**Central Service Committee Meeting**

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

**13-12-03**

1. **Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by George M at 7:03 p.m. with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; all were welcomed to the December CSC meeting.
2. **Call for Items to be added to the agenda: NIL**
3. **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Shawn
4. **Roll Call:** The Sign In sheet circulated the room while roll call took place, the following people were present:

George M. Chair CSC; Foster L. Co-Chair CSC; Bill P. Treasurer, Paula D. Secretary, Christopher H. Webmaster; Trudy D. Newsletter Editor; Arlene P. CSR Cole Harbour; Ron I. CSR Back to Basics; Mary Lou C. Co-chair Hospital; Gary S. CSR Mutual Group; Callista A. Alt. CSR Downtown Dartmouth; Karen G. CSR Downtown Dartmouth; Jamie Q. CSR Four Seasons; Anne P. CSR Living in Solution; Bruce B. CSR Atlantic Group; Dave T. CSR West End Step; Shawn M. CSR Keep It Simple; Karen R. Acceptance, Malcolm B. Sunrise, Murdo M. Highland Park, Darla W. Timberlea Group, Brenda B. Cole Harbour, Judee J. 2nd Chance, Craig M, Back 2 Basics, Fred D. St. Margaret’s Bay Alt DCM District 1, Barry H. Sunrise DCM District 2, Evan M, Alt CSR Four Seasons, Jim E. Cole Harbour.

1. **7th Tradition:** $42.50 Collected, Taken by Bill P.
2. **Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** Recommended for approval by. Murdo M. (Approved)
3. **Reports:**

**Secretary:** All is well. Thank you for your reports once again. Also if anyone cannot get a copy of the minutes online as they do not have a computer or cannot print them I will mail it out to you. Paula D. Recommended for Approval by Dave (Approved)

**Treasurer:** Opening balance $5,149.93, credits $2,135.15, cheques cleared $30.00, Outstanding Cheque $191.94, operating balance $7,063.14, Prudent Reserve $2,168.67, total available funds $9,231.81. Brenda asked if there will be funds for the New Years Eve Party. She will have $400.00. Recommended for Approval by Arlene (Approved)

**Co-Chair:** November has been a quiet month in service. I have had no contact on the group insurance file and it seems we may have settled at the current level of 26 groups. I again represented Central Service at the District 1 meeting on November 24th and reported on our committee activities. George and I met last week, as we do each month. These meetings allow us to build on our personal relationship, understand each other’s vision for this committee and gain a sense of comfort that we are going in the right direction. We will meet next week with the two DCMs to review our relationship over the past eleven months and continue to explore opportunities to work as a team for the betterment of AA as a whole in Districts 1 & 2. Yours in service, Foster L Co-Chair, Recommended for Approval by Bruce (Approved)

**Chair:** Greetings Folks, It was a very quiet month for me as Chair. I attended the District 2 meeting and met with Foster to continue with our planning for 2014 and beyond. Bill, our Treasurer, indicated in his Nov. report that he would be meeting with Committee Chairs to discuss their budget needs for 2014. Please take your time to review these needs and resist the urge to repeat last year’s numbers just because they were last year’s numbers. Over the past month I also have been in contact with all of our Committee Chairs for two main purposes (1) to have you thinking about the transition that will happen from you to your successor and (2) to think about where you may possibly see yourself going next. I have intentionally left this with you for a while as I appreciate that the questions are important and deserve some reflective time. I have heard from several of you verbally but would also appreciate a bit more of a formal response. My hope is that you may find the time to get back to me before the Jan. meeting. I am happy to take the discussion wherever you think it should go. I urge you to continue to promote the Mid-Winter Round-up with friends and at meetings. Please connect with me if you have comments, questions and/or suggestions for me as your Chair. Yours in Service, George. Recommended for Approval by Jamie (Approved)

**Committees:**

**Newsletter:** Hi everyone, everything is going well with the Newsletter. I am enjoying compiling and checking out new information each month to put in the empty spaces. With all of the holiday fun this month the newsletter is a bit long, but because of the workshop list and literature feature of the month it will continue to be a page longer for awhile. I will be purchasing another staples card for photocopying in January. Just a reminder announcements are due by the 25th of each month and will not be included if they come in after that date. Please remember that I do not carry over announcements automatically each month. If you want things carried over please resubmit them. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Trudy. Recommended for approval by Anne. (Approved)

**Entertainment:** On November 10 we had a successful bowling event as fun was had by all. There were 12 participants in attendance.

