Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

**2014-12-02**

**Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by Foster at 7:00 p.m. with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. All were welcomed to the December CSC meeting with a special welcome to incoming CSRs at the table and a special thanks to outgoing CSRs.

**Call for Items to be added to the agenda:** None

**Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Jamie Q.

**Roll Call**: Chair - Foster L., Treasurer – Bill P, Judee J. – 2nd Chance, Ken C – Keep it Simple, Zeta B – Colby Village Big Book Study, Racquel R – Living in the Solution, Heather L – Back to Basics, Sarah S – Living in the Solution, Alan M – Sunrise, Arlene P – Cole Harbour, Deb W – Downtown Dartmouth, Karen G – Downtown Dartmouth, Jamie Q – Literature Chair, Evan M – Four Seasons, Lisa N – Hubbards, Bruce B – Atlantic, Dave T – West end Step, Tara M – Serenity Sister’s, Christopher H – Webmail Admin, Samaira G – Telephone Chair, Sebastian – Acceptance, Barry H – DCM District 2, Tom R – DCM District 1, Garry M – 2nd Chance, Leah C – Second Chance, Fred D – St. Margaret’s Bay, Trudy D – Newsletter, Rick H – Highland Park, Bill P – Treasurer, Mary-Lou C – Hospital Visitation, Gary S – Mutual Group, Reed H – Only Requirement , Scott T – Only Requirement, Doug P – Only Requirement, Judy – Only Requirement, Don B – Observer, Ken M – Hubbards, Pedro G – Atlantic, Marilyn R – Area 82, Tim M – Area 82

**7th Tradition:** $48.12 collected, taken by Bill P.

**Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** Recommended for Approval by Jamie Q.

**Reports:**

***Executive:***

**Secretary:** Absent with regrets

**Treasurer:**  **:**  Monthly Activity Report, the Opening bank balance is $8,745.81,Total Credits is $435.95, Total Debits is $1885.18, Outstanding checks $1,530.00, Closing Balance is $5,766.58, Prudent Reserve, including the insurance deductible, is $3,165.22, Total Funds is $8,931.80.Recommended for Approval by *Bruce* – (Approved)

 **Chair:** Good evening,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thanks to all of you who gave so much in service over the past two years. Thanks to your coordinated efforts the Central Service Committee is viewed by many with great respect and has become the go-to place for information concerning local AA matters. Our newsletter, the Bluenose Bulletin, has become a staple across the Districts and our website is the preferred source for information for many. I am reminded over and over again by the groups how important it is to be able to have ready access to minutes for all service entities and to events happening across the Districts. There is high praise for the quality of the site. The lifeline of AA locally is the phones and over the past term Samaria and her committee have done an excellent job in ensuring continuous coverage. I know this has been challenging at times and I admire the dedication of all those who continue to serve in this area; it does not go unnoticed.

To the Literature, Entertainment, Hospital Visitation and Mid-Winter Roundup Committees thanks for dedication and service. When I travel to different meetings I often hear great things about the value you add to not just District 1 and 2 but to a broader base across the province.

To the Executive, thanks for your leadership and for allowing yourself to be pushed to capacity at times to meet deadlines. A special thanks to George Mac for bringing us all together with a determined focus on helping our fellow members.

I wish all of you the best as you move onto new horizons.

Remember our New Years Eve dance and a happy holiday season to all.

Yours in service, Foster L Chair, Central Service Committee

Recommended for Approval by – Lisa N. - (Approved)

**Co-Chair:**  Vacant

***Committees:***

**Newsletter:** Here is my last report for my term as the Bluenose Bulletin. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Central Service Committee. Every time I become involved in Service i learn more about myself and how to apply the Traditions to benefit the Fellowship as a whole.
Bill has been working with me over the past few months and has caught on quite quickly! I will continue to be available throughout next year anytime he needs a different set of eyes to proof read!
Please remember that you need to remind the new people coming into your group positions that the submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Also please use the newsletter email address which is found in the Bluenose Bulletin.
Thank you once again for this opportunity to learn and grow. Yours in Service, Trudy D Recommended for approval by Dave T. - (Approved)

**Webmaster/Website/E-mail:**

1. Help Emails: November had twelve help emails requesting information on meeting locations, for help and for general information on AA.

2. Contact List: All members of Central Service Committee have access to a contact list that was created a few months ago. If there is any feedback on this, please let the Website Admin know in order to determine its effectiveness. It can be accessed at the bottom of the left menu on the website.

3. Meeting List: There have been one request for updates so I will be doing that shortly. If there are additional updates this is the time to get them in to webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com if you would like the information changed for the next version.

4. The electronic mailing list now has 394 subscribers receiving new information on AA information within HRM on a monthly basis. Feedback has been great thus far. If you would like to see something new, email the Website Admin with your idea. The "book of the month" is one such idea which seems to be working out very well.

5. The website as a whole has received 1580 hits in the past 30 days, with the Meeting list the most visited followed by the Newsletter then the Minutes Page.

6. Thank you to everyone who has been contributing and for continuing to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Christopher H Website Admin Recommend for approval by Heather L. – (Approved)

**Hospital:**

No Report

**Telephone:** I would like to thank the volunteers that have been working hard over the past 3 year or so years. We have come a long way and have more to go. We still need many more people to step up to the plate with ALL hours of the day for the Phones to be answered 24/7.

Over the next couple of weeks, the new committee and I will be getting together for the hand over.

I will be looking forward to becoming your new Entrainment Chair and will be asking for suggestions for up-and-coming events.

Yours in Service Samaira Girard Recommended for approval by – Fred D. - (Approved)

**Mid-Winter Round Up:** Absent, there was no meeting of this committee since out last meeting so there is nothing new to report.

