

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 1391
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**BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday July 1st, 2020**

10 Members were in attendance.

Charlie opened the meeting at 7:04 with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, and the guidelines of the committee.

Charlie read the tradition of the month, and the concept of the month.

Introductions of the committee members.

New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):

No new IGRs.

Secretary's Report: Dan read the minutes of the June meeting. There were no amendments or additions.

Treasurer's Report - Andy was present gave a report.

• Ending Balance from Prev.	\$900.00
• Total donations	\$584.28
• Expenses (credit from Crocker this month)	\$0.40
• Ending balance for book purchases	\$584.68
• Ending Balance to Carry (reserve)	\$900.00

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

BTG – Jeff was not here for his report.

Liaison – Cody was not here for his report. Andy did hear that an escort in Northampton is being allowed to bring a Hampshire HOC inmate out to meetings. Andy is also Roundup co-chair. The Delegate's report will be 7/12 from 2:00 to 3:30. Zoom meeting ID is 847-4997-3518. Password is "serenity".

Librarian – Mitch was here.

Berkshires – Connell was not here to give his report.

Open discussion of meeting issues

No facilities are open. We remain on hold. Providence Hospital and Hope Center are actively discussing return dates for commitment. No firm dates have been set at either facility.

Area Delegate – Mike, alternate delegate, was here to give a report. The information on Roundup and other area activities are all available on the area website, area31aa.org. A motion to translate the area website into Spanish was tabled in order for groups to discuss amongst themselves and report back.

Area Chair – Steve was not here to give a report.

Kai from CPC was here to give a report. CPC is meeting on Zoom, and has come up with a letter to send out to professionals to let them know that AA activities are still happening, and spread the word about the hotlines available through CPC. They would be happy to send the letter they've drafted to the institutions we serve, if we'd like them to.

**ROLL OUTS –
None.**

**ROLL INS –
None.**

OLD BUSINESS -

Books, Mitch will coordinate with Charlie and Ed K (our contact at the Intergroup bookstore) to pick up the books that are coming in and distribute them to the interested participants in the parking lot. We were able to do this, and we have a healthy inventory of books in storage here in Springfield. Also, the most recent order has come in and is ready for pickup.

The effort to obtain taxpayer ID information from the bank to be used to set up online payments is still in process. That information has been sent by the bank but is not yet received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion to consider using some of our prudent reserve to buy more books. It is agreed that we have a very sound supply of books currently, and funds to buy more. It is agreed that we will continue to hold the funds in the prudent reserve for use later.

Motion to spend \$584.68 on books. Approved.

Motion to adjourn.

Next meeting will be August 5th

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Respectfully submitted,

Dan H.
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