

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS
COMMITTEE
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**BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, May 1st , 2019**

49 members in attendance

Mike, stepped in for our chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

A member read the tradition of the month. Another member read the concepts.

Introductions:

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

None this month

Secretary’s Report: Read by Nicole; Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Kathy was present gave a report.

• Total donations	\$812.52
• Expenses	\$197.12
• Ending balance for book purchases	\$615.40

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

BTG – was not present at the meeting.

CPC- Ky was present to give a report. They have formal written invitations for the round up they have found a professional speaker for the meeting. CPC would like a list of the facilities we go into. They want to invite them to come in. Invitations have been given out for the reps to take and give out to the institutions they go to. They have their first commitment of the

year in North Adams. More information will be given soon. Next CPC meeting is on the May 14th.

Liaison- John was present to give a report. Someone put on a meeting on the 8th. John let her know that we meet once a month and the psych unit meeting was on the open meeting list. He has left two messages for her and did not get a call back he did invite her the institutions meeting. He requested a list to be emailed about all the meetings that take place at providence psych unit. Thursday night my sister’s house meeting has not been having anyone showing up to speak. They would like the other three Thursdays put on the open meeting list for women’s meetings to be brought in.

Librarian – Kristina was not present for a report, another member substituted and handed out books!

Area Chair Mike was present to give his report. Had an assembly this weekend. There 130 people on Saturday and Sunday there were 90 people. Rotating the assembly throughout the districts has made more activity. The website has a new pamphlet. The accessibilities committee will be making one. Concept meeting will be meeting tomorrow at 5/2/19. At 7:30 PM. NERF – north east regional forum will be coming up may 31st – GSO road show, weekend event, starts on Friday goes into Sunday. District 6 will host the next assembly

Alternate Area Delegate – Paul was present to give a report. There was an urgent need for people in jail to get some mail contacts. AA .org. Mini conference this past weekend. Reviewed 13 of 72 items and got some good feedback/discussion. The mass state convention, next meeting will be June 4th at the Sheraton Framingham hotel and conference center in Framingham, ma. Last year the focus was on topics of the general service topics/service related and seemed that this year was focused on themes from the general service conference. They want to change the topics and gear it into where people can talk from the heart and share their experience strength and hope. The entertainment committee will be thinking outside of the box this year and trying to have more things happening. Talking about having something on Friday night before or after the big meeting. The theme will be language from the heart and more about fellowship.

Berkshires – Connell was present to give a report. 6 open commitments Berkshire CSS, Mcgee detox all covered. Committee still reviewing formats and has created a lot of enthusiasm and engagement throughout the committee. 9 members showed up. They set up a sign up sheet for the meetings being brought in to the institutions so they can keep track of who's showing up where.

Mike gave the 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 – Lin rolling out of the Monday 2/4/5th women's correctional center in Chicopee

ROLL INS – Nicole- 4th Thursday my sister's house

OLD BUSINESS- No one is showing up to the providence psych unit commitments. IF YOU TAKE ON A COMMITMENT PLEASE SHOW UP FOR IT OR CALL.

NEW BUSINESS- CPC is requesting a list with contact info for the institutions we go into.

The committee will need to approve, and then make a motion to give our meeting list to CPC. Motion was made and accepted.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2018 Institution Committee

Chair	Jimmy	institutions@area31aa.org
Co-Chair	Charlie	
Secretary	Nicole	
Treasurer	Kathy	
BTG	Sean	
Liaison	John S.	
Co-Liaison	Chuck	
Librarian	Kristina	

Have a wonderful day ☺
Respectfully submitted,

Nicole W.
Secretary, Institutions Committee