

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

212 Books distributed

P.O BOX 1391
HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391
BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, May 7th 2025

21 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 (not present), Treasurer Steve (not present)

REPORTS.

Secretary: (Scott) read April report. Motion accepted for minutes to be included.

Treasurer: (Steve - submitted report since unable to attend)

Beginning Balance - \$727.50

Total donations (30 Groups)- \$1902.41

Expenses- \$ 88

Total For Books - \$1814.41

Ending Balance \$727.50

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. She can access the site now to see if people are signing up to ask for help by way of the bar code. The business cards have been printed (1 for clients / 1 for volunteers to bring clients to meetings). She asked to distribute / alert / pass along to clients at institutions. (Andy) asked for motion for sign up form for clients / volunteers be de-identified. Discussion ensued. (Carla) clarified that form asks for first name / last initial. (Lina) motion to table. Minority opinion - given. No one swayed. Motion tabled.

Librarian: (Jason) spent \$2222.50 for 206 books with intergroup office. Received \$2225.95 for literature. Current inventory of 762 books.

Liaison : (Erika) - updated current status of open meetings / institutions and thanks to all for coordinating and communicating. 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. No new commitments at this time; a few are in communication awaiting LOI.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Alt Delegate (Ray): All area information available on website area31aa.org. Dist 4 wkshp 5/17, 10-2pm. Please contact alt delegate if you would like area committee to do an outgoing commitment to your home group to discuss service work at the area level. Alt delegate can also help a group coordinate a group inventory. Round Up 6/6-6/8, Pittsfield, MA. 7/3-6 AA International Convention. Mass State Convention

planning committee meetings - last Tuesday of month 7pm. Concept meeting 1st Wed of mth. 10/18-10/19 Fall Assembly. 11/14-16 MA State Convention. NERF 12/5-7. (See area website for details).

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

CPC: Karen - Explanation of CPC and service to professionals on what AA is and isn't. Need to fill position of secretary / Co-Chair. Need support. Reviewed outgoing commitments.

ACCESSIBILITIES:(Judy) - Explanation of committee and functions. Upcoming commitments to Cedar Brook, Leeds, PV Rehab. Can bring in meetings to assisted living facilities. Currently in need of secretary for committee and group reps to attend.

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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. 6/13-15 - camping trip (see area website for details).

Chair Report(Lina):

Co-Chair Report:

Issues- none.

Roll outs- none.

Roll ins- none. Interest shown, questions answered, awaiting group responses.

Other Discussion:

Gandara House Westfield TSS - commitments already active, Request LOI. Books for support

Swift River Rehab - commitments already active, Request LOI.

END OF REPORTS

Old Business: New BTG cards, Betsy completed, covered under report.

New Business: (Andy) - motion to spend \$1814.41 on books - *passed* unanimously.

Motion to close *passed* unanimously.

Closed Meeting 8pm

w/ The Responsibility Pledge

The next meeting will be at 7pm first Wed. of the month, 6/4/25.

30 Carew St, South Hadley

Your 2024 Institutions Committee

Chair Lina - email: Institutions@area31aa.org

Co Chair JD

Secretary Scott

Treasurer Steve

BTG Betsy

Liaison Erika

Librarian Jason

OPEN COMMITMENTS - AA Service Opportunities - Updated May 2025

To take on a commitment: Roll-In during the monthly Institutions Meeting.

IC Meeting is at 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
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	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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Retreat of Boston (New)	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA 01056	S/M/T/Th/F/S(s)	6:30 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th
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Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	1st/3rd/4th Tuesdays	7:00 PM	
Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	2nd Thursday	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!