

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday February 3rd, 2021

12 Members were in attendance.

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

Liz H. read the tradition of the month, and Tom H. the concept of the month. Introductions of the committee members.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

Tyler F. - Center Street Beginner Saturday, Northhampton

Kathy - Friday Night South Hadley

Tom - Back to Reality (Monday Nights, Chicopee)

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

Treasurer's Report - Mitch was present to give a report.

● Ending Balance from Prev.	\$900.00
● Total donations	\$1720.27
● Expenses	\$80.00
● Ending balance for book purchases	\$1640.27
● Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)	\$900.00

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

BTG – Jeff was not here to give a report.

Liaison – Cody was not here to give a report.

Librarian – Position is currently vacant.

Berkshires – Jenn was here to give a report.

Open discussion of meeting issues -

Providence CSS commitments had been listed as open, but these have been stopped. CSS and Detox commitments are on hold until further notice.

Tom H. asked about starting a commitment at Mill Street. Michelle notified Cody that there were chairpersons ready to start commitments at the facility, and he was to get back with information on how to make the connection with the facility. Michelle will reach back out to Cody.

Area Delegate – Alternate Delegate, Mike, was here to give a report: The monthly concept and service manual meetings will be held at the regular time this month, details at the area website. This Saturday from 12:00 - 1:30 there will be a DCM/GSR workshop designed for new or incoming GSRs and DCMs. The registrar will be there to lead the discussion. The area assembly will be held 3/27-28. See the website (area31aa.org) for details on all events.

ROLL OUTS –

None.

ROLL INS –

John S. - BYOBB 2&3 Saturday BMC CSS

OLD BUSINESS -

From Charlie: A request to those present for someone to take on the roles of secretary (currently pro-tem) and librarian (vacant). No takers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michelle: Cody (Liaison) asked why we were not meeting in person, and suggested that the Institutions Committee might meet in person, and connect via Zoom to the rest of the IGRs and other attendees. Given the complexity of coordinating a group meeting with a connection to Zoom, it may be more difficult to shift to this kind of format. Two attendees were familiar with local groups that had found ways to manage "hybrid" Zoom and in-person meetings. Mike offered that District 6 is meeting in this way.

Michelle: Providence has requested pamphlets and books for CSS and Detox. Our last librarian, Mitch, will coordinate with Michelle for supplying literature.

Motion to spend 1640.27 on books all in favor.

Next meeting will be on March 3rd.

Your 2021 Institution Committee

Chair Michelle email: institutions@area31aa.org
Co-Chair Andy
Secretary Dan H.
Treasurer Mitch
BTG Jeff
Liaison Cody
Co-Liaison Andy
Librarian

Respectfully submitted,

Dan H.
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Open Commitments

Institution	Day	Time
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	3rd Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	4th Friday	7:00 PM
BMC CSS VIRTUAL	4th Saturday	7:00 PM
BMC McGee Unit VIRTUAL	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1st/2nd/3rd Mon	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	4th Monday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	Tue	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	Last Tue	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1 Wed.	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	3 Wed.	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	2&4 Wed	7:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	3rd Monday	6:30 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	1st Wed	6:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	2nd Wed	6:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	3rd Wed	6:00 PM
Mill Street (W) VIRTUAL	4th Wed	6:00 PM
Mill Street (M) Spanish VIRTUAL	Monday	7:00 PM