

MINUTES OF CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dec 3 ,2024

Zoom Meeting

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Paul B. at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer.

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Sharon.

ROLL CALL: 23 in attendance, of which 15 attendees were voting members (V= voting, NV non-voting)

EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEES	CSR	ALT CSR/OBSERVERS
Chair -Paul B. (Vote in tie situation)	Telephones -Johnathan G. (V)	Garth – CSR of SunRise (V)	Michael - DCM District 1
Co-Chair - Heather (V)	Help Email – Sam B. (V) Not Present	Julia – CSR West end step group (V)	Alec Observer (NV)
Treasurer- Trudy D. (V)	Newsletter – Mark (V)		Melanie Observer (NV)
Secretary – Louie (V)	Hospital Visitation – Wayne O. (V)	Sharon – CSR Highland Park (V)	Emily Observer (NV)
	Treatment -Gilles D. (V)	Claire – CSR Downtown Dartmouth	Bernie -DCM district 2 (NV)
	CPC -Kathy S. (V)	Tanya – CSR 4 seasons group (V)	Patsey - Observer
	Literature – Gerry L.	Jonathan – CSR Keep it Simple (V)	Lindsay - Observer
	Corrections – Tom P. Not present		
	Webmaster – Heather (V)		
	Mid Winter Round-Up – Michael		
	Public Information – Bill P. Not present		
	Entertainment – Noel Not present		
	Insurance - Foster L. (V)		

7th Tradition: *Please email Central Service meeting 7th tradition contribution and group contributions to: treasurer.aahalifax@gmail.com *Please put a note along with your transfer as to what the donation is for and which group you represent.

Contributions can also be mailed to:

Central Service, RPO Gladstone, PO Box 31338, Halifax NS B3K 5Z1

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was added to with the above items. A motion to approve the agenda items was made by Michael and seconded by Jonathon.

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Kathy, seconded by Gerry. All in favour motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

No new business to report.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all of the learning opportunities each of you have presented to me.

TREASURER:

I have sent the financial docs to each of the executive and CSR's. I also included the draft budget for 2025, which we will discuss at the next business meeting.

CORRECTIONS:

No report

ENTERTAINMENT:

No report sent.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

We had 2 members in the hospital and one of them passed away. The person has had a full recovery and attending there home group.

LITERATURE:

The month of November has been good. We had a total sale of \$2589.00

The expenses were a total of \$16.86. The expenses were the regular charges from the square of \$16.86

The opening balance as of first of November was \$3180.04 and right now as 30 of November we have a balance on the literature account of \$5752.18

In reference to the Plain Language Big Book, I had ordered 60 copies and they were sold out during the first two weeks. New York offices were sold out after 3 days, They have expedited a second printing and they anticipate that copies will be available soon.

Once again, this is election time for various committee chair positions and Literature is one of them. Personally, due to my work commitment, social commitment and various other commitments, as of January first, I will not

be able to carry on the duty of Literature chair if a new chairperson is not nominated, which means that the book store will not be operational.

NEWSLETTER:

Newsletter Report for Dec 3rd 2024 CSR meeting

A new editor was elected Emily S. and she will be taking over the helm for the January issue of the Bluenose Bulletin.

Just a reminder that meeting notices / updates should be sent to both the Webmaster (Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com) and the Newsletter (Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com) to ensure your message is communicated to the AA community.

Newsletter submissions for Jan 2025 should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of the month.

I am available to answer questions throughout the month.

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:

This report was included in the DCM 1 report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

No report sent.

TELEPHONE:

As my two years as Phone Committee chair come to a end I am extremely grateful for everybody who stepped up and volunteered to take the day and night phone, as well as all the groups in District 1 and 2 for manning the week-end phone. Thank you to Anne P, for being there to switch the phones and assisting me numerous times, to Sean M for his assistance with the evening phone, and to Paul B and Trudy for their assistance.

Phone Committee at times is busy but very grateful to have been there to get the newcomer into the room and on the road to recovery.

WEBMASTER:

I did a training session with Alec to show him the webmaster duties. He has caught on very quickly and I'm very confident in his ability to take on this position. As part of my prep work for transitioning all duties to Alec, I collected all current passwords to the Gmail accounts for Central Service and District 1. These have all been updated in the webmaster notes document. This is so the webmaster can aid in transitioning the Gmail accounts from one chair to the next. District 2, as per Bernie S and Blair A, have chosen to track all 4 of District 2 Gmail accounts without the webmaster's involvement. This too has been noted in the webmaster notes document.

It's been a pleasure looking after the web for these last 2 years. Thank you for the opportunity.

