

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

140 Books distributed

P.O BOX 1391
HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391
BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

20 Groups in Attendance

Lina opened the meeting at 7:00pm with The Serenity Prayer, and the group representative description including responsibilities of the position.

*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 March report. Motion accepted for minutes to be included.

Treasurer: (Steve)

Beginning Balance - \$727.50

Total donations (33 Groups)- \$2690.84

Expenses- \$ 464.89

Total For Books - \$2225.95

Ending Balance \$727.50

*** Reminded all present need for groups to continue and increase donations to help for buying books and supporting area AA community. 295 groups are not making contributions to Institutions committee.

A question was raised on if a group should make \$10 donation / month or a quarterly donation of \$40 - (answer Steve) - he will take donations either way.

Question on if Institutions will take book donations - (answer, Steve) - Institutions will take book donations.

Bridging the Gap: (Betsy) - provided explanation on what bridging the gap program is and how it works. Asked for volunteers to sign up to answer the call and be available to people after they exit an institution to bring to area AA meetings. Still working on getting computer access to Bridging the Gap updates. Had temporary access, but currently unable to see updates.

Librarian: (Jason) spent \$2275 for 188 books and 20 packs W&W's with \$30.86 credit with intergroup office. Current inventory of 763 books.

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. Updated Holyoke Medical Center Behavioral Health commitment. No CORI check will be done on individuals bringing in a meeting. Read Letter of Intent from Hope Center (Springfield, MA). Provided explanation of what a letter of intent is. LOI from Retreat of Boston (Ludlow, MA) commitment, a small detox in Ludlow, all genders are welcome

INVITED COMMITTEES

AREA Chair (Bob): 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 mini conference provided feedback to delegate for upcoming general service conference. Round Up 6/6-6/8, Pittsfield, MA. Mass State Convention planning committee meetings - last Tuesday of month 7pm. Concept meeting 1st Wed of mth (see area website for details).

Grapevine(): Listening party in Hadley, MA. 5-8pm / also virtual. Normal meeting is 1st Wed of month.

CPC: Karen - 11 attendees at most recent meeting. 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). New commitments / possible commitments - Springfield College, AIC, Substance Abuse Center Detox (Westfield), Hampshire Corrections facility, Mill St, Holyoke Medical Center, Williamstown.

ACCESSIBILITIES:(Judy) - Explanation of committee and functions. New commitments to Cedar Brook. Can bring in meetings to assisted living facilities. Currently in need of secretary for committee.

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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. 4/26 in Pittsfield, MA - Rave. 6/13-15 - camping trip (see area website for details).

Chair Report(Lina):

Co-Chair Report:

Issues-

Roll outs- Mark from YP at Carlson (2nd/4th Fri). Bonnie / Mary Pat from Valley Springs 2nd Sunday.

Roll ins- Mark from YP to Hope Center for 3rd Sun starting in May. Barbara from Daily Reflections to take HMC 1st Thr (6pm). Bruce from Joy of Living to Salv Army 2nd Tue. Erin from Sunday Morning Gp to Aster House 1st / 3rd Tue, 7pm. Bonnie / Mary Pat to HMC 3rd The, 6pm.

END OF REPORTS

Old Business: (Betsy) - business cards update. Vistaprint / Staples options. \$62 / 1000 or \$250 / 2000. Motion for \$100 to be spent for business cards with BTG information - *passed* unanimously.

New Business: (Kim) - from Dist 4 wkshp 5/17, 10-2pm (Greenfield). Asking for support from Institutions committee / reps. (Steve) - motion to spend \$2225.95 on books - *passed* unanimously. (Erika) asked for communication from sponsors / groups putting on commitments. Please attend monthly Institutions meetings to receive literature, provide feedback to committee / liaison for concerns / tracking attendance. Motion for Erika to carry books in vehicle when visiting groups / sites of commitments for sponsors unable to attend Inst. Monthly Meeting. (JD) spoke re: concern for library inventory tracking. Motion *passed* unanimously.

Closed Meeting 8pm

w/ The Responsibility Pledge

The next meeting will be at 7pm first Wed. of the month, 5/7/25.

30 Carew St, South Hadley

OPEN COMMITMENTS - AA Service Opportunities - Updated April 2025

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

Institution	Address	Day	Time	* Notes
Care One	260 Easthampton Road Holyoke MA	1st or 2nd Wed	7:30 PM	
CT Corrections	335 Bilton Road Somers CT	2nd & 4th Thursday	7:00 PM	
Holyoke Medical Center BH	575 Beech Street Holyoke MA	Tues & Thursdays	3PM 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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Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA 01056	Mons - Sundays	6:30 PM	
Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	1st/3rd/4th Tuesdays	7:00 PM	
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Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (325 Alabama Street Ludlow MA	Tues Weds Saturdays	7:00 PM	
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (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!

Your 2024 Institutions Committee

Chair: Lina email: Institutions@area31aa.org

Co-Chair JD /Secretary Scott /Treasurer Steve

BTG Betsy /Liaison Erika /Librarian Jason