

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS  
INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE**

47 Books distributed

**P.O BOX 1391  
HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday February 5, 2025**

15 Groups in Attendance

Lina opened the meeting at 7:00pm with The 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.

Introduction of committee members:

Chair Lina, Co Chair JD, Secretary Scott, Librarian Jason, BTG Betsy, Liaison Erika, Co Liaison(s) Carla, Harvey, Treasurer Steve

**REPORTS**

**Secretary:** (Scott) read January report

**Treasurer:** (Steve)

Beginning Balance - \$727.62

Total donations (26 Groups)- \$2108.52

Expenses- \$ 88.00

Total For Books - \$1756.74

Ending Balance \$727.52

**Bridging the Gap:** (Betsy) - explanation of what is the bridging the gap program

**Librarian:** (Jason) spent \$1728.50 - 140 books.

**Liaison :** (Erika) - updated current status of open meetings / institutions. Working with Harvey (Co-liaison) on bringing in more commitments. Comment on having template for institution letter of intent and specifics on days/times, contact on the floor of that institution etc. Reviewed guidelines for hosting a commitment. Updated Salvation Army commitments, and continued follow up for Carlson Detox needed. Guy M, prior

liaison and now in CT, offered assistance for helping Institutions/liaison.

**INVITED COMMITTEES**

**AREA CHAIR (Bob):**

NERASAA Feb 21-23(online only),  
International Convention July 3-6  
2025/Vancouver Canada.

Spring Assembly Mar 29(9-3), Mini Conf -  
30(1-5), Business meeting. South Deerfield,  
MA.

Round Up Jun 6-8. Holiday Inn and Suites.  
Pittsfield, MA.

Area commitments / group inventory  
assistance

\*\*please refer to [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org)

for any details you'd like

**CPC:** Karen - explanation of CPC and  
service to professionals on what AA is  
and isn't.

**ACCESSIBILITIES:(Judy) -**

**PI-**

**WMYPAA(Mark):** Need help. MSCYPAA  
XXVII in Springfield, MA, 8/15-17.

Registration available online.

2/22 - Bachelorette event 6pm meeting,  
then dance.

**Chair Report:**

**Co-Chair Report:**

**Issues-** None

**Roll outs-** None

**Roll ins-** Salvation Army, 4th Thr, Chair  
- Jessie, Co-chair - Connor.

Unanimously confirmed.

**END OF REPORTS**

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** (Larry/Victor) \$200 in  
donations from group donated.

(Steve) - motion to give \$1756.74 for books *passed*

(Jason) - raised ?s how to allocate funds per librarian.

(Larry) - VA interested in putting on new commitment. Advised follow up w/Erika. ? On if institutions will donate funds to Grapevine in Greenfield. Suggestion to raise funds within groups. Discussion tabled.

(Madison) - requested reimbursement \$200 for Berkshire Intergroup. Unanimously *passed*.

Closed Meeting 8pm  
w/ The Responsibility Pledge  
The next meeting will be at 7pm first  
Wed. of the month, 3/5/25.  
30 Carew St, South Hadley

**Librarian Jason** - email:  
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### **Your 2024 Institutions Committee**

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**OPEN**  
**COMMITMENTS**

## FACILITY

## DAY AND TIME

Care One

260 Easthampton Rd.

Holyoke, MA 01040

1st or 2nd Wednesday

7:30pm

TBI & neurological unit

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Valley Springs Hospital

45 Lower Westfield Rd.

Holyoke MA 01040

1st & 4th Sunday

6:30PM

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Mira Vista Behavioral Health Ctr.  
7PM

Holyoke, MA 01040

Tuesday-Saturday 1233 Main St.

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Mission Care at Holyoke

35 Holy Family Road

Holyoke MA

Wed or Thurs

2PM, 4:30PM, 6PM

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CT Corrections

335 Bilton Road

Somers, CT

2nd & 4th Thursday

7PM

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New View Section 35

(female)

Sun - Sat (everynight)

7PM

***All Gender identities Welcome to go in***

21 Kenwood Street

Greenfield, MA