

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE**  
**P.O. BOX 1391**  
**HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391**

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Wednesday October 6th, 2021**

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13 members were in attendance in person and virtually.

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

Introductions of the committee members.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):**

Whip City Nooner, Sonja

**Secretary's Report:** Dan was 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 \$1652.40
- Expenses \$130.00
- Ending balance for book purchases \$1522.40
- Ending Balance to Carry (reserve) \$900.00

**BTG** – Jeff was present to give a report. Not much to report. Only one text was received from a clinician over the last three months. There was no callback. Jeff has continued to spread the word about BTG at meetings that are open, and has asked for volunteers. No new volunteers have come forward.

**Liaison** – Tyler was present to give a report. This month 11 more facilities were contacted. Most of the facilities remain closed, likely due to COVID. Four of those facilities have yet to return calls.

**Librarian** – Chris was present to give a report. He will address book needs on an

individual basis as soon as the inventory from the last librarian and the new book orders at Intergroup have been retrieved. His number is ###-###-####. We have been given the use of a cabinet at 474 Pleasant Street for books.

**Berkshires** – Bronwyn was not present to give a report.

**Open discussion of meeting issues** - No issues to report.

**Area Delegate** – Steve, our Area Chair was here and gave a report. The Area hosts a Concept meeting on the first thursday live and by zoom, info for the meeting is at the Area website, Area31AA.org. A Service Manual meeting is also held on the third Thursday, also hybrid, here at 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke. The Area is available for outgoing commitments, please contact Steve at [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org). The Area also offers services of past delegates to moderate group inventories. The Fall Assembly will be live and in-person at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield 10/16-17 from 10 to 4 on Saturday, focusing on concepts important to the groups. A pizza lunch will be served. We will also discuss the move of the Area offices. Sunday will be the Area business meeting including Area elections. NERAASA will be in Pittsburg 2/25-27. Registration is available now at NERAASA.ORG. The Mass State Convention will be held virtually 11/13-14 from 8am to 8pm on Saturday and from 8 to 12 on Sunday. Register online at the Area website. The Fall Assembly may be a hybrid event... we are not certain yet about WIFI at the hosting facility. There will be no regular area meeting this month because the scheduled date is so close to the Assembly.

**Craig, CPC** - Craig was not present to give a report.

**ROLL OUTS** – None.

**ROLL INS** –

Nick, Wednesday Nights at Franklin Recovery in Greenfield  
Jim R., All Fridays at BMC McGee

**OLD BUSINESS** - The committee is in need of a secretary. No other old business for discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sonja has been covering the third Wednesday women's commitment at Mill Street. She would like to roll out of the commitment but will hold it until someone else rolls in.

Peter, Safe and Sorry Group, has been handling a commitment at Franklin Recovery

and another at one of the correctional facilities in Franklin County. He has been asked by one of the program directors to spread the word that commitments are wanted at these facilities. Since all are handled through Institutions, we advised that letters (or email) from the institution contacts would be needed to let us know which facilities have reopened, and we will add these back to the Open Meeting List when we have confirmed them.

**The next meeting will be on November 3rd.** Elections will be held for open positions on the committee.

Your 2021 Institution Committee

Chair Andy email: [institutions@area31aa.org](mailto:institutions@area31aa.org)

Co-Chair Jim R.

Secretary Dan H.

Treasurer Mitch

BTG Jeff

Liaison Tyler

Co-Liaison

Librarian Mitch

Respectfully submitted,

Dan H.

Scribe Pro Tem

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## Open Commitments

Institution	Day	Time
Franklin RC / Northern HC	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Franklin RC / Northern HC	4th/5th Friday	7:00 PM
Mill Street (M) VIRTUAL	1st/2nd/3rdMon	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	4th Wed	6:00 PM
Mill Street (M) Spanish VIRTUAL	Monday	7:00 PM

Contact information for Bridging the Gap: