Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

**14-06-03**

1. **Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by Foster at 7:03 p.m. with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; all were welcomed to the June CSC meeting.
2. **Call for Items to be added to the agenda:** Letter from George regarding advertising in the newsletter AA events and 7th Tradition concerns.
3. **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Allan
4. **Roll Call:** Paula D CSC Secretary, Foster L Co-Chair CSC, Bill P CSC Treasurer, Alan M Sunrise, Lisa N Hubbard’s, Peter J Downtown Halifax, Karen G Downtown Dartmouth, Evan M Four Seasons, Judee J 2nd Chance, Darla W Timberlea, Zeta B Big Book Study, Trudy D Cole Harbour, Arlene P Cole Harbour, Jamie Q Four Seasons, Craig M Back to Basics, Bruce B Atlantic, Dave T West End Step, Racquel R Living in the Solution, Niall S Acceptance, Tara M Serenity Sisters, Samaira G 2nd Chance Phone Chair, Christie M Back to Basics, Lance G Cole Harbour, Reg R St. Margaret’s Bay
5. **7th Tradition:** $32.65 Collected, Taken by Bill P.
6. **Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** There were no errors. Recommended for approval by - Karen (Approved)
7. **Reports:**

**Secretary:** I have a copy of the list I made up of the CSR’s, GSR’s, and Area 82. I have emailed a copy to George for review. Also have a copy to pass around to make sure all information is correct.

Thank you Paula D Recommended for approval by Jamie (Approved)

**Treasurer:**  Opening balance $8, 155.56, Total Credits $1,342.80, Total Debits $1,571.23, Outstanding GSO $1000.00, Closing Funds $6,927.13, Prudent Reserve, including the insurance deductible,$3,164.44, Total Funds $10,092.57. Bill advised Area 82 is in need of money. We could possibly send them more money when all of budget is completed. Recommended for Approval by Fred– (Approved)

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

This was a busier month than last and I am not sure where the time went. I represented the committee at both District meetings in May, as George was away. In addition to updating those tables on our activities, the meetings offered a great opportunity to deliver many of the insurance renewal invoices. My decision to pass them to the GSR’s is in no way a reflection on the CSR’s, it was a matter of convenience and a desire to get them in the hands of the groups as quickly as possible. I also attended several group meetings with the same purpose in mind.

I had the opportunity to co-facilitate a workshop on Spirituality held May 11th at Club 24. These workshops are a wonderful experience and I encourage everyone to take them in.

George and I had our usual monthly get together to stay on top of committee affairs. 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 Dave – (Approved)

**Chair:** Read by Paula D as George was absent.Greetings Folks, The pace in our Districts is starting to pick up a bit as we draw nearer to our summer events. I spent ten days in Calgary in May and thank Foster for covering the show in my absence. I apologize for my absence this evening as I am in Brandon, MB for a few days, thanks again Foster.

I conducted a Concepts Workshop in Truro this month for Districts 6 & 7 and attended the St. Margaret’s Bay Group’s 41st Anniversary meeting that also contained 3 members birthdays.

Foster and I continue to meet between meetings – I would like to acknowledge and thank Foster as the Central Service Co-Chair for his wonderful support over this term.

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.

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 – Samaira (Approved)

**Committees:**

**Newsletter:** The newsletter is going fine. Thanks to Bill for photocopying the newsletter this month. I have had some interest from a few people around taking over the newsletter editor in the new year. I will be meeting with them to go over what it takes to do the newsletter in the next few months.

Remember the cut off for the newsletter announcements is still the 25th of each month. Thanks for letting me serve, Trudy. Recommended for Approval by – Tara (Approved)

**Mid-Winter Round Up:** I am presenting on behalf of Phil B., the Chair of the Committee as he was not able to attend.

We had our monthly meeting this past Sunday. The main order of business was further elections.

The positions filled are Chair - Phil B., Treasurer - Bill P, Registration - George Mc, Program - Barb M, Program Co-Chair - Rob S and Hospitality -Jacqueline K.

The positions opened are Committee Co-Chair, Secretary, Co-Treasurer, Entertainment Chair, Program Co-Chair, 2 Registration Co-Chairs and 2 Hospitality Co-Chairs.

The proposed contact with the Holiday Inn has been received with no changes as to costs from last year. This will result in the same Registration fee of $25.00 and $35.00 for the banquet. We will be paying a deposit to the Hotel of $500.00 by June 20, 2014.

The dates for the Round up are February 27, 28 and March 1, 2015.

We will attempt to get a Preliminary Flyer out shortly even without a theme or confirmed speakers for distribution to the various Roundups upcoming.

The Budget for the Round up will be up for deliberation and approval for the July meeting.

For now, the Committee is a couple of months ahead for the initial decisions to be made such as the Hotel Contract, fees and filling the key positions.

The next meeting of the Committee is Sunday July 6 at 1:00 p.m. Room 619 Holiday Inn Dartmouth. Best Regards in Service

Bill P. Recommended for Approval by Evan – Approved

**Webmaster/Website/E-mail:** 1. Help Emails: May had twelve help emails with most topics related to information on meetings and one member requesting to meet with a current member for sponsorship. All requests were handled promptly, with all twelve step requests being connected with AA Member who are working the steps.