**Entertainment:** Another quiet month for Entertainment. Preparations are underway for our NYE potluck and dance. Tickets are starting to sell and I expect a lot of door sales. Tickets are $12 each so contact me to purchase your ticket. Volunteers are needed for this event. Yours in service, Racquel R. Recommended for Approval by Sarah S. – (Approved)

**Literature:**

This will be the final report for the 2013/2014 Literature committee. Karen has the final book of the month posted. There are still 2015 Grapevine calendars and pocket planners left; you can see Evan after the meeting. Evan, myself and Leah (mostly Evan and Leah) turned over the literature account on the weekend. Evan now has all the account at his home. We turned over

Inventory - 4403.15

Bank $1339.03 plus $358.40 deposit (which will be done Thursday)

  Total $6100.58

I placed the final order for 2014 today, GSO 734.66 and Grapevine 261.21, for a final order of $995.87. $294.00 of which is a PI order and that cheque and the remaining Literature will be turned over to Evan when the order arrives. We will continue to support Evan in the transition, until he is comfortable with the account.

I would like to thank Karen for being a wonder Co-Chair, wish Evan all the best, I am sure he will get the same enjoyment I received in my two years of giving back to the program that has given me so much. I would also like to thank everyone on the committee that I have had the privilege of being a part of and thank you for your support.

Jamie Quann Literature Chair Recommended for approval by Zeta B. – (Approved)

**District 1:** December 02, 2014

Hi friends:

TOM DCM District 1 and here’s my report. November was a very busy month with lots of progress in many areas of the District. First we had our Elections that took place on Nov 16th at Club 24 and we are pleased to have had a good turnout with a number of nominations and managed to fill half of the committee positions available. We wish all the newly service committee members the ultimate best with their volunteered service positions. At our District meeting the final draft of the District guidelines were voted on and passed. Again a big kudos to Trudy and Bill for their time and effort in putting the Guidelines together for the Districts. Also a motion was made to disburse some of AA’s money from the District where we had a rather large sum on hand and the motion was passed. We had Murdo M join us at our District and give us a brief overview of what is going on with remote communities and their needs and the part AA plays in helping out. Also I attended a workshop on the 5th Tradition hosted by members of the Cole Harbour GRP at Club 24. The workshop was well presented but as usual not well attended, however we did have a member there for their very first AA workshop.

At this time I'd like to extend a very happy sober Festive season with all the trimmings of love, peace, joy and contentment to all of the Central Service Committee, as well as all and any members attending here tonight. Let’s not hesitate in helping the suffering alcoholic throughout the holidays ODAAT.

Yours in service Team player DCM District 1 Tom Richard

Recommended for approval by Judee J. – (Approved)

**District 2:** Good Evening All,

District 2 is still looking to fill the positions for Secretary and Treasurer for the next 2 years. If you can let people know in your groups that would be appreciated.

Last month both Districts held our Committee nominations and it was a great success. We are still looking for a few positions to be filled for CPC and also Treatment. Again, if you could bring this back to your groups that would be great.

District 2 is holding our meeting, December 21st at Dundas Street and it will be a meet and greet with our new GSR’S heading into the new positions next year.

This will be my last report to Central Service as DCM , District 2 as my term as come to an end. I would like to thank all of you at Central Service for all the hard work you have done over the past few years. All areas in Central Service did a great job in the daily operations of AA in District 1 and 2 and we are all grateful for your hard work.

All the Best Barry Hayes / DCM District 2

Recommended for Approval by Samaira G. – (Approved)

**Area 82:** Marilyn and Tim both thanked the committee for all the hard work carried out over the past two years and offered best wishes to outgoing service volunteers. Tim also stated Area is appreciative of the financial contributions received from Central Service. Recommended for Approval by Evan Mc. – (Approved)

**Old Business:**

1. **Listing of only requirement Group:** Foster explained the process leading up to this vote and indicated there would be no further discussion on the matter at this time, other than when the minority voice is heard. He further outlined who at the table was eligible to vote. The recommendation on the floor is “That the Only Requirement Group should be listed on the local meeting list and that their announcements should be placed in the Bluenose Bulletin”. The vote was 11 in favour, 12 against. The minority voice was heard and no one wished to change their vote; the recommendation was defeated.

**New Business:**

1. **Elections**

Foster called for Nominations for Co-Chairs of Newsletter, Hospital Visitation and Literature. There were no nominations. He call for nominations for Secretary with Arlene P being nominated by Bill P. Arlene accepted and was approved by the table as the incoming Secretary. Thank you to Arlene.

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| **September 2, 2014 Central Service Election Results** |
| Position | Elected | Acclaimed | 1st Ballot | 2nd Ballot | 3rd Ballot | 4th Ballot | 5th Ballot | Hat |
| **Committee Chair** | Foster L | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Committee Co-Chair** | Barry H. | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Secretary** | Arlene P | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Treasurer** | Andrew P | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Telephone**  | Leah C. | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Literature** | Evan M. | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Literature Co-Chair** | Vacant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Entertainment**  | Samaira G. | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Newsletter** | Bill P. | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hospital Visitation** | Paula D | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hospital Co-Chair** | Vacant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Webmaster** | Heather L.  | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Web Email**  | Carol-Anne | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Entertainment Co-Ch** | Tara M. | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Telephone Co-Ch 1** | Heather C. | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Telephone Co-Ch 2** | Laura E. | Acclaimed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Newswletter Committee co-chair.**  | Vacant |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Announcements:**

1. The Christmas social will be at club 24 held by the Keep it Simple Group

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

**Next Meeting:** Next CSC Meeting is January 6, 2015