. reading the Articles of Purpose from The Western Massachusetts Institution Committee Area 31 – Guidelines and Job Descriptions (p.1). followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Tradition and concept of the month was read by Chris.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):**

Dave, After Dinner Group; Annie, Trials and Smiles.

**Secretary's Report** Read by Dan; motion was accepted, seconded, and passed

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

- Total donations \$ 2,845.01
- Expenses \$ 95.00
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$ 2,650.01

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

**BTG - BTG**, Anne 2 women 2 men, all but one were contacted. If any of us are willing to gibe numbers for ridaes, please see annie.

**Liaison Report** - John was absent.

**INVITED REPORTS**

**Area Delegate** – Mike, Delegate, was present and gave a report. NERAASA will be held 2/23-2/25 in Cromwell, CT. It is a service-based event for the northeast region. The next one will be in Baltimore, so we are fortunate to have this event so close to home. The Mass State Convention planning group is meeting in odd months on the last Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting is March 27. On April 14, the area mini conference will be at the Holy Family Parish, 29 Sugarloaf St. South Deerfield, MA, 9:00AM – 4:00PM. Anyone in the area is welcome to attend. The intent is to give the delegate an opportunity to hear from AA in the region, and bring their concerns to New York. April 15 1:00-5:00PM, the area business meeting at the same location.

**Area Chair** - Mike was here and gave a report.

- February 8 - Concept Meeting at 474 Pleasant Street, 7:30, tomorrow night (2/8)
- Service manual meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of 2018 at 7:30 @ 474 Pleasant Street
- The area donated a bunch of old 12 and 12s to Institutions for its use and distribution.
- The area committee is available for outgoing commitments to interested groups.
- Group inventories can be facilitated by past delegates for interested groups. Lists of available facilitators are available from the Area Chair.
- Roundup (5/11-13 at La Quinta) planning meeting is being held monthly prior to the event.
- The area website has a new e-mailing address, [webpost@area31aa.org](mailto:webpost@area31aa.org), for new postings to be added to the site.
- [Areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:Areachair@area31aa.org)

**Berkshires** – Chaula was present and gave a report.

Good news from the Berkshires, a liaison for the Berkshire County House of Corrections has been established. A former member of Institutions has become a counselor there. The Substitute Speakers List has continued to be of great service to the area. The 10 open meetings out of 65 or so are filled each month from the list. Our contact at the HoC will be assisting in getting members of the list CORId so that more speakers can participate in inside commitments at McGee Unit, Jones 2, CSS, and others.

Contact [berkshiresinstitutionscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:berkshiresinstitutionscommittee@gmail.com) for additional information.

**CPC** – No report.

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** – Chris and Brennan, Providence 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, every other Sunday at 6:30 PM.

ROLL INS – Alyssa, Western Mass Young People’s, rolling into the above commitment.

OLD BUSINESS

John R. made a motion to add Highview Nursing Center in Leeds to the meeting list, seconded, and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

John R. made a motion to spend \$2650.01 on books, seconded and passed.

John R. made a motion to close, seconded and passed.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2018 Institution Committee

Chair	Erick	institutions@area31aa.org
Co-Chair	Jimmy	
Secretary	Dan	
Treasurer	Charlie	
BTG	Annie	
Liaison	John S.	
Co-Liaison	Chuck	
Librarian	Nicole	

Respectfully submitted,

Dan H.  
Secretary, Institutions Committee