**Upcoming Events**

**December 8** - Monthly potluck bowling. Starting in the new year there will no longer be potluck bowling but just the bowling. Participants are not participating in the potluck side of things. However, the bowling seems to be enjoyed by those who attend so we will continue with it.

**December 31, 2013** - St. Theresa's Church on 6351 North Street (corner of Dublin). There are flyers posted on the website so please print it off and bring back to your groups to help promote this fun evening. I am selling advance tickets for those who would like to purchase early.

**August 1, 2, 3, 2014** (Tentative Date for Dollar Lake Camping) We will have more space than last year as the event was so successful. The committee anticipates that the tickets will sell out again and fast, so be sure to purchase them early. Keep your eyes and ears open for the selling of advance tickets.

Recommended for Approval by Jamie (Approved)

**Webmaster/Website/E-mail:** 1. Help Emails: November had six help emails with topics ranging from information on meetings, looking for a sponsor and medical professionals looking for AA support in educating students on what AA is and what AA is not. All requests were handled promptly, with all twelve step requests being connected with AA Members who are working the steps. The website administrator is looking for a keen individual who may be interested in taking on the role of Help Email Coordinator. This role offers a unique opportunity to represent AA within HRM and become more involved with AA service work. If you or someone you know is interested in trying out this important role, please contact
webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com for more information on what the role
entails.
2. Contact List: All members of Central Service Committee may request
access to a Service contact list for the purposes of connecting people
involved in Service work. It can be accessed at the bottom of the left
menu on the website.
3. Meeting List: The meeting list has been updated as of the end of
November. Please take a look at the current meeting list online and
email webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com if you would like the information
changed for the next version.
4. The electronic mailing list now has 274 subscribers receiving new
information on AA information within HRM on a monthly basis.
5. The website as a whole has received 1828 hits in the past 30 days,
with the Meeting list the most visited followed by the Newsletter then
the Events Page. Of note, 99 unique individuals accessed the Contact Us page, which contains information for the newcomer to contact a
member of AA.
6. Role of Website Administrator: During the New Year the website
administrator will be looking for a keen member who is interested in
taking on this role at the end of the year. The intention is to use
the year to train the new individual on the website setup, operation
and management so there will be a seamless transition between roles at
year end. If you are interested in this position, please contact
webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com for more information on this challenging
and rewarding role. Thank you to everyone who has been contributing and for continuing to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Christopher H, AA Halifax Website Administrator. Recommended for Approval by Gary (Approved)

**Hospital:** There were no hospital visits this month. I have been in constant contact with Betty C. who is recovering from hip surgery.
There have been no requests for visits or phone calls. Thanks,
Mary Lou C. Recommended for Approval by Ron (Approved)

**Telephone:** Samaira was absent. She sent a message to Trudy thanking everyone for their support and attendance at the phone seminar. It was a big success.

**Mid-Winter Round Up:** Elections for vacant positions were held and all positions are now in place except one additional co chair needed for registration. Program is now in the final stages and will be published shortly. Financial situation is a major concern and we need to have early bird registrations to ease the cash flow crunch. We have posted the registration form on the various web sites including Area 82 along with NB and PEI. We will need greeters and registration desk volunteers. Pass the word in your groups and gather whatever support you can. After all it is your Round Up. Next committee meeting is January 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in room 619. Respectfully submitted, Murdo M, Committee Chair. Recommended for Approval by Darla (Approved)

**Literature:** Opening Balance $1542.04, Debits $1054.83, Credits $591.95, Total $1,078.26.

**Literature report for the month of November 2013**

1. The literature committee is doing great. Karen has the book of the month in the newsletter and webpage. The total for inventory and cash in the bank is $5613.85. I plan on putting in a submission for the newsletter and website, over the next little while, on the process of ordering literature, the basics of how it works, as some still are not sure if they can order the same stuff they were getting from GSO from CS. All of the 2014 calendars and planners sold, so I may look at bringing in more next year and aim for pre-orders.
2. $1116.90 in the account when cheque for $633.46 is cashed for current order.
3. Outstanding orders $187.
4. $4309.95 inventory on hand.
5. Total $5613.85
6. I have the insurance coverage for the books under my home insurance at no extra cost.

