

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday February 5th, 2020

43 Members were in attendance.

Charlie opened the meeting at 7:03 with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and the guidelines of the committee.

Brian read the tradition of the month, and Jimmy the concept of the month.

Introductions of the committee members.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

Jane, Thorndike Noontime
Marcy, Sunderland Security
Edwin, Monday Night Beginners, Amherst, ###-###-####, #####@#####.###
Terry, Friday Night South Hadley
Betsy, Top of the Hill Group, Holyoke, ###-###-####, #####@#####.### also
mill street womens 3rd monday with Sonia (Sonja, change in roster)
Brian, Scrambled Eggs ###-###-####, #####@#####.###
Jax, Only Requirement Group, and Mercy Group, Amherst
Donna, I Opener Northampton, ###-###-####, #####@#####.###
Mark L, ###-###-####, Wilbraham Friday Night

Secretary's Report: Dan read the minutes of the January meeting. There were no amendments or additions.

Treasurer's Report - Andy was present gave a report.

• Ending Balance from Prev.	\$1250.00
• Total donations	\$1036.35
• Expenses	\$277.55
• Ending balance for book purchases	\$758.80

- Ending Balance to Carry (reserve) \$1350.00

Of note, our monthly charges from Crocker Communications is double our usual figure because we were a month behind. Andy brought us current with this month's payment.

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

BTG – Jeff was here for his report

Six calls were received, including one from California. The five local calls were received and answered. Signups continue to be necessary for volunteers. Signup sheets are available here at the meeting.

Liaison – Cody, our liaison, was not here to gave his report.

Jeff, reporting for Cody, speaking to Karen from WMCAC, all Saturdays, and 2.3.4 Sundays, 2.4 Tuesdays, all Wednesdays, 4th Thursdays, and all Fridays are open,.

Librarian – Mitch was here. He had books. Go see Mitch. Get books.

Berkshires – Connell was present and gave his report.

Things are okay in the Berkshires, with nine open meetings. One group that had all Thursdays at the detox let go of the commitment. Jones II psych ward also remains open. Guide for meeting sponsors is also under review, beginning with rules imposed by facilities.

Open discussion of meeting issues

Jen, co-chair womens jail. No contact from Osborn. This issue continues. I will roll out

Area Delegate - Paul was here to give his report.

Mike alternate delegate: mass state convention 3/31 leaving from Burnett Road to Framingham for the planning committee, the convention will be in November. If you're interested in participating, see mike. Mini conference, 4/4 2 Brookfield Road in Brimfield, Hitchcock Academy. This is the opportunity to participate in the more than 1500 pages of conference materials up for discussion at this year's world conference. Packets of materials and complete materials are available from

Mike. The Mini conference is designed to allow each of these issues to be discussed in a helpful and orderly way.

Area Chair – not present.

Steve, area chair, the area puts on service commitments will be at Mulberry Street and Hand in Hand this month. If you'd like them to come to your group ###-###-####, contact Steve. The mini conference is on 4/4 the area business meeting is at 4/5 all AAs are welcome. Please come. The area meeting is at 474 Pleasant street on 3/11. Second day of the mini conference is the business meeting, an opportunity for GSRs to come and offer their group conscience to the area committee.

CPC – Dawn was here give her report.

Matt here for CPC: offered the description of the CPCs role. Our focus this year is on nursing student programs. Bringing boards to group anniversaries, and presenting to classes at local colleges for academic programs involved in addiction care and treatment 3/10 meeting at 474 Pleasant.

PI – Michael was not here to give his report.

Round up committee co-chair – Andy offered an update. Roundup will be 5/15-5/17 at the Clarion in West Springfield. There will be no dance, but there will be a movie night, comedians, and other activities, registration is \$20, and the dinner is \$25.

ROLL OUTS –

**JENN CHICOPEE WOMES JAIL 3RD WEDNESDAY
JOE 3RD FRIDAY PROVIDENCE DETOX. COMMITMENT WAS NMOMDAY NIGHT
HOLYOKE DISCUSSION GROU ALREADY HAD IT**

ROLL INS –
**MIKE 2/2/2019 NO BS BEGINNER STEP SPRINGFILED, 4/5 SUNDAY at hope center
Michelle, 12/17/07, Find your voice south Hadley, prof detox 4th Sunday 10:30
Jimmy 2nd Sunday hope center 6:30 Better life group.**

OLD BUSINESS - No old business.

NEW BUSINESS -

Charlie, thanks for sending us (Charlie and Michelle) to NERAASA. It was good to learn how well things run here in western mass compared to elsewhere and how important CPC is.

Motion to add to the guidelines: Invited committee reports - The Area Committee has a standing invitation to give a single report at the Institutions meeting. Other committees with business directly relating to Institutions Committee activities may request the opportunity to make a brief report at the monthly Institutions Committee meeting. Such requests must be made to the Institutions Chair at least one day prior to the meeting, and are subject to the Chair's approval. All Invited Committee reports - including the Area Committee report - must pertain to Institutions business - Moved Connell, second Jax, discussion. Moved to next mot Motion to send a case of big books to the Jail does not pass.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

Motion to spend \$758.80 on books. All in favor.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2020 Institution Committee

Chair	Charlie	Email: institutions@area31aa.org
Co-Chair	Michelle	
Secretary	Melissa	
Treasurer	Andy	
BTG	Jeff	
Liaison	Cody	
Co-Liaison	Andy	

Librarian

Mitch

Respectfully submitted,

Dan H.
Scribe Pro Tem

Links to Institutions-related materials discussed at the meeting:

A kit of materials for work In Correctional Facilities:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-68w_corrections_kit.pdf

A workbook from the Treatment Committee of AA

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/aa-literature/m-40i-treatment-committee-workbook

A workbook for those involved in Corrections outreach

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/aa-literature/m-45i-corrections-workbook

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