

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS
COMMITTEE
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**BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, August 3, 2017**

The Committee Chair, Holly opened the meeting at 7:00 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 the guidelines for Institution Group Reps.

Tradition and concept of the month was read by Mike.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs): Jim B - After Dinner Group; Ron - Wilbraham Group; Nancy - A Way Out Group

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

Treasurer's Report Holly gave report.

- Total donations \$2,168.62
- Expenses \$179.80
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$1,888.82

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

Liaison Report - John has stepped in as our new Liaison!

INVITED REPORTS

Area Delegate – Delegate Mark was present and gave report.

- Anonymity free report on Annual Report; will be at Area Committee Meetings and Fall Assembly
- All 16 Committees are now sending out emails of any updates or topics of discussions
- Adding an Appendix to Big Book as recognition by Library of Congress
- Include AA Preamble and Responsibility Pledge in the Big Book

Area Chair – Sue was present and gave report.

- Group Inventories - contact Sue at areachair@area31.org
- New activities on website - Mass State Convention, workshops
- Grapevine workshop - 2 people coming to talk about their story that was published in The Grapevine
- Area Assembly - Oct 21 - 22 on Appleton, Maple, and High Street; Saturday 10 - 4; Sunday - 1 - 5: business meeting for area and elections

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

- Tom from Chicopee Tuesday Night Group - Carlson 1st Thursday

ROLL INS

- Cheryl from Chicopee Tuesday Night Group - Carlson 1st Thursday
- Dawn - Saturday morning Chicopee Womens; and Chris as the Alternate
- Nancy; Way Out Group - FRC Every Tuesday; Watershed Every Saturday

OLD BUSINESS

Providence is making the Monday night and Saturday afternoon meeting at the Providence CSS mandatory. John is looking for an alternate sponsor for his Monday night Providence Meeting.

We need Men to do phone correspondence with incarcerated alcoholics.

Chuck, our librarian, has coordinated with various institutions in the area to figure out what each facility needs for books. Everyone will receive a packet of pamphlets. We have available large print Big Books and When & Where's available.

Holly announced we do need a Liaison

NEW BUSINESS

Erick facilitates a meeting at Cybulski. Men are allowed to go to a meeting on furlough to a men's meeting in CT. Looking for volunteers

Curtis has a personal commitment at the Northern Hope Center. He has been doing this meeting for about 6 months. He is not listed on their calendar so other people are showing up for his commitment.

Nicole asked about what she can do to spread the message for the women at the hope center.

ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:

- Motion was made and passed to spend the money on books \$1,888.82.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Your 2017 Institution Committee

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Respectfully submitted,

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