

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday June 1, 2022

17 members were in attendance in person. Held in person.

Andrew opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and the guidelines of the committee. Bobby read the Tradition 6 of the month, and Rick the Concept 6 of the month.

Introductions of the committee members: Chair, **Andy**, Co-Chair, **Jim R**, Sec. **Jax M**, Scribe Secretary, Treasurer, **Mat .**, Liaison **Tyler T**, Librarian, **Chris T**, BTG, **Jeff F.**, CPC, **Charlie M**.

Secretary's Report: Jax M. was present to read the minutes of the last meeting. Report was read, voted, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: - Mat was present to give a report in person.

● Ending Balance from Prev.	\$900.00.
● Total donations	\$2041.23
● Expenses	\$55.15
● Ending balance for book purchases	\$1986.08
● Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)	\$900.00

Report was read, voted, and accepted.

Liaison Report: – Tyler F. (###) ###-####, present to report. Spoke with Mike: Section 35 Superintendent suggesting 1.) Letter of Intent for Friday, 2.) and Saturday Commitment, 3.) one or both. Response may or may not require a Covid test or proof. Cory check is required by the lead person for prison. Bobby expressed interest.

Phoenix House - 1.) Letter of Intent, 2.) reached out after Covid, 3.) will return to meetings. Response: 60 day holiday due to Covid: Phoenix House.

Carlson - 1.) has been reached out to. 2.) Communication response is still delayed. 3.) We will continue to pursue the Letter of Intent with Carlson. Amy will be contacted for M, W, F reopening. Response: We are listed for upcoming slots. M,W,F. every S. Starting slow. New slots and schedules are changed up after Covid. Carlson Women's point of Contact is Amy. Call Front Desk. Get a packet from Sally. Learn of Cory and Covid requirements when we call.

Franklin Recovery - 1.) has openings for Tues Women's institution, 2.) and meetings can be served by Men and Women. Response: Nancy Cooper reached out. 1. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Friday are open. 2.) 4th 5th Friday has not shown Byob Chris B, All Saturdays will resume with Dwight S. Young Peoples. All Sundays are Not open to commitments. All Mondays (Friday Night Chapman, Brian S) have not shown. Noted. Jax rolled out Tuesday.

Librarian – Chris present to give a report.. Stocked books. Spanish versions, “AA in Prisons”, “Came to Believe”, “Living Sober”, “Daily Reflections”, Educational Pamphlets on Groups of Attention, AA Books, Step Books. “Ind Our Own Words”, “Emotional Sobriety”, “Voices of Women in AA”, “AA in Prison”, “AA in the Military”. Chris handed in a receipt for books.

Motion was made to spend money on books. Matt Suggested Surplus books could be made available to GSR home groups for newcomers.

Report was read, voted, and accepted. We decided to buy books at current prices no matter current organizational requests for books

Motion second to buy books. Motion passed to buy and store books.

BTG – John F., ###-###-####, JJFerrit72@aol.com was present to give a report.

Statement of Purpose: The Berkshire Institutions Committee organizes and supports AA meetings held at county hospitals, corrections facilities, and other institutions. – <https://sites.google.com/view/berkshireinstitutions>

- Monitors phone service, Cooperates with The Berkshire County Bridging the Gap Coordinator, Recruits new volunteers, Provides flyers at the monthly meetings, Assists Liaisons in contacting facilities on an as needed basis.

Jeff F reported on aligning the card with his email and telephone number. Bridging the Gap was left with a phone number on the card that appears to go nowhere. Sign up basic operations will be all brand new. John is refining BTG to be Administered. Helpline for meetings, rides, etc.

CPC - Charlie M, CPC, ###-###-####, cpc@area31.org, present.

Statement of Purpose: Cooperating with professionals, therapists, Institutions, judges, lawyers, Indigenous Americans. They may step in to assist when any institution contacts a facility director, recovery coach, nurse, or corrections officer requesting information about AA.

Area Delegate: –Mike, Delegate, ###-###-####. Reported That a Hybrid area meeting happens from the office in South Hadley, Church on Carew Street, gave Area31.org updates on. Round up July 9-10-12; MA State Convention Nov. 11-13, Sturbridge Host Hotel. End of 291, Paul H will host rides. There is a call for Stories. By the third edition, 53 stories were retired. This is the fifth edition that will be retiring more stories replacing today's AA stories. **This is how along with conventions Bill W said is how we see the evolution of AA.**

New Institutions Reps (IGRS):

ROLL OUTS – Nick, Franklin Hope, Jim R was restructuring his commitments.

