

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

**BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

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28 members in attendance.

The Treasurer, Charlie, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Charlie read the Articles of Purpose from The Western Massachusetts Institution Committee Area 31 – Guidelines and Job Descriptions (p.1), and read the tradition and concept of the month.

Introductions.

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

- Peter, alternate representative for BYOBB.

Welcome!

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Charlie was present gave a report.

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| • Total donations                   | \$1027.54 |
| • Expenses                          | \$96.94   |
| • Ending balance for book purchases | \$930.60  |

**BTG** – Annie was present and gave a report.

We heard from two male callers and one female caller contacted the line. Both men were reached, the female caller did not connect.

Bridging the Gap is looking for volunteers to participate, please see Annie. It is not a taxi service, just bring those who need help to meetings.

**Liaison Report** – John was present and gave a report.

We received a call from Mike at Highview Nursing Home. He is looking to have their Tuesday meeting added back to the open meeting list. Karen at

WMCAC has only received one call regarding the open meetings at the Mill Street facility. There are several openings still left to be filled.

**Librarian** – Nancy was present and gave a report. Books have been purchased and are available. Everyone, please take a box with your books tonight.

**Delegate** – Mike was present and gave a report. Impact Collaborative audited the performance of AA world services. The report is available on the area website. 5/19-5/25 is the date set for AA's annual conference. Roundup will be in June. The Massachusetts State convention will be 11/9-11/11 in Framingham. The annual report for AA world services is now available in printed form. The AA Mobile App should be available in December of this year.

**Area Chair** – Mike was present and gave a report.

A monthly Concept Meeting is held the first Thursday of the month at 474 Pleasant Street at 7:30 PM.

A monthly Service manual meeting is held on 3rd Wednesdays of 2018 at 7:30 PM, also at 474 Pleasant Street.

There will be an area assembly 10/13-14 at St. Catherine's at 1083 Parker St. in Springfield, which will include a seminar in online contributions through the area website. Each committee will speak about their activities and why they need participation from area membership. Outreach for increased participation in Area committees is a key topic for this meeting, as well. The Grapevine and General Service Conference will be consolidated in the business meeting on Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

The area has changed its meeting date second Wednesday.... no matter what.

Send postings to [webpost@area31aa.org](mailto:webpost@area31aa.org)

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. Contact Mike at [Areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:Areachair@area31aa.org)

The budget meeting for the area will be held in November.

**Berkshires** – No report.

**CPC** – No report.

**Grapevine** – No report.

Charlie 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 –**

Marianne and Lauren, My Sister’s House.

**ROLL INS –**

Dave, Monday Night Candlelight Westfield.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

Chuck – missing 12 and 12s at the Ludlow facility were found. Eight additional books were donated from another facility, as well. Ron R. has CORI forms and other information for filling commitments at both Mill St. and Ludlow Section 35 facilities.

Jimmy – Delivering literature to institutions is against Institutions policy. Institutions materials are for individuals, and it is policy for the Ludlow Jail to keep books locked up, only available during the time of the meeting... so the books in question are prison property, not individual property. Charlie will investigate.

Chaula – Healthcare facilities are asking for meetings and literature. Where applicable, facilities should purchase their own materials.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ron R. – There will be a gratitude dinner for all escorts 11/8 at WMCAC, contact Karen Dean, flyer attached.

Lori – Salvation Army 1st and 3rd Thursday and 2nd and 4th Thursday, still looking for Chairpersons. Dave rolled in tonight to one of them.

Erick – Elections will be held next month. Openings will be Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian.

**ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:**

- Motion to spend \$930.60 on books, all in favor.
- Motion to close the meeting, all in favor.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

**Your 2018 Institution Committee**

Chair	Erick	<a href="mailto:institutions@area31aa.org">institutions@area31aa.org</a>
Co-Chair	Jimmy	
Secretary	Dan	
Treasurer	Charlie	
BTG	Annie	
Liaison	John S.	

Co-Liaison     Chuck

Librarian     Nancy

Respectfully submitted,

Dan H.

Secretary, Institutions Committee

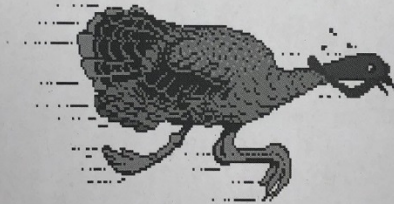
You're invited!

**Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness  
Center**

**GRATITUDE DINNER**

***TURKEY DINNER AT MILL STREET***

Thursday November 8, 2018  
5:30pm –7:00pm  
Hobart Memorial Hall  
155 Mill Street Springfield MA 01108



Slow down, recharge, and join us  
for food and fellowship!  
Come hear former residents share their  
experience, strength, and hope.

Please RSVP to Karen Dean 413-886-0110 ext. 3223 or email [karen.dean@sdh.state.ma.us](mailto:karen.dean@sdh.state.ma.us)  
by October 23rd

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