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# AREA 31 PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

## NOVEMBER 10TH, 2020

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- Introductions & Home Groups.
- Tradition of the Month Tradition (11) Candie read this and led discussion about each AA member representing ourselves as sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Old Business Discussed:

1. Michael showed members to PI Guidelines handout for information to be reviewed.

2. Delegate Paul gave his area report. The State Convention will be virtual from April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup>. Paul also spoke about a variety of updates including the idea of PI committee members reviewing pieces of the PI Workbook and having a discussion on it. Paul highlighted members have the ability to make editing suggestions to the workbook if feel strongly about something being outdated, changed or added to workbook.

3. Mill St. meeting was discussed. Paul, PI member, gave his report about how last month's PI meeting went. It was pointed out it seems Mill St. only stays online for about 45 minutes. Michael e-mailed Ron at Mill St. about whether or not Mill St. will want a PI meeting on zoom to be held for Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Eve, both which fall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday's of the month. Kathy confirmed she could run the Mill St. zoom meeting in the event Mill St. confirms they'd like a meeting run. Also Jody might be available on one or the other of these 2 holidays to also be a part of Mill St. PI meeting. ALL PI MEMBERS are welcome to join in on the Mill St. zoom meeting.

4. Michael showed members where to locate the new PI letter "AA Resources During Pandemic" by going to ([area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org)) website and clicking on right hand column, "**PI letter to the public about virtual and reopened AA meetings**". To find new PI letter written by PI chair, click "**Letter to the public about virtual and reopened AA meetings**".

5. Newspapers and Radio Stations Updates: Michael contacted Hampshire Gazette and Turley publications with AA announcement as well as Radio. He was able to speak with a staff person at Hampshire Gazette to inquire who is in charge of publishing PSAs, (public service announcements). Michael showed committee the PSA he wrote and e-mailed to newspapers, but so far, he hasn't had much luck with getting communication back from newspapers or confirmation if they will/have published the PSA. He will send PI members a list of 30 radio stations and ask 5-6 willing PI members to e-mail 5 radio stations to announce information about how to access AA meetings online. It was decided Michael will identify who is e-mailing

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what radio station in his e-mail to eliminate any of people contacting same radio stations

6. We will continue using Area 31 account for PI zoom meetings. Michael showed us where the PI zoom account is located on area31aa.org website.

New Business to discuss next month:

- Obtaining information on new commitments: High Schools – Kathy D. will give her update on whether she's made any progress with contacting high school during next month's meeting. She was working on updating PI letter to the public and trying to contact (health workers, social workers or adjustment counselors) at about 12 high schools to see if they are interested in a zoom presentation PI meeting. To be continued.....
  
- Meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer

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**Regular Commitments Following Have Not Been Updated except Mill Street. They have been cancelled since mid-March – Currently, 2020): -** *(Dependent on when each individual location reopens and allows PI members to re-enter facilities).*

**1) Mill Street/Section 35** -Virtual-4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at 3 pm

Date			
11/26/20	Thanksgiving Day	Kathy/Jody?	All Invited
12/24/20	Christmas Eve	Kathy	All Invited