

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
August 3, 2022

18 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. Mark read the Tradition 7 of the month, and Carla the Concept 7 of the month. John will Represent Andy next week at the Area Intergrroup and Sept Meeting.

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

New Institutions Reps (IGRS):
OUTS – none

ROLL

ROLL INS - John , Holyoke Group has gone to Carlson for 40 years, rolling on the first Monday of the Month at Carlson. Brian, took 1st Sunday and third Sunday at Carlson.

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. Mat said he had two unsigned checks. 1. Saturday Night 2. Singleness of Purpose, Groups. Matt will be stepping down. We thank him for his Service. He and his wife are having a child.

- Ending Balance from Prev. \$900.00
- Total donations \$2260.17
- Expenses \$134.06
- Ending balance for book purchases \$2126.11
- Ending Balance to Carry (reserve) \$900.00

Report was read, voted, and accepted.

Liaison Report: – Tyler F. (###) ###-####, not present to report.

Librarian – JD present to give a report. Stocked books. Spanish versions, “AA in Prisons”, “80 Grapevine Books”, “78 on loaner”, Members can pick up books after the meeting. Most Stories are available. Books are checked out meeting night.

Motion was made to spend money on books. **Report was read, voted, and accepted.** Motion second to buy books. Motion passed to buy and store books.

Joe made a motion to continue Books to Mira Vista.

Jim passed books to Alicia by passing to Joe. Jax picked up books for Thursday Nite 1, 2, 3 for the van from the Franklin Jail about to be released. Jail Van Driver appreciated the books.

We voted, and accepted to continue month by month exceptions to helping other Alcoholics. Motion passed to buy.

BTG – John F., ###-###-####, ***@***.***** 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>

- John F reported that he is requesting An Ad Hoc meeting to Design, plan, computerize, an easy system to coordinate and track, phone lists for a Call List from Jail to a Meeting Drivers. He wants an action plan to keep the driver and requestee safe by matching appropriate personalities, race, culture, gender, ethnicity or language barriers. Reporting that the Telephone number belongs to our In line from Crocker Communications..

CPC - Charlie M, CPC, ###-###-####, cpc@area31.org, not 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: –John, Area Chair, ###-###-####, Reported that a Hybrid area meeting happens from the office in South Hadley, Church on Carew Street. He gave Area31.org updates on: Roundup on July 9-10-12 was a success. We are welcomed to join them on a 10am to noon chat on Zoom to hear the discussion outcomes for the Growth of AA; AA changes in Harmony, and by AA Democracy); Bill W said “is how we see the evolution of AA” at State Conventions. We have a Convention on Nov. 11-13. “Democracy is how, along with conventions, we see the Evolution of AA”. Sturbridge Host Hotel. End of 291, Paul H will host rides. There is a call for Stories. “By the third edition, 53 stories began to be retired”. This is the fifth edition that will be retiring more stories replacing them with “today's AA” stories”. Service Enhances Sobriety. Area Service can be a calling. It’s a different atmosphere working with sober people.

Chair, Andy called for: Open discussion of meeting issues: -Matt will be stepping down due to a new baby arrival. We need a replacement for Librarian. JD volunteers. JD is nominated and seconded to be the new Librarian. Librarian Key turned over.

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-Phoenix House - will return to meetings. Response: 60 day holiday due to Covid: -Mira Vista - can be contacted through -Alicia. Call the Front Desk. . -Jax spoke to Andy to replace her for August as she has a date at BayState. He will have someone take the minutes and read them in August. -Andy is out next week and -John will step in for Andy at the 7:30 Pm Intergroup Area Meeting to represent..

OLD BUSINESS: A Question raised remains for discussion about how we are organized now to manage our Institutions, Reputations. 1.) What Oversight do we have? 2.)What can we do and have we done so far to monitor our institutions? (Examples): 1.) No shows or character issues. Our Librarian leaves and JD takes over. Andy is out and John is representing, Jax can not attend August. A Note taker is needed. **Note:** [after we make a commitment] 1.) get a packet to fill out from the institutions, 2 Ask for contact calls?, or to message them, 3. sign in each time as the representative. Lead person signs in, every time.. Cori check may be required. Masks may or may not be required. Covid will cancel commitments or cause all new schedules for current populations.

New Business: a.) -Jim R. stated that Phoenix House will be reaching out. b.) Mira Vista information will be forwarded to Tyler. - Jeff Shapiro is the follow up. A Request made for an inpatient Ambulatory Health Center Meeting at 1223 High St. is needed for Tuesday or Friday, 6:30 - 7:15 PM.) - Andy the Chair has authority to approve an Ad Hoc Committee within Institutions. -John F. Requested said committee on 7/6/2002 and was granted permission to form a group to plan, review, computerize and create a task list. When -John F. took the job most of the media was not locatable or obsolete. He is reorganizing top down and bottom up and requested helpers. d.) Question: Was Mira Vista formerly Providence Hospital asked, Scrambled Eggs. Answer: Yes, it is now named Mira Vista. -Chris, retired Treasurer turned in his Key to Andy. -Andy asked for a volunteer for -Chris that quickly turned into a nomination. - JD was nominated, seconded to become our new Institutions Treasurer. e.) -John spoke about Cooley Dickenson, Northampton is interested in a meeting. -Andy will see if he has more information. f.) Joe made a motion to continue sending books to Mira Vista. Motion passed to continue sending books when requested by anyone representing in need of serving. -Vote is taken month by month to adjust to new Covid Schedules. - Jim Said Books go to Alicia Edwards to pass to Joe. -Jim informed the Group that GSR's are becoming rare. Last meeting only had two maybe three in the room on Zoom. Matt must step down. We voted to elect T.D. to the Treasurer position.

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

Your 2022 Institution Committee

Chair Andy Email: institutions@area31aa.org

Co-Chair Jim R.

Secretary Jax M.

Treasurer Matt F.

BTG John F.

Liaison *Tyler F.*

Co-Liaison Jim R

Librarian JD

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Respectfully submitted,
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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	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

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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
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	2nd Friday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	1st/2nd/3rd Friday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	4th/5th Friday	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

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Jones 2 (BERK)	2nd Saturday	11:00 AM
Liberty Prep Academy	1st/2nd/3rd Thursday	11:15 AM
Ludlow, Section 35	Saturday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M)-	2&4 Wed	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M)-	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Mill Street (M) Spanish VIRTUAL	Monday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	2nd-5th Monday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	2nd/3rd/4th Tuesday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	3rd/5th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Mill Street, Section 35	1st Thursday	7:00 PM
Opportunity House	Tuesday	5:00 PM