

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday May 6th, 2020

12 Members were in attendance.

Charlie opened the meeting at 7:00 with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and the guidelines of the committee.

Charlie read the tradition of the month, and the concept of the month.

Introductions of the committee members.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

No new IGRs.

Secretary's Report: Dan read the minutes of the April meeting. There were no amendments or additions.

Treasurer's Report - Andy was present gave a report.

• Ending Balance from Prev.	\$900.00
• Total donations	\$337.30
• Expenses	\$75.17
• Ending balance for book purchases	\$262.13
• Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)	\$900.00

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

BTG – Jeff was not here for his report.

Liaison – Cody was not here to gave his report.

Librarian – Mitch was here.

Berkshires – Connell was present and gave his report. After the last meeting Connell had a couple cases of books which he distributed to detox, CSS, and Jones II (psych ward). Feedback from the detox unit was that residents very much appreciated the fact that we were thinking of them. Also, residents of detox and CSS are now allowed to have phones, so that they can attend Zoom meetings.

Open discussion of meeting issues

Area Delegate – Mike, alternate delegate, was not here to give a report.

Area Chair – Steve was here to give a report. The area mini conference was held virtually with 60 participants involved. The area conscience was presented to the delegate to take (virtually) to the general service conference. The area will be having its usual meetings virtually in the coming month. Going forward, the area will be sending only one delegate to the monthly Institutions meeting, as it was agreed that there is not much utility in sending two area representatives to the meeting. Question from Connell: is the area adding online payment ability? Steve said that the area is investigating options and will have a selection made soon.

ROLL OUTS –

None.

ROLL INS –

None.

OLD BUSINESS -

Regarding the tabled motion, we will continue to table this until we are meeting face to face once more. All in favor.

Regarding getting books to facilities, we will coordinate amongst the small group that has the ability to actually deliver materials, to pick up and distribute literature currently at Providence Hospital. If interested, please contact Charlie at (860) 882-4032.

NEW BUSINESS:

Question from Brian G.: Is there a way to make contributions directly to Institutions? At this time there is not, but Andrew will investigate options in cooperation with the Committee members in the coming month.

Motion to hold a meeting in June. All in favor.
Motion to spend \$262.13 on books. All in favor.
Motion to close the meeting, all in favor.
The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dan H.
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