

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS
COMMITTEE
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**BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday November 6nd , 2019**

37 Members were in attendance.

Jimmy opened the meeting at 7:00 with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and the guidelines of the committee.

Melissa read the tradition of the month, and Anisa the concept.

Introductions of the committee members.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

Charlie D., Singleness of Purpose

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

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

• Total donations	\$3028.06
• Expenses	\$114.95
• Ending balance for book purchases	\$2913.11

\$950 reserve still stands.

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

BTG – Sean was here for his report.

7 calls were received in October, 4 male 3 female. 5 were contacted, 2 did not call back. No bridging the gap cards are available at this time due to a delay in printing.

Liaison - John our liaison to gave his report.

From September, we have a letter from Agawam Health Care requesting a meeting once a month, per Cheryl Fuller. There is no specific date or time requested, the only stipulation is after lunchtime.

We also received and email from Karen Dean from WMRWC asking for clarification on the commitments at the Mill Street facility. We are awaiting her input on dates that are not being filled.

Joy from Intergroup reported that Ray from Vibra Hospital on State Street in Springfield is requesting a meeting on Thursdays at 3:PM, once or twice a month. John advised him that he will need to submit a letter to the committee for that request.

Librarian – Kristina was here to give her report. Books are in, come get them!

Berkshires – Connell was present and gave a report.

There are seven current open commitments in the area. The format review continues but should be wrapped up this month. 21 BTG volunteers have signed up in the region. The next project after the format review will be a review of meeting guidelines for chairpersons. The no-show reports will also be discontinued due to confusion about getting the reports back.

Area Chair-Mike was present to give his report.

District 4 will be having a special meeting, 12/7 at the Grapevine in Greenfield, on Safety. There is a concepts meeting tomorrow at 474 Pleasant St in Holyoke. Groups may also contact Mike if you're looking for a group inventory. If your group would like to have the Area come and do an incoming commitment, contact Mike. Areachair@area31aa.org 4135317945 call or text.

Alternate Delegate - Paul was here to give his report.

Elections were held for the Area. He has been elected Delegate, and the current Chair will be the Altenate Delegate. The State Convention is this weekend! The general serveice conference will be in April, and he is seeking items for the conference agenda. One item for discussion is, for example, a sequel to AA Comes of Age, also a possible amendment to the title of Living Sober to read How Not to Take the First Drink. The international convention will be July 2nd through the 5th in Detriot. The pre-registrations are up. They are \$115 now and will be going up to \$140. Book your room early! Mass State Convention is Nov 8-10 make sure you pre-register.

CPC - Mary was present and give a report.

New things: CPC went to AIC in Springfield to meet with new nurses to share information about AA and how to reach out for help. Elms College will be next in November or December. New members are always welcome for CPC!

Round up committee co-chair - Andy was here to give a report.

May 14, 15, 16 2020 at the Clarion in West Springfield will be the next round up. The committee is seeking volunteers! The next meeting is 11/13 at 474 Pleasant St. Come on down!

Jimmy 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 –

Joe, 1st / 3rd Sunday at Providence Detox.

ROLL INS –

Joe, 1st Friday Providence Detox.
Freddy, 3rd Saturday at Northern Hope.

OLD BUSINESS - Motion to put a meeting on at Agawam Health Center once a month. Moved, seconded, all in favor of adding the facility to the open meeting roster.

NEW BUSINESS -

No new business.

Elections!!!

Mike, Area Chair, explained third legacy voting, as it will be used for tonight’s elections.

Co-Chair, a two-year commitment: Michelle
Treasurer, a one-year commitment: Andy
Secretary, a one-year commitment: Melissa
Librarian, a two-year commitment: Mitch

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

Motion to spend \$2913.11 on books. All in favor.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2018 Institution Committee

Chair	Jimmy	Email: 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