

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

13 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.
Kathy read the tradition of the month, and Paul H. the concept of the month.

Introductions of the committee members.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

Kate - Women's Big Book Step Meeting, Agawam

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	\$1323.28
• Expenses	\$80.01
• Ending balance for book purchases	\$1243.27
• Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)	\$900.00

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

BTG – Jeff was not here to give a report.

Nothing new to report - No calls coming through Crocker, once more. Calls to the BTG number are either busy or ring without picking up.

Liaison – Cody was not here to give a report.

Librarian – Position is currently vacant.

Berkshires – Jenn was not here to give a report.

Open discussion of meeting issues - No issues to report.

Area Delegate – Paul H., delegate, was here to give a report. Email Paul at delegate@area31aa.org. There is a mini conference coming up on 3/27 from 9:00 to 4:00 (see area31aa.org for details). One item for discussion at the event is innovative ways of carrying the message to alcoholics in facilities or institutions. If you will not be unable to attend the conference but are interested in the topic, email Paul, and he will send along the information for the meeting. In February, the Corrections Activity Update came out with information from the GSO (corrections@aa.org, Brenda, the coordinator for corrections at GSO) about the Grapevine Program that has been distributed to many alcoholics behind bars at no charge as a way of sharing the AA message in the absence of in-person commitments (the Carry the Message Project). AA is also facilitating correspondence between alcoholics behind bars and AAs on the outside (see aa.org for details). "Sharing Behind the Walls" is a quarterly newsletter from the GSO for AAs behind bars discussing various efforts that groups and area committees around the country have been doing for outreach to inmates and others in facilities. AA world services had been struggling for donations for some time, but 2020 ended with record donations globally with \$10 million in total donations, and the percentage of revenues from literature sales is decreasing with respect to general donations. In other words, AA is reducing its dependency on literature sales for revenue.

ROLL OUTS –

None.

ROLL INS –

Kathy - Friday Night South Hadley, BMC CSS 4th Saturday

Dan M. - BYOBB, Mill Street 4th Monday

Jonathan - Mens Wilbraham Group, 4th Tuesday Mill Street

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:

Motion to spend \$1243.27 on books. All in favor.

Next meeting will be on April 7th.

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 phone:
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Respectfully submitted,

Dan H.
Scribe Pro Tem

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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 McGee Unit VIRTUAL	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1st/2nd/3rd Mon	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	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