

AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
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BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday May 5th, 2021

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

Introductions of the committee members.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

Mark, Amherst Friday Night Group
Christina, Tuesday Night Women's Group
Michael, Northern Berkshires Group

Secretary's Report: Dan was not present to read the minutes of the last meeting.

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

● Ending Balance from Prev.	\$900.00
● Total donations	\$1612.24
● Expenses	\$226.00
● Ending balance for book purchases	\$1386.24
● Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)	\$900.00

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

BTG – Jeff reported that he had been to several sober houses in the area to pass out Bridging the Gap contact cards. One call was received, but Jeff was unable to reach a volunteer from the list. He reached out to his home group for support, and was able to get the caller a ride.

Liaison – Position is currently vacant.

Librarian – Cathy reported that books have been requested and delivered to Mill Street, PRC, the women's prison, and the Hampden County Sheriff's Department.

Berkshires – Jenn was not here to give a report.

Open discussion of meeting issues - Cathy reported that the BMC CSS Saturday commitment she had taken for the Friday Night South Hadley Group appears to have already been filled, and so it was unavailable for their group.

Area Delegate – Mike, our delegate, was here to give a report. Upcoming events include: Roundup on May 15 via Zoom, the Massachusetts State Convention on May 25, Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) virtual event June 4-6, and a District 3 General Service Workshop on June 5. See the Area website for details, www.area31aa.org. The Area committee is available for outgoing commitments and group inventory.

ROLL OUTS –

Friday Night South Hadley Group, BMC CSS Saturday

ROLL INS –

Tuesday Night Women's Group, McGee 3rd Thursday

OLD BUSINESS -

A request to those present for someone to take on the roles of secretary (currently pro-tem) and liaison. No takers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Some groups have been sending their Institutions donations to the Intergroup office. Institutions donations should be sent directly to the Institutions post office box.

An inmate at the McDougal correctional facility requested a big book. The committee voted to make the donation and will arrange for the book's delivery.

There has also been a request for books from the Greenfield detox and CSS facility. We will arrange for this delivery, as well.

Motion to spend \$1386.24 on books. All in favor.
Next meeting will be on June 2nd..

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Your 2021 Institution Committee

Chair Michelle phone:
email:

Co-Chair Andy phone:
email:

Secretary Dan H. phone:
email:

Treasurer Mitch phone:
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BTG Jeff phone:
email:

Liaison phone:
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Co-Liaison Andy phone:
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Librarian Kathy 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
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