

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 1391
HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391
BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday September 6, 2023

26 members were in attendance.

Matt opened the meeting at 7:00 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, Urygen Secretary, Librarian JD, John BDG, Liaison Carla, Treasurer Steve.

Reports

Secretary's Report- Urygen read August report; accepted. Thank you Alyssa O and Lina M for stepping in for secretary while Urygen was away!

Treasurer's Report- Steve

Ending Balance from Prev. Month	\$1,900.00
Total donations	\$3,129.80
Expenses	\$277.00
End Balance w/ Reserves and expenses	\$4752.80
Ending balance for book purchases	\$2,652.80
To Next Month	\$2,100.00

Bridging the Gap (BTG)- John

A program to get people freshly getting out of an institution to a meeting. Sign up by scanning the QR code, it'll ask you information about where you can give rides and John will contact you. Friday John leaves for BTG workshop in Houston. More will be revealed next month!

Librarian- JD

Handed out 175 books, spent \$793,
 Total of 793 books on hand

Liaison- Carla

Update from Stonybrook/Ludlow Section 35– if you're going there and want to take books in, tell the guard you're working with Mike Herrigan. He works there and will distribute the books.

Letter of intent from Stoneybrook. Saturday and Sunday nights, meeting rotating through 4 units. CORI check required. You need to have 1 year without legal issues to go in.
Motion to accept Stoneybrook Saturday and Sunday nights as commitments to be added to institutions committee list. Passes, none opposed

Letter of intent from BHN Carlson Recovery Center
Carlson recovery center changed from all men to co-ed.
6:30-7:30pm Saturdays.
Motion to accept. Passes, none opposed.

Berkshire Institutions:

Not present

Invited Committee Reports

Steve, Alternate Delegate

30th Sept Traditions Workshop hosted by district 6. More info on area31aa.org.
Fall assembly is 14th and 15th Oct at St Catherines of Sienna in Springfield. Saturday 9-4 will be area inventory, Sunday will be a business meeting with area elections.

End Reports

Issues with Current Commitments

None

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs)

Pete, Fitzzy, Carl, Zillah.

Roll Outs

None

Roll Ins

Taylor (May 29th 2021), Do or Die Group, Group Commitment Carlson Detox 3rd Thursday starting October 19th.

Shaun (January 30th 2023), Springfield Young People's. Carlson Detox 2nd, 4th and 5th Friday 6-7pm.

Ralph (Sept 30th 2016); CHD Aster House 4th Monday, Park Allen Group
Bobby and Jonas rolling in temporarily for Carlson 2nd and 4th Monday while Anthony is having surgery.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion to spend \$2,652.80 on books
Passes, none opposed

Steve; motion to stop contributing \$200 to budget reserve, and just put it towards the books.
Passes, none opposed

Motion to close @ 7:41pm

Closed with Responsibility Pledge

End minutes

The next meeting will be at 7pm on October 4th at 30 Carew Street, South Hadley.

Your 2023 Institutions Committee

Chair	Matt F.	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
Co-Chair	Jax M.	phone: ([redacted] email: [redacted]
Secretary	Urgyen	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
Treasurer	Steve	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]

BTG	John F.	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
Liaison	Carla	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
Co-Liaison	Jim R	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
Librarian	JD	phone: [redacted] email: [redacted]
Berkshire Institutions Chair	Hedley	phone: [redacted] email: berkshireainstitutions@gmail.com

		MA Dept. of Correction CO-ED	or Thursd ays	
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Highview of Northampton	Leeds, MA	Co-ED Nursing Home	Tuesday-Thursday	6:00 PM
CT Corrections	335 Bilton Road Somers, CT 06071	Men's prison Background checks required to enter Carla has more info on requirements for entry to the facility	1st & 3rd Thursday	Arrive for 6:15, meeting at 6:30

Open Commitments

Institution	Address	Type of Facility	Day	Time
MissionCare at Holyoke	35 Holy Family Rd, Holyoke, MA 01040	Long term care, dual diagnosis, Compassionate Care provider for inmates of MA Dept. of Correction CO-ED	1st & 3rd Wednesdays or Thursdays	2 PM or 4:30 PM
MissionCare at Holyoke	35 Holy Family Rd, Holyoke, MA 01040	Long term care, dual diagnosis, Compassionate Care provider for inmates of	2nd & 4th Wednesdays	2 PM or 4:30 PM

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Western Massachus etts Regional Women's Correc tional Center (WCC)	Chicopee	Women's Section 35	3rd Wedne sday	7:00 PM
Carlson Recovery Center	471 Chestnut St. Springfield	Co-ed Detox	Every Saturd ay	6:30 PM

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