AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

269 Books distributed

P.O. BOX 1391
HOLYOKE, MA 01040-1391 BUSINESS
MEETING

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026

11 Groups in Attendance

Erick 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 (not present), **Co-Chair** Erick, **Secretary** Maureen, **Treasurer** Doug**, Librarian(s)** Gary & Archie
Bridging the Gap Betsy (not present), **Liaison** Erika

Archie read the tradition of the month.

REPORTS

Secretary: (Maureen) – Read September report. Motion for minutes passed unanimously.
Treasurer: (Doug)
Beginning Balance - $ 995.59
Total contributions (33 Groups) - $2,578.08
Expenses- $ 188
Total For Books - $ 2,478.08
Ending Balance $ 995.59

Bridging the Gap: (Betsy) not present – Erika explained what Bridging the Gap program is and how it works, and relayed that we received a couple of hits for rides.
Librarian: (Gary) – Received $1,905.52 for literature. Spent $1,903.58 for 218 books, pamphlets, and When & Where's. In September, a total of 269 books were distributed. A total of 32 commitments received books. The current literature inventory stands at a total of 598 books.
Liaison: (Erika) – Had further discussion on LOI's. Holyoke BHN is now on the Open list. Cooley Dickinson is requesting ALL Fridays as meetings there are going well. Motion to add 2nd/4th/5th Fridays passed unanimously, and will be added to next months Open list. If you are interested in rolling into a meeting for your group, Erika suggests discussing details with your group prior to rolling in to avoid duplicates, and helps roll-ins run smoother. We currently have 143 commitments being full filled, Excellent Job Area 31!
Please share that we still have 115 Open commitments, with the pending LOI(s) more are on the Horizon.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Area Delegate: (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. There is availability for October & December. If interested, please email Justin. District 3 puts on a Tradition meeting online on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
WMYPAA: Not present
Grapevine: Not present
CPC: Not present
Accessibilities: Not present
Berkshire Institutions: Not present
Chair Report: Not present
Co-Chair Report: (Erick) The Area 31 Ad Hoc group has started. The group will revisit the guidelines & descriptions. They will be meeting this Saturday, October 10th. Some things from COVID need to be addressed. There will be a report next month with more information. Elections will be held next month.

Feedback: Steve asks why we are accepting new LOI's when we have 115 open commitments. Steve made a motion not to accept more commitments. Motion not seconded.

Roll-outs:
***New View** (3rd Wed) Tim with A Way Out group ***Boca** (1st Thurs) Maggie rolling out as Co-chair, Chair will continue *Carlson (2nd/4th Sun) Matty rolling out as 2nd Co-chair
Roll-Ins:
***Carlson** (4th Fri) Billy with Faith Over Fear group ***Retreat of Boston** (1st & 5th Wed) Jack (Chair), Steve & Tim (Co-chairs), ***Retreat of Boston** (4th Wed) Ty with the Park Allen group ***New View** (3rd Wed) Migdalia rolling in with Kristen as Co-chair ***Astor House** (2nd Mon) Hunter (Chair) Maggie
***Stonybrook** (every Wed) Tom B. rolling in as (Chair) & Mark (Co-chair).

END OF REPORTS
Old Business:
New Business: Motion made to spend $2,478.08 on books - passed unanimously.

Closed Meeting 8pm w/ Lords Prayer
The next meeting will be at 7pm first Wed. of the month, 11/04/2026
30 Carew St, South Hadley

Your 2026 Institutions Committee
Email: institutions@area31aa.org
Chair JD
Co-Chair Erick
Secretary Maureen
Treasurer Doug
BTG Betsy
Liaison Erika
Librarian(s) Gary **&** Archie

OPEN COMMITTMENTS - AA Service Opportunities - Updated October 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**
BHN Holyoke TSS (M)	130 Pine Street, Holyoke MA	T/Th/F 1-5	6:30 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
BHN Holyoke TSS (M)	" " " "	Saturdays 1-5	6:30 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
Boca Recovery	200 Kendall Street, Springfield MA	1st/2nd/3rd/4th Saturdays	6:15 PM	
Carlson Recovery Center	" " " "	5th Monday	6:30 PM	
Carlson Recovery Center	" " " "	3rd/5th Fridays	6:30 PM	
Hoyoke Medical Center	575 Beech Street, Holyoke MA	Thursday 5th	6 or 7 PM	
Hampshire County Jail (M)	205 Rocky Hill Road, Northampton MA	1st/3rd/5th Fridays	7 or 8 PM	*Cori & Orientation
MGB Cooley Dickinson Hosp	30 Locust Street, Northampton MA	2nd/4th/5th Fridays	6:00 PM	
Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	155 Mill Street, Springfield, MA	Sundays	9 or 10 AM	*Cori
Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	" " " "	Mondays 1st/3rd/5th	7:00 PM	*Cori
Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	" " " "	Tuesdays 1st/2nd/3rd/5th	7:00 PM	*Cori
Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	" " " "	Wednesdays 1st/3rd	7:00 PM	*Cori
Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	" " " "	Thursdays 2nd/4th	6:00 PM	*Cori
Mill Street (M) - WM Recovery & Wellness Center	" " " "	Saturdays	1 or 7 PM	*Cori
New View Section 35 (W) *	21 Kenwood Street Greenfield MA	Sundays 1-5	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
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New View Section 35 (W) *	" " " "	Fridays 1-5	7:00 PM	*All Genders are Welcome
Retreat of Boston	14 Chestnut Place, Ludlow MA	S/Th/F(s) 1-5	6:30 PM	
Retreat of Boston	" " " "	Saturdays 2-5	6:30 PM	
Salvation Army (M)	327 Liberty Street Springfield MA	5th Tuesday	7:00 PM	
Salvation Army (M)	" " " "	5th Thursday	7:00 PM	
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (M)	325 Alabama Street Ludlow MA	Saturdays 1-5	7:00 PM	*Cori
Stonybrook Ludlow Section 35 (M)	" " " "	2nd/4th/5th Fridays	7:00 PM	*Cori
Valley Springs Hospital	45 Lower Westfield Road Holyoke MA	Sundays 1-5	6:30 PM	****Meetings Needed****
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	701 Center Street Chicopee, MA	Mondays 1-5	7:00 PM	*Cori & Orientation
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	" " " "	Saturdays 1-5	2:00 PM	*Cori & Orientation
Western MA Regional Women's Correctional Ctr (W)	" " " "	Fridays 2nd/3rd/4th/5th	3PM or 7PM	*Cori & Orientation
Please Note: 1-5 means ALL weeks are OPEN, however you only need to committ to one day or more if you choose!!				
There is a lot of service opportunity here please consider sharing your time, even 1 day/month.				
Working Together we Make a Difference!				