

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

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**P.O. BOX 1391
HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391
BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday June 5, 2024**

_ 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 May's report;

Treasurer's Report-Steve

Ending Balance from Prev. Month \$645.40

Total donations \$1740.56

Expenses \$198.00

End Balance w/ Reserves and expenses \$2385.96

Ending balance for book purchases \$1542.56

To Next Month \$745.40

Rent went up, 26 groups donate to the pie chart(\$600 MORE THAN LAST MONTH)

Institutions are hurting we need help please announce at meetings. Are they giving to the pie chart, if giving a check use group number or group name.

Bridging the Gap (BTG)- (John) ~If you're going into an institution make sure they are using the database

Librarian- (J.D) ~248 books, buy 70

Liaison- (Carla) ~ Carlson/she sent a list of what we have and she was supposed to receive a list of what they need and have open and did not. Greenfield/emailed and received an email back that her inbox is full. Richard/ Opp house he didn't show up to roll in(Desiree said Richard could put on the commitment)

Berkshire Institutions: Madison

Invited Committee Reports

Alt Delegate-voted on getting a storage unit. They bought one at Costco to be built at 30 Carew St. for committees to hold their belongings. Nov 8,9,10 will be the Mass State Convention in Marlborough MA. Go through website to get rooms that's how we stay self supporting.

Traditions meeting Sunday at 4PM

End Reports

CPC-

Accessibilities- Care One-3rd Wed 7:30PM

PI-

WMYPAA-Event coming up(Field Day) Sat June 8, 2024(Glizzy Fest)

CO-Chair report-

Issues with Current Commitments ~

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs) ~ Diane-only req

Jason-Came to believe

Johnny- Wild Cats

Roll Outs- Bonnie and Mary rolling out from women's commitment

Roll ins-

Old Business ~

New Business ~ Dennis/the purpose of this committee is for the incarcerated(can't get out) Tom/ Appendix 4 read the definition of institution, Jason/blurred line, John/if someone wants a meeting they should have one.

Ray- they go in and there are people who cannot get out and the room is full. It is very beneficial.

Madison- What are our rules and guidelines and what do we as a group think it should be. John/ Subject comes up all the time every few months. Maybe an ad hoc committee will be made to find out what's supposed to be done. Ray/ there are other committees that could be beneficial to these other houses. Motion to table(passes)

New Biz- Johnny New Valley Springs/New Admin., wants to get people in there to get in to put on meetings. Steve/1542.56 to intergroup for books. Bonnie would like to take a valley springs meeting and will come back. Motion to keep things as is...passed

BE ADVISED WE ARE NOT TAKING ANY MORE COMMITMENTS UNTIL OTHERS ARE TAKEN. ALSO, THE COMMITMENTS TO FOLLOW SHOULD BE IGNORED AS THEY ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION.

Your 2024 Institutions Committee

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Motion to close @

Closed with Responsibility Pledge

End minutes

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

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Open Commitments

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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Institution	Address	Type of Facility	Day	Time
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Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield	Women's Facility 2nd, 3rd or 4th Monday Detox & CSS	7:00 PM	
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Franklin Recovery Center	298 Federal St, Greenfield	Women's Facility Every Friday Detox & CSS	7:00 PM	
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Highview of Northampton	Leeds, MA	Co-ED Tuesday-Thursday 6:00 PM Nursing Home

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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	Somers, CT 06071	requirements for entry to the facility		
Hairston House	25 Graves Ave, Northampton	Men's sober house Clients can leave to get to meetings	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00 PM
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