

April 12, 2026
Area 31 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Kate V., Area 31 Treasurer
Ray M., Area 31 Delegate
Bob M., Area 31 Alternate Delegate
Justin C., Area 31 Chair
Lara A., Area 31 Secretary
Bruce V., Area 31 Public Information Chair

The Area 31 Finance Committee meeting was held during the Spring Assembly weekend at Holy Trinity Church in Enfield CT. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM by Treasurer Kate V.

Kate's primary concern is that Area 31 is putting out more money than we have coming in. Expenses for the Spring Assembly total approximately \$500. \$219 was received in contributions during the Mini Conference yesterday via PayPal, using the QR code provided to link to Area 31 website.

NERAASA reimbursement checks have been written but not delivered yet. Prudent reserve was dipped into for NERAASA. \$1,000 in NERAASA reimbursements are coming this month.

Comcast internet charge is \$126/month. Secretary Lara A. reported no problems with connectivity using the church's internet during the March Area meeting, with several devices connected. Area Chair Justin C. will cancel the Comcast internet account, as there is no need for the Area to have a separate account from the church.

NERD expenses will be coming up in May.
Area 31's mileage reimbursement is 50¢/mile. Rate set by IRS is 62¢/mile.

The Finance Committee agrees that the Area's rent is too high at \$800/month. Is it hindering us from carrying the message? Justin is going to talk to the church about the rent. The rent was \$600/month when we started renting there.

February contributions – some people contributed back from NERAASA.

There was \$100 in cash contributed for pizza during the Mini Conference yesterday, and \$70 via PayPal.

Area 31 does not have a Venmo account, but it shows up as an option on our contributions page. Lara attempted to make a contribution via Venmo. The contribution was accepted, paid by PayPal. Should there be a QR code on the website? Should we put the QR code on the registration table? Lara will print out QR codes for PayPal contributions to distribute to districts and committees.

Filing taxes: Justin will go through it with Kate.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lara A., Secretary
Area 31 Western Mass. General Service