Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

**2014-07-01**

1. **Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by George at 7:00 p.m. with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. All were welcomed to the July CSC meeting.
2. **Call for Items to be added to the agenda:** No items were added.
3. **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Jamie.
4. **Roll Call:** *Executive:* George M. - Chair CSC, Foster L. - Co-Chair CSC, and William P. - Treasurer CSC. *Committees:* Betty C. - Hospital Visitation, Jamie Q. - Literature Chair, and Racquel R. - Entertainment Chair. *CSRs:* Darla W. - Timberlea, Sid S. - Downtown Halifax, Lisa N. - Hubbards, Judee J. - Second Chance, and Arlene P. - Cole Harbour. *Alt-CSRs:* Garth M - Sunrise, Heather L. - Back to Basics, and Mary T. – West End Step. *Others:* Barry H. – District 2 DCM and Henrick P. – observer.
5. **7th Tradition:** $28.60 collected, taken by Bill P.
6. **Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** There were no errors. Recommended for approval by - Jamie (Approved).
7. **Reports:**

***Executive:***

**Secretary:** Finished the list of all the CSR’s and GSR’s phone number and email address and forwarded to George. He was presenting it at the meeting. I was unable to make the meeting tonight. Thank you Paula D. CSR Secretary

**Treasurer:**  Submitting the 6 month financial report (included in four page hand-out). June was a fairly routine month. In the Monthly Activity Report, the Opening bank balance is $7,927.13, Total Credits is $1,742.70, Total Debits is $1,204.34, Closing Balance is $8,465.49, Prudent Reserve, including the insurance deductible, is $3,164.57, Total Funds is $11,630.06. With the 6 month report, Bill advised that the Total Available Funds was higher than usual due to unexpected returns from the New Year’s Eve Party, the Cocktail Party at Christmas and the Mid-Winter Round-up. Concerning the fourth page, Bill would like the representatives to check with their group’s treasurer the amounts that have been given to Central Service by their groups and if there is need for corrections, please advise. Recommended for Approval by Lisa– (Approved)

**Chair:** Greetings Folks,

We are currently moving into summer mode as we get ready for Roundups, leisure activities and events of the season. I would like to give a heartfelt thank you on behalf of Central Service to all who give of themselves so that others may enjoy these activities. I have attended meetings in Calgary and Winnipeg in the past month, it is always a thrill to be a part of ‘how it works’ elsewhere. I attended the Winnipeg Group three times and they will be celebrating 70 years as a group this summer.

For those in Chair and Co-Chair positions and those on the executive, please continue to plan for, and work towards, your plan for turning over the reins to the next committee.

On a personal note, I am advising you that this will be my last Central Service Meeting as your Chair. I have been given an opportunity, which I have accepted, to work with some great folks at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, Manitoba. This opportunity fits nicely with my life plans. I have made a two year commitment to them which will begin in mid-August.

I would like to thank this entire committee for giving me this wonderful opportunity to grow in love and service, your support has been amazing. I would like to thank the executive – Foster, Paula and Bill for your ongoing support, you have helped to make this experience a true labor of love. I would specifically like to acknowledge Foster for the important, close relationship we have developed. Foster, the many teas we have shared have been wonderful learning experiences for me; I am pleased to be handing Central Service over to your capable hands at the same time I apologize for the extra burden this places on you.

I love each and every one of you in a very special way.

Yours in Service, George Recommended for Approval by – Garth (Approved)

**Co-Chair:**  Greetings to everyone,

June was fairly quiet and with both District meetings cancelled so month’s meeting and work on the agenda for this month. I now have the insurance renewal invoice in the hands of all groups and with a recent addition we now have 29 groups on board. To date 10 groups have paid their premium and I encourage all others to make every effort to meet the August 5th date for payment. Should any group be having difficulty with the premium please speak to me off-line to seek a solution.

We have been approached by District 17 (Valley) about the group insurance issue and George and I have shared all our background information with them and will meet with the valley DCMs to discuss further if asked to.

I would like to take the opportunity to extend a sincere thanks to George for the tremendous organization he has brought to this table and for his unending commitment to service. We, as a committee, are better for the contributions he has made and I will have big shoes to fill.

As I assume the role of Chair I look forward to your cooperation in moving our agenda forward.

Should I be able to help in any way do not hesitate to contact me. Yours in service, Foster L Co-Chair, Central Service Committee Recommended for Approval by Darla – (Approved)

***Committees:***

**Newsletter:** Sorry I could not be at the meeting but I am currently busy with family activities. Here is my report.   
Greetings all, the newsletter is going along well. I await the announcement of the new name with much excitement!  
I am happy to see that most groups are respecting the deadline for submissions. I have a system in place to help me stay organized and it seems to be working well.   
Please remember I don't automatically run an announcement each month unless directed, so please let me know or it may not be included. Not much else to report as of now. Yours in service,  
Trudy D,

**Webmaster/Website/E-mail:** the following is the Help Email Coordinator/Website Admin report for June and the first week of July:

1. Help Emails: June had five help emails with most requesting meeting information or information on how to being members of AA etc. All requests were handled promptly, with any twelve step requests being connected with AA Member who are working the steps.

2. Meeting List: has been updated as of 10 Jun 14. Please take a look at the current meeting list online and email [webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com](javascript:main.compose('new',%20't=webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com')) if you would like the information changed for the next version.

3. The electronic mailing list now has 367 subscribers receiving new information on AA information within HRM on a monthly basis.

4. The website as a whole has received 1790 hits in the past 30 days, with the Meeting list the most visited followed by the Newsletter then the Events Page. Christopher H, AA Halifax Website Administrator. Christopher was absent but report was emailed.

