

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS
COMMITTEE
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**BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

The Committee Chair, Holly opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, and read the Articles of Purpose from The Western Massachusetts Institution Committee Area 31 – Guidelines and Job Descriptions (p.1) as well as guidelines for Institution Group Reps.

Tradition of the month and Concept of the month were read by Carl.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Kenny - Daily Reflections Holyoke; Eddy - Mixed Nuts; Ryan - Sunderland Security Group; Raven - Big Book Step Study Springfield; Aiden - East Hampton Men's Group; Dave - We Can Group

Secretary's Report Read by Melissa; motion to accept seconded and passed

Treasurer's Report Lauren was present and gave report.

	March	April
• Total donations	\$1514.19	\$1514.19
• Expenses	\$632.67	\$ 632.67
• Ending Balance for Book Purchase	\$1921.39	\$1921.39

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

BTG Report - Annie was present and gave report
13 calls; all but 2 she connected with. 10 Females and 3 Males.
Looking for numbers from Springfield people

Liaison Report - Rachel is our new and grateful Liaison

- Updating list
- Talking with new floor at Providence
- Making sure commitments are still filled

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Delegate Mark was present and gave report.

- 2 weeks General Service Conference in New York!
- Agenda items - How to better connect with members of AA for correspondence with inmates; develop trust between Native Americans and AA

Area Chair – Sue was present and gave report.

- NERAASA went great!
- Area meeting cancelled; will resume May 10
- What a Concept meeting and Traditions meeting open to all who want to check out
- Mass State Convention in November - starting to plan now; next meeting May 25

Berkshires Institutions – Chaula was present and gave report.

- Participating in ad-hoc committee to discuss how to better distribute books
- New facility opening
- Most meetings are covered and running with out a problem

Ad Hoc Committee - Erick gave report

- First meeting was tonight, April 5 before the regular meeting
- Next meeting in cafeteria 6pm before the regular meeting - anyone who wants to can attend

Holly gave definitions of “Roll Ins” and “Roll Outs”; it is suggested sponsors have one year of sobriety, and alternates have 6 months of sobriety.

ROLL OUTS

- None

ROLL INS

- Dave - Northern Hope Center 5th Monday - Weekend Group Holyoke

Holly made clear who are voting members of the group. Did count off around room of voting members (Sponsors and co-sponsors of meetings, IGRs, Secretary, BTG, Liaison, and Treasurer). 46 voting members were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

We received a check from Berkshire Intergroup which was sent back. The check was about \$1300.

Erick wants to let us know that the facilities in CT (prisons), as of March 8th, will allow furlough. Erick will sponsor the first two. Looking for other alcoholics (men) to bring inmates to outside meetings (men's meetings in CT). Also asking for men to come in and do Step Work with the inmates. Liability of 4th step while men are in prison (figuring that out).

Nancy of Franklin Recovery Center - looking for more commitments to be filled

Motion made for an ad-hoc committee to determine how books should be distributed. Vote - yes, an ad-hoc committee is being formed.

NEW BUSINESS

New Facility opening 3rd floor Providence; voluntary unit (14 day, coed) - looking for one day a week

Berkshires Workshop is tabled for now

Victoria - Librarian: Issues with the checks. We are out of Where & When's. Please try to work with us and take this into consideration. These books are for the commitment you signed up for and no one else. This is very important!

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend the money on books (when we figure that out).

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2017 Institution Committee

Chair	Holly W	email: institutions@area31aa.org
Co-Chair	Erick	
Secretary	Melissa G	
Treasurer	Lauren W	
BTG	Annie	
Librarian	Victoria	
Liaison	Rachel	
Berkshires	Kate L.	
Co-Chair	Chaula H.	

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa G.
Secretary Institutions Committee