

## **AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE**

258 Books distributed

**P.O BOX 1391**

**HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391**

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Wednesday March 5, 2025**

16 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:** (Betsy, in place of Scott this month) Lina read February report. Motion accepted for minutes to be included.

**Treasurer:** (Steve)

Beginning Balance - \$727.62

Total donations (30 Groups)- \$2382.98

Expenses- \$ 88.00

Total For Books - \$2294.98

Ending Balance \$727.50

**Bridging the Gap:** (Betsy) - Still working on getting computer access to Bridging the Gap updates.

**Librarian:** (Jason) spent \$2003 for 168 books and 10 packs W&W's with \$10.86 credit with intergroup office.

**Liaison :** (Erika) - updated current status of open meetings / institutions. Has sample/template of letter of intent for institutions that is available for all. Erika asked for people with institution commitments to keep her updated on changes with contacts or any other changes occurring to keep open meeting list current. Read Stonybrook letter of intent - adding Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 7pm to open list. Read Mission Care of Holyoke letter of intent. Adding 2, 4 pm with flexibility on days twice a month commitment to open list. Read Holyoke Medical Center Behavioral Health letter of intent - adding for both M3 and M5 units Tue, Thurs 6 or 7pm two meetings a week to open list.

### **INVITED COMMITTEES**

**AREA Delegate (Steve):** All area information available on website area31aa.org. Please contact area chair if you would like area committee to do an outgoing commitment to your home group to discuss service work at the area level. Area chair can also help a group coordinate a group inventory. Spring assembly 3/29 (9-3), 3/30 (1-5) at Holy Family Church, South Deerfield, MA. Round Up 6/6-6/8, Pittsfield, MA. Mass State Convention planning committee meetings - last Tuesday of month 7pm.

**CPC: Karen** - explanation of CPC and service to professionals on what AA is and isn't. Discussed new leads. Discussed a new video that is available (see area website). **ACCESSIBILITIES:(Judy)** -

**PI-**

**WMYPAA(Mark):** Meets 1st Sunday of the month at Serenity Club, 5pm. Need help. MSCYPAA XXVII in Springfield, MA, 8/15-17. Registration available online. 2/22 - Bachelorette event 6pm meeting, then dance.

**Chair Report(Lina):-** Reported on NERAASA, round table for Institution chairs for the NE region where successes / barriers to overcome discussed / Possibility of Institutions workshop for the area.

### **Co-Chair Report:**

**Issues-** Kim discussed concern of residents not getting literature / books that she is bringing into facility, Section 35 in Greenfield. Concern that staff are keeping them for their library. Discussion: suggestion made to hand books directly to residents. Also reach out to facility / staff to clarify how books to be made directly for residents.

**Roll outs-** None

**Roll ins-** New View - Nancy and Tim from Sober Sunday will take weekly Wednesday 7pm. Salvation Army - John will return with someone (> 1 year sobriety) to meet requirement to take commitment. Mill St. - Erin will come back when list is updated for this commitment.

### **END OF REPORTS**

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business: (Betsy)** - introduced idea for business cards to be distributed to people who work at Institutions instead of printed papers. Will be researched. Discussion tabled. (Steve) - motion to give \$2294.98 for books *passed*.

Closed Meeting 8pm

w/ The Responsibility Pledge

The next meeting will be at 7pm first Wed. of the month, 4/2/25.

30 Carew St, South Hadley

**Your 2024 Institutions Committee**

**Chair Lina** - email: [Institutions@area31aa.org](mailto:Institutions@area31aa.org)

(Personal: [redacted])

**Co Chair JD** - email: [redacted]

**Secretary Scott** - email: [redacted]

**Treasurer Steve** - email: [redacted]

**BTG Betsy** - email: [redacted]

**Liaison Erika** - email: [redacted]

**Librarian Jason** - email: [redacted]

**OPEN COMMITMENTS - AA Service Opportunities - Updated March 2025**

*To take on a commitment: Roll-In during the monthly Institutions Meeting: 7PM on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 30 Carew St South Hadley MA*

*(W)Women (M)Men \*Notes*

**Institution Address Day Time \* Notes**

260 Easthampton Road

**Care One**

Holyoke MA 1st or 2nd Wed 7:30 PMCT **Corrections** 335 Bilton Road Somers CT  
2nd & 4th

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Holyoke Medical Center BH** 575 Beech Street Holyoke MA Tues & Thursdays

6PM or

7PM

**Mira Vista Behavioral**

**Health** 1233 Main Street Holyoke MA Tues - Saturday 7:00 PM

**Mission Care at Holyoke**

35 Holy Family Road Holyoke

MA Flexible 2x/month

2PM or

4PM

**New View Section 35 (W) \***

21 Kenwood Street Greenfield

MA Sats & Sundays 7:00 PM

\*All Genders are

Welcome

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21 Kenwood Street Greenfield

MA Weds - Fridays 7:00 PM

\*All Genders are

Welcome

**Salvation Army (M)**

327 Liberty Street Springfield

MA Tuesdays 7:00 PM

**Salvation Army (M)**

327 Liberty Street Springfield

MA

1st & 2nd

Thursdays 7:00 PM

**Stonybrook Ludlow Section**

**35 (M)**

325 Alabama Street Ludlow

MA

Tues Weds

Saturdays 7:00 PM

**Stonybrook Ludlow Section**

**35 (M)**

325 Alabama Street Ludlow

MA 2nd & 4th Fridays 7:00 PM

**Valley Springs Hospital**

45 Lower Westfield Road

Holyoke MA 1st & 4th Sunday 6:30 PM

There is a lot of service opportunity here please consider sharing your time, even 1 day/month.

**Working Together we Make a Difference!**