Recommended for Approval by Dave (Approved)

**District 1:** District #1 is doing very well for this time of year. We have all our committee chairs and alt committee chairs in place. We have our workshops finished for this year. We are now adding the new workshops for next year. I will let Bob or Barry discuss this in more detail. We are still working on our budgets for the future with much help for the DCM’s, Alt DCM’s, and our two Treasurers. The Secretary of our district is keeping great minutes so I hope everybody is reading them. We are working through many other items which need working on. Yours in love and service, Fred DeMone. Recommended for approval by Chris (Approved)

**District 2:** Good evening everyone, it is my pleasure to give my report as DCM District 2. All is going well in our district and we had 2 new GSR’S attend our meeting last month. We are in good financial shape this year and a big reason is the huge success at the Assembly and Round Up in October. With one year in the position I am extremely appreciative of all the support I have received from Bob (Alt DCM) Garth (Treasurer) and Sandy (Secretary) as well as all our GSR’S from District 2.

Both Tom and I also have had a great working relationship with George and Foster and they have helped us all in developing a great communication throughout the District’s and Central Service. I look forward to working with everyone next year and again it has been a privilege to serve as DCM District 2. Yours in Service Barry H. Recommended for approval by Judee (Approved)

**MCYPAA:** 1. MCYPAA 2014 will take place May 2, 3 and 4th at King's College in Halifax, NS. A Program planning meeting was held on 24 Nov. where the Program for the weekend was discussed and a draft Program has been developed. An early bird flyer has been posted to the MCYPAA website and early registration will soon be made available. Flyers for the event with more specific information are currently being developed and should be available soon for distribution throughout the groups. We are always looking for keen young people who want to get more involved. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity please contact through email at MCYPAA.Halifax@gmail.com for more information. Christopher H, MCYPAA 2014 Chair. Recommended for Approval by Karen (Approved)

1. **Old Business:**

A) Cocktail Party Club 24 will be held by Back to Basics. Bob R is the Treasurer. We are leaving the name as it is. Decorations have been put up. A great job done by all! There will be a 7th tradition box. We are trying to use as little of CSC’s money as possible. Everyone is pitching in.

B) It was recommended in Nov. that CSC add $1,000 to the Prudent Reserve to provide for the required $1,000 insurance deductible should a claim arise. A motion to this effect was made by Treasurer Bill P. and seconded by Arlene. Motion carried.

d) Process for assigning insurance premium costs to groups after the first year: Bring forward to January meeting.

e) Committee to review committee guidelines project expect to provide an update for the January meeting, it is currently a work in progress.

1. **New Business:**

a) Election of the Newsletter Editor was held - Trudy D. won the election and was congratulated by the Committee. Congrats to Trudy!!!!

1. **Announcements:**
2. Please continue to promote the Mid-Winter Round Up.
3. Cole Harbour Group 34th Anniversary is Dec 15th at a new location 1436 Cole Harbour Road. The top of Cole Harbour Road. There are no bathrooms or running water.
4. Highland Park Group has moved.
5. Club 24 will be open from Dec 24th – Dec 26th with marathon meetings every hour for those who need them through the holidays. There will be a turkey dinner on Dec 25th.
6. Jan 22nd Back to Basics Workshop for interested in learning more about sponsorship. Current sponsors can help newer sponsors with the role.
7. Timberlea Group will have their candlelight meeting Dec 16th at 8:30pm.
8. Happy Birthday to Darla!!!!

1. **Next Meeting:** January 7, 2014 7pm
2. **Adjournment with Responsibility Pledge at 8:23 pm.**