

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

167 Books distributed

P.O BOX 1391
HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391
BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, April 1st, 2026

17 Groups in Attendance

JD 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 JD, Secretary Maureen

Librarian Jason, Bridging the Gap Betsy, Liaison Erika, Treasurer Doug

Kim - read the tradition of the month

REPORTS

Secretary: (Maureen) read March report. Motion for minutes to be accepted - *passed unanimously*.

Treasurer: Doug

Beginning Balance - \$ 495.69

Total contributions (31 Groups)- \$2,145.69

Expenses- \$ 188

Total For Books - \$ 1,506.64

Ending Balance \$ 495.69

Bridging the Gap: (Betsy) – Provided an explanation of what Bridging the Gap program is and how it works. We are seeing an increase in volunteers. We could use more volunteers to sign up to answer the call and be available to people after they exit an institution to bring to area AA meetings. Betsy reviewed business cards with bar codes and sign-up sheets for clients and volunteers.

Librarian: (Jason) spent \$1,201.19 for 123 books and \$100 on pamphlets and When & Wheres, totaling \$1,301.19 spent. In March, a total of 167 books were distributed. A total of 17 commitments received books. The current literature inventory stands at a total of 848 books.

Liaison : (Erika) – No new letters of intent at this time. Erika received clarification as it pertains to Grace House. Residents are able to get out to a meeting with a buddy; therefore, it does not meet the requirement to bring a meeting into their facility. Erika is back in contact with Mill Street. We are looking to get an updated letter of intent to increase meeting opportunity at facility. Overall, institution commitments are going smoothly.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Area Delegate: (Area Chair Justin) : Provided an explanation as to what they do and the services they offer. Their services include outgoing commitments to groups to share their recovery and service experience. A delegate can also help a group coordinate a group inventory utilizing a prior delegate. If interested, please email Area Chair. Spring Assembly will be held on 4/11/26 & 4/12/26 at Holy Trinity Church in Enfield. One agenda item will be adding Grapevine to the pie chart. The Round-up will be held on May 29th & 30th at Wesley United Methodist Church, 98 North Maple St. in Hadley. They are looking for volunteers and help with raffles.

CPC: (Karen): not present

ACCESSIBILITIES: (Mark) – not present

Pi: - not present

WMPAA: (Mark): not present

Berkshire Institutions: not present

Chair Report: (JD): no report

Co-Chair: not present

Feedback:

Roll outs - None

Roll ins - *Boca (2nd & 4th - Sunday) Simon (Chair), Dalton (Co-Chair)

END OF REPORTS

Old Business: none

New Business: (Jason) motion to create more storage for books - *pass unanimously*.

Erick volunteered to serve as a replacement for Bruce as Institutions Co-Chair. Motion for Erick to serve as Co-Chair – *pass unanimously*

(Doug) motion to spend \$1,506.64 on books - *passed unanimously*.

Closed Meeting 8pm

w/ The Responsibility Pledge

The next meeting will be at 7pm first Wed. of the month, 5/6/26

30 Carew St, South Hadley

Your 2026 Institutions Committee

Email: institutions@area31aa.org

JD Chair; **Eric** Co Chair; **Maureen** Secretary; **Doug** Treasurer
Betsy BTG; **Jason** Librarian; **Erika** Liaison

OPEN COMMITMENTS - AA Service Opportunities - Updated April 2026

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
Boca Recovery	200 Kendall Street, Springfield MA	Thursdays	6:15 PM	2nd/4th
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New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Sundays	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Tues 1st/3rd	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Weds 1st/4th/5th	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Fridays 1st/3rd/4th/5th	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA 01056	S/Th/F(s)	6:30 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th
Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA 01056	Saturdays	6:30 PM	1st/2nd/4th/5th
Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA 01056	Wednesdays	6:00 PM	1st/5th
Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	5th Tuesday	7:00 PM	
Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	5th Thursday	7:00 PM	
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (M)	325 Alabama Street Ludlow MA	Saturdays	7:00 PM	*Cori
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (M)	325 Alabama Street Ludlow MA	2nd Friday	7:00 PM	*Cori
Valley Springs Hospital	45 Lower Westfield Road Holyoke MA	Sundays	6:30 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	701 Center Street Chicopee, MA 01013	Mondays	7:00 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th *Cori & Orientation
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	701 Center Street Chicopee, MA 01013	Saturdays	2:00 PM	1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th *Cori & Orientation

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

Working Together we Make a Difference!