

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

114 books distributed

**P.O. BOX 1391
HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391
BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday March 6, 2023**

23_ members were in attendance.

Matt opened the meeting at 7:02pm with serenity prayer

In agreement and cooperation with the Responsibility Pledge of Alcoholics Anonymous, the primary purpose of the Institutions Committee is to coordinate the work of the individual AA members and their groups who are interested in carrying the AA message of recovery to all alcoholics who might benefit from a meeting brought into their facility and to facilitate a means of Bridging the Gap from the institution to the larger AA community.

Introductions of the committee members;

Chair Matt, Jill Secretary, Librarian JD, John BDG, Liaison Carla, Treasurer Steve.

Reports

Secretary's Report- Jill read March's report;

Treasurer's Report-Steve

Ending Balance from Prev. Month \$ 445.40

Total donations \$

Expenses \$377.00

End Balance w/ Reserves and expenses \$1546.09

Ending balance for book purchases \$1000.69

To Next Month \$

Bridging the Gap (BTG)- (John) ~ No report. No movement. He explained what bridging the gap is. They help people get to their first meeting.

Librarian- (J.D) ~ 1041.00 on books

Liaison- (Carla) ~ There are two forms to fill out for BTG. Not a ton to report on. Feel free to reach out if they have any problems with the commitment. Please bring her a letter of intent if you are holding a commitment. See Carla for what a letter of intent is. * (Betsy)-co liaison

Berkshire Institutions:

Invited Committee Reports

Bob (area chair)- Developing an ad hoc committee to hold supplies such as storage. Minimum of 90 sq ft. Grapevine writing ws district 3 find at area31aa.org Golf tourney is a go. Fall assembly will be held in the fall hosted by district 5. Committee meetings are going great! Group inventory- email areachair@area31aa.org past delegate will put it on as well as an area commitment at what service has done for them in their sobriety. Concept meeting at 730 first Thursday at 30 Carew St. round up June 1 from 8am-4pm in Westfield at St Johns.

CPC- absent

Accessibilities- absent

PI- absent

CO-Chair report-

End Reports

Issues with Current Commitments ~ nope

Roll Outs

Roll Ins ~

Glenn(Thursday night step group) ~Aster House second Tuesday of the month.
 Chris(personal commitment) -Prison(Somers CT)

Old Business ~

New Business ~ Archives wants to bring speaker tapes to commitments and play them.(Carla)

(Matt) Hybrid questions were brought to him

(Joe) Commitment in the Ludlow jail or women's jail, not section 35? We haven't added more commitments because there are older commitments that need to be taken first. As the list is updated.(Carla's response)

Motion to give \$1000.69 for books (passed)

Chair	Matt F.	phone: [redacted] Email: institutions@area31AA.org
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The next meeting will be at 7pm on xxx at 30 Carew Street, South Hadley.

Motion to close @

Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Berkshire Institutions Chair
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 email: berkshireaainstitutions@gmail.com

End minutes

Your 2023 Institutions Committee

Co-Chair	Lina	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
Secretary	Jill F	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
Treasurer	Steve	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
BTG	John F.	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]

Liaison Carla phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]

Librarian JD phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]

Open Commitments

Institution	Address	Type of Facility	Day	Time
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Mission Care at Holyoke	35 Holy Family Rd, Holyoke, MA 01040	Long term care, dual diagnosis, Compassionate 1st & 3rd Care provider for inmates of Wednesday 2 PM or MA Dept. of Corrections or 4:30 PM Thursdays CO-ED
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Highview of Northampton	Leeds, MA	Co-ED Tuesday-Th ursday 6:00 PM Nursing Home

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