

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

40 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, Beatrix Secretary, Librarian JD, John BDG, Liaison Carla, Treasurer Steve.

**Reports**

**Secretary’s Report-** xxxx read xxxx report;

**Treasurer's Report-** xxx

Ending Balance from Prev. Month	\$1,084.28
Total donations	\$2,008.43
Expenses	\$77.00
End Balance w/ Reserves and expenses	\$3015.71
Ending balance for book purchases	\$1,931.43
To Next Month	\$1,084.28

**Bridging the Gap (BTG)-** John was not here and there was nothing to report.

**Librarian- J.D**

228 books distributed

\$200 worth of books were accidentally given by intergroup last month, so in December we only bought \$1,420 worth of books instead of \$1,620.

We are trying to move more grapevines to make space for more storage space.

**Liaison- Carla** had nothing much to report. Still double checking in going commitments with co-liaisons especially post covid.

**Berkshire Institutions:** Madison, Secretary

Berkshire Institutions along with Dist 3 is putting together a celebration of service event on January 20th at the Congregational Church in Stockbridge. To get people excited about service at all different levels, not only institutions committee focused but we’ll be there!

**Invited Committee Reports**

**Area 31 Chair Bob**

Make sure your meeting is accurate in the meeting guide app so that the “When and Wheres” can be printed accurately

Concept meeting 01/04/23 7:30pm at 30 Carew st South Hadley, MA 01075

NECYPAA Convention this weekend at the Doubletree Hilton in Danvers, MA

NERAASA Convention Feb 22nd-25th at Hershey Lodge Hershey, PA

area31aa.org has new information online. District 3 Traditions meeting Virtual at 7-8pm

**End Reports**

**Issues with Current Commitments**

Betsy (Mill St. Women’s) says there is barely any attendance, and that a thursday meeting is going in not through institution.

John (Mill St Men’s) low attendance at commitments and no one is there on time

Diane has a Northern Hope committee the first Monday and third Wednesday they were told they were there at the wrong time and turned away. Received a new contact and are figuring it out.

Connie (Women’s Correc.) took the commitment in September but are just hearing back so are starting now with the 3rd Wed of every month.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs)**

**Roll Outs**

None

**Roll Ins**

None

**Old Business**

Andy is still waiting for a reasonable price for the printouts of the guidelines meanwhile if needed they can be accessed online.

**New Business**

Steve: Motion to have \$1,931.43 go towards books

Seconded

Passed

Steve has suggested asking your Home Group about whether they are contributing to the pie and if not letting them know that institutions could always use more funds.

Dan the program Director at Aster House has asked for more commitments to be coming in

Lina: motion to purchase two rooms at the NERAASA convention roughly \$129/night

Seconded

Passed

**Motion to close @ 7:32pm**

Closed with Responsibility Pledge

**End minutes**

**The next meeting will be at 7pm on xxx 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	Beatrix	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: berkshireaainstitutions@gmail.com

**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 MA Dept. of Correction  CO-ED	2nd & 4th Wednesdays or Thursdays	2 PM or 4:30 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield	Women's Facility Detox & CSS	2nd, 3rd or 4th Monday	7:00 PM
Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield	Women's Facility Detox & CSS	Every Tuesday	7:00 PM
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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
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