**Hospital:** There haven’t been any calls in June, but Wayne O. is still helping out a lot. There are two members being visited in nursing care, as they can’t get out to meetings. Betty mentioned that the message about the hospital visitation is being announced at a number of meetings. Recommended for Approval by Judee – (Approved)

**Telephone:** Absent No Report

**Mid-Winter Round Up:** Absent No report

**Entertainment:** Raquel stated that softball had started up in June with 22 in attendance in the last couple of games. It seems to be self-sustaining with the fee for the rental of the field being covered. The baseball season will continue until the first weekend in September. The campground space at Dollar Lake has been booked August 1-3, 2014 with only half the tickets sold at the moment. Racquel would appreciate it if this event was announced at groups to get the word out. There is a notice in the newsletter about it. The Potluck event at the campground is open to anyone to attend. The summer picnic at Point Pleasant Park will be held September 7th from 1-4pm and more info to follow. Recommended for Approval by Heather – (Approved)

**Literature:** The literature committee had a quite June. We held a workshop on the 14th of June. We would like to thank those that attended. We are still actively looking for volunteers for next year’s committee. The book of the month for July is young and sober. Bank $96.21, Deposit $499.95, and Inventory $ 5243.55, Total 5839.71 The Literature Committee had a quiet June. The workshop that they put on was quite well received; feedback in meeting was people quite enjoyed it. The book of the month is “Young & Sober”. There are only six books left from the second 100 of the first edition, costing $13.50 each. After that the price will be higher as the edition has been put on the regular order list. We are still looking for anyone who would be interested in taking on this position for next year. Recommended for approval by Judee– (Approved)

**District 1:** Absent No Report Sent

**District 2: DCM Report**

Good Day Everyone, Happy Canada Day!!

I am happy to report that all is going well in District 2. We had gotten back together this month. With that said, I was fortunate to attend the service weekend last Month and it was very informative. Our Area is getting ready for elections in October and it was a great chance for all of us to get together and discuss the business at hand in our Area. The main focus is to try to get new members involved in service and I feel we are heading in a good direction in achieving this.

Our next meeting in District 2 is, July 20th at 2:00pm (Dundas Street). All are welcome to attend.

Thanks Barry Hayes DCM District 2 Recommended for Approval by – Darla (Approved)

**Area 82 :** There was nothing to report from Area 82.

**Other:** There was no other report.

**Old Business:**

1. **Update on the “four committee guidelines’ project”:** Barry, District 2 DCM, stated that both he and Tom R., District 1 DCM, take responsibility for the lack of progress in this matter. They are striving to have this matter “put to bed” this month. When asked if he would like to add anything, Bill P. declined comment, with a smile.
2. **Insurance Policy Update:** Foster L. advised all invoices are in the hands of the groups. There are 29 groups now involved in the policy. He is just waiting on the groups to bring in their payment. The districts in the Valley had heard of our policy and expressed interest in “piggy-backing” on our policy, but that cannot be done, they would need their own policy. Both George and Foster are sharing their experience of setting up our policy to help them out. As an example of the need of this policy, there was a group in District 2 that couldn’t get the keys to the new meeting space until they showed proof of insurance to the church. Comments from the floor revolved around some groups are working on building their prudent reserve for the insurance policy deductible as to not take a risk. There are some groups that aren’t, which is a calculated risk to the group. Some members take issue with that much money being tied up in prudent reserves rather than going back into the work and it was explained that is was just being responsible fiscally to have a prudent reserve, like GSO has to have in order to keep things flowing.
3. **Re-name the Newsletter contest:** George has enjoyed receiving the submissions for the contest; there are 14 suggestions so far. Two of the deciding committee are not here, so George would like to put off the discussion for this until next month, which everyone agreed to.
4. **Nomination Process Discussion update:** Foster explained how the nomination process would take the ego out of the election process and it used to be the way to elect members to service positions at the Group, District and Central Service levels. He wanted to talk about this ahead of time because he would like to adapt this in time for our Central Service elections in September. It would very important to talk to the members ahead of time to avoid situations where individuals may get embarrassed by being asked to stand for a position in front of everyone. He again asked all to discuss this at their groups and the discussion has been tabled to the agenda for the August meeting for more discussion.
5. **Announcements and CSC Sponsorship of Newsletter-advertised items:** This item has also been carried over on the agenda for the August meeting. When asked for feedback, four more groups had reports, but they need to be submitted directly to the Chair (emails would be the preferred means).

**New Business:**

1. **Request from the Baby Steps meeting:** George stated that he had received a literature request from the Baby Steps meeting. They are just starting out, they have only 5 members, but are in desperate need of pamphlets as they have a number of newcomers and young people attending that are asking for information. They have Big Books and “12 and 12’s”, but are “starving” for pamphlets. With so few regular members, they just haven’t accumulated the funds to purchase their own. George suggested that the other groups could help out with some pamphlets. The Literature Chair had already made a packet of the free literature that was available for groups from GSO. Foster pointed out that in the Central Service Budget, there is already monies sitting there in the miscellaneous category and it would be no problem to donate monies towards purchasing pamphlets to help the group out. After some discussion, it was agreed that $40.00 should cover the pamphlets they were looking for. Arlene put a motion on the floor: The Central Service Committee was to sponsor up to $40.00 worth of pamphlets to help the Baby Steps Group with start-up literature. Seconded by Betty. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

This is George’s last meeting as Chair and as such the committeeextended a large thanks to him for the hard work he has done over the past 18 months. Good luck in your new venture George.

**Announcements:** (There weren’t any additional announcements.)

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

**Next Meeting:** Next CSC Meeting is August 5, 2014.