TREATMENT:

My Name is Gilles Im an alcoholic. Not much to report for november. I had a request about treatment and Bridging the gap, and took care of it. I want to thank everyone for their support over the past 2 years. I can answer questions about Treatment to whoever interested in this important position. I have contact information for all location we presently carry the message into. I also have the new and old Treatment Committee Kit. And various pamphlets. I have approach some people about this position.

HELP EMAIL:

There were 13 emails. Many were the same inquiries : where are meetings/how do I get started. There was one email from a member in the US who will be moving to NS in the spring wondering where they might find a meeting when they move. There was one email looking for Alanon. There was one email looking to buy a Plain Language Big Book whom I directed to the Book Store and provided Gerry L's contact info.

INSURANCE:

This is my final report as Insurance Chair. I would like to thank the committee for allowing me to sit in service this past year as we fully implemented the new provincial group insurance policy.

The policy renewal arrived a week ago with a total of 64 groups/committees insured. The annual premium of \$2019 has been paid. The policy has been reviewed to ensure all groups wishing to be insured are on it, and that addresses are correct. Keep in mind it is your meeting location that is covered, so please advise the chair if you move. Based on pure math, and using the \$330 in the reserve fund, along with the literature allocation, the premium per group could have been set at \$20. However, next year there would not be a reserve, and with any increase in 2026 you would likely have to jump the premium back to \$30. I have set it at \$25 with the thought the reserve can be used in 2026 to maintain it at that level.

The cost of the rider for our literature is \$422, however, they will be charged only \$394, as that is what is needed to cover the bill.

An email has been sent to all insured groups with a copy of the policy, requesting immediate payment, preferably via e-transfer. At the time of writing of this report 25 groups had paid.

I met twice this month with a member willing to accept a nomination for this position for the next two years. I have obtained a level of comfort that she will be able to handle the job and therefore I am willing to nominate. I have agreed to act as a mentor and assist her as required during the next twelve months until she has a renewal process under her belt.

DISTRICT 1:

Central Service Representatives, Committee Members and guests,

To recap our recent Area 82 Elections at District 1, we have thus far elected Samaira G as our new DCM, Jonathan G, Alt-DCM, and Michelle W. as our new Treasurer. We continue to seek an Alt-Treasurer, and a Secretary.

The Alt-Treasurer suggested requirements:

- Suggested minimum of five (5) years sobriety;
- responsible person with good record-keeping ability.
- background in service at the Group or District level.
- Have a Service Sponsor (suggestion only found to be helpful).
- Actively working the Twelve Steps of A.A.
- The time, energy, and desire to serve the District well.

The Secretary suggested requirements:

- Suggested minimum of two (2) years of sobriety with a background in AA service.
- ability to keep clear and accurate records.
- Have a Service Sponsor (suggestion only found to be helpful)
- The time, energy, and desire to serve the District well.
- Actively working the Twelve Steps of A.A.

District 1 and 2 are hosting 2 Roundups in 2025, and the committees are meeting monthly to ensure their successes. They are as follows:

1. Mid Winter Roundup Committee February 28-2 March. meets on the first Sunday of every month. Our next meeting is on 05 January 2025. We will be at Club 24 downtown Dartmouth at 1 PM. If you have 2 years of sobriety and wish to get involved in service that is a fulfilling part of our sobriety, please attend. Tickets are on sale, for more information see our website at <https://www.aahalifax.org/mid-winter-roundup/>
2. N.S. Provincial Round-up June 6-7, 2025. The Committee meets every 3rd Saturday at 1PM at Club 24 in downtown Dartmouth. We are diligently looking for a venue at this time.

DCM/Alt-Archivist.

The Archivist Collection was moved Mid-November from the Metro Storage at Bayers Lake to an Office Space in Beechville. It's spacious. It's heated. It's secure. The cost is the same, with the added advantage of being able to work in the space at a desk. The new Archivist, Kathy S. is eagerly organizing and takes the archive over officially 01 January 2025-31 Dec 2027.

*Please note that our next District Meeting is on 18th December. The reason being is that our normal day would of been the 25th December 2025, and that's conflicting with holidays

Thank you everyone for your service ,

Happy Holidays,

Yours in love of service,

Michael H.

DCM District 1

Area 82

No report sent.

CPC:

We had our meeting on the 4 th of November and went over several locations from the corrections fair again and Paul B gave us a couple of links to the Justice Programs to follow up on as well.

I was able to look at both the Community Justice and the NS Restorative programs where I found an email for one and sent off an introduction to the CPC program and called and left a voicemail to the Executive Director for Community Justice both on November 22 nd and didn't get