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: has been updated as of 1 May 14. 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 358 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 1938 hits in the past 30 days, with the Meeting list the most visited followed by the Newsletter then the Events Page. Thank you everyone who has been contributing and for continuing to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Chris H – Webmaster. Recommended for Approval by – Bruce (Approved)

**Hospital:** They have received Grapevines from donations for their hospital visits. Not any women in the hospital to be visited just men. Betty C. Recommended for Approval by Darla – (Approved)

**Telephone:** We are having a little difficulty with the weekend phone. We believe it may be best for you if the phone committee came to visit the weekend group’s business meetings to have a five to ten minutes workshop.

We are glad to say we have 4 new members for the daytime phone. With those, the addiction rotation is still running 10 weeks. So to ease to the load, we would love more members to volunteer. Yours is Service Samaira Recommended for Approval by Lisa – (Approved)

**Entertainment:** Raquel stated the last bowling will be held this month and they will evaluate in the fall whether or not it should be continued. The summer picnic at Point Pleasant Park will be held August 24th and the camping at Dollar Lake is filling up quickly. Tickets are available here tonight. The committee is looking at putting together a structured ball team and information on this is being spread amongst the groups. No report emailed. Recommended for Approval by Niall – (Approved)

**Literature:** The literature committee had a quite April. Karen has the book of the month for Jun posted. The title is Spiritual Awakenings. The second 100 of the first edition have arrived and delivered to some of those that pre-ordered. Karen and I will be putting on a workshop on the 14th of June and we will be covering what is involved to be the Chair and Co-Chair. All the literature will be on display, we will be going over all aspects of our committee, such as how groups order, what is available, how you make payment and receive your books, this will be a great opportunity for groups to come out and see what we have available.

Foster thanked Jamie and Karen on their hard work during the past two years. Recommended for approval by Judee– (Approved)

**District 1:** Fred advised they are looking for a Co-Chair for PI and Treatment Facilities as well as a hair for the CPC Committee. He advised he has been re-elected as A/DCM for the District and that all is going well there. Recommended for Approval by Dave – (Approved)

**District 2: DCM Report District 2,** Everything at District 2 is running smoothly. We meet the 3rd Sunday of each month and love to have visitors! We need a PI Co chair, a Treatment Co Chair and a CPC Chair between districts 1 & 2. Thanks, Trudy Recommended for Approval by – Jamie (Approved)

**Area 82 – MCYPAA** was held from 2-4 May 14 and overall was a success from the perspective that it brought young people in from all over the HRM, Toronto, rural Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Overall attendance was an issue which would be to be addressed if further MCYPAAs were to take place. While a significant proportion of younger AA members were in attendance, I was surprised at the generally small number of members outside of that demographic. The final tally of all monies has been made. The amount which will be returned to Area from MCYPAA 2014 is $1484.69. Christopher H, AA Halifax Website Administrator Recommended for Approval by – Bruce (Approved)

**Old Business:**

1. Update on the “four committee guidelines’ project”: Bill P. stated the update was sent to the District executives to be shared with the committee chairs. The guidelines will be updated after all feedback is received and then sent to the Districts for final approval.
2. Insurance Premiums invoices for groups for next year: Foster L. advised all but two invoices are in the hands of the groups and to date only one group has decided not to continue with the policy. Approximately nine groups have paid the premium already. The amount is $50.00; make checks out to Central Service and note Insurance on the bottom of the checks. This amount is due by Aug 5th, 2014.
3. Name the Newsletter: This was an information item to remind all that the contest to rename the newsletter is open to all AA members, except for the selection committee. Foster suggested there is no great rush on this and sufficient time should be allowed so as many that want to participate can.

**New Business:**

1. **Entertainment Co-Chair:** Foster M. called three times for interest in the position of Entertainment Committee Chair. Tara M. (Serenity Sister`s) agreed to let her name stand and was unanimously voted in as the new Entertainment Co-Chair for Central Service after hearing her qualify for the position with her AA resume. It was commented after that she will need a copy of the CS committee guidelines. Also, it was re-iterated by Foster L that this position is for the remainder of the service term, ending Dec 2014.
2. **Nomination Process:** Foster explained how the nomination process should be used to elect members to service positions at the Group, District and Central Service levels. The benefits of it are that it allows everyone to be engaged in putting the right people in the right jobs at the right times, it takes ego out of the process and it avoids situations where individuals may get embarrassed should they not be accepted for a position after raising their hands for consideration. He asked all to discuss this at their groups and is hopeful the process will be used when electing the 2015- 2016 Central Service Committee. The item will be placed on the July agenda for more discussion.
3. **Letter from George:** George prepareda letter that addressing the issue of announcements being placed in the newsletter. Foster explained the rationale behind the letter and the reasoning for the proposal that announcements should be for CSC sponsored events and that CSC have final decision on what would be acceptable. To date only one group has responded. Foster asked that the matter be raised at the group level and this item will be carried to the July agenda for further discussion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Evan announced that Phil W will celebrate 29 years on June 26th
2. Bruce announced Dave will be celebrating 5 years at the West End Step June 19th
3. Fred celebrating 32 Years St. Margaret`s Bay Group

Meeting Adjourned 8:25pm

Next CSC Meeting July 1, 2014