ROLL INS - Bobby C., Brian G., Brittany, Carolyn K, Chris T, Lea , Victoria , Nick W., Jim R.

Chair, Andy called for: Open discussion of meeting issues: Mark is concerned, as is Bob, as Jax mentioned: 1.) Carlson Contact is : . 2. Mill Street Contact Anthony Schabelli 3.) We make contacts with Institutions, renew or remind institutions we would like or have already an Intent letter. 4.) Outliers who took institutions formerly taken by others are not available. New schedules have been assigned by institutions after Covid. Masks vary from institution to institution. After your initial contact, a packet, covid test, and a Cory may be requested. 5.) 6.

OLD BUSINESS: The Group is Asking Tyler: Tyler is answering as we RE OPEN commitments. We will ask for a Letter of Intent, or the original intent letter will do. Mark and Jim both asked to have the defined recognized set boundaries for participants as individuals assuming meeting roles. Integrity Standards so their are no questions between ISS and managing our Institutions. Our Reputations are based on Standards of a Higher Kind of Person. This way we can monitor, No shows, or character issues.

Jim told us all Virtuals he saw are present(s). The Follow up with the -1.) VA: Section 35. Mill Street - Contact for Mill Street is Anthony Scabelli. 2.) Mira Vista - can be contacted through Alicia. Call the Front Desk. 4.) If we establish a meeting, bring a Letter of Intent back to institutions with your commitment or ask for a copy of the original.

Tyler addressed In regards to Carlson. Questions like: "if anyone had issues"? The Letter of Intent is with Carlson. Amy will be contacted for M, W, F reopening Committee Elections.

New Business: "Mark and Jim both suggested we set boundaries on individuals assuming meeting roles across Institutions OPEN meetings. 1) This Concern has been an ongoing concern, 2.) and, now monitor our concerns. A Question once raised so we can manage our Institutions Reputations. 1.) We want Oversight 2.) assurances 3.) about (for example): No shows or character issues, no shows. Our Librarian will have Chris from Better Life fill in for him. Note: after we make a commitment 1.) get a packet to fill out from the institution, 2 contact calls or message 3. sign in on representing. Lead person signs in. Cori check may be required. Masks may or may not be required. Covid will cancel commitments or cause all new schedules for current populations.

The next meeting will be on July 6, 2022 - 7 PM in person at 474 Pleasant Street.

Chair Andy Email: institutions@area31aa.org

Co-Chair Jim R.

Secretary Jax M.

Treasurer Matt F.

BTG Jeff F.

Liaison Tyler F.

Co-Liaison Jim

Librarian Chris T.

CPC Charlie M. email: cpc@area31aa.org

Respectfully submitted,
Jax M., Scribe Pro Tem

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OPEN COMMITMENTS		
Institution	Day	Time

BMC CSS	3rd Sunday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	1st Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	3rd Sun	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	1st Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	3rd Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	4th Monday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	1st Fri	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	2nd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Carlson Center	4th Friday	7:00 PM
Chicopee Hmpdn (W)	Saturday	10:00 AM
Chicopee Hmpdn (W)	Sunday	10:00 AM
Franklin County (W)	Sunday	6:00 PM
Franklin County (M)	Tue or Thu or Sat	7:00 PM
Gandara House	Friday	1:30 PM
Hampshire Cnty (M)	1st/3rd Wed.	7:00 PM
Hampshire County Corr. LifeSkills (M)	1st/4th/5th Tuesday	7:00 PM
Highview Nursing Home Leeds	Tuesday	5:00 PM

Hillcrest Commons	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM
Hillcrest Commons	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Hmpdn Cnty Lud (M-SPAN)	Mon	7:00 PM
Hmpdn Cnty Ludlow (M)	Tue	7:00 PM
Hmpdn.Cty.PreRelease(M)	1st/4th Wed	7:00 PM
Hmpdn.Cty.PreRelease(M)	Saturday	8:30 AM
Jones 2 (BERK)	3rd Sunday	10:00 AM
Jones 2 (BERK)	1st Saturday	11:00 AM
Jones 2 (BERK)	2nd Saturday	11:00 AM
Jones 2 (BERK)	4th Saturday	11:00 AM
Liberty Prep Academy	1st/2nd/3rd Thursday	11:15 AM
Ludlow, Section 35	Saturday	7:00 PM
Salvation Army (M)	2nd & 4th Thurs.	6:00 PM
St. Luke's Rest Home	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Springside Skilled Nursing Pittsfield	TBD	7:00 PM
Timberlyn Heights Great Barrington	TBD	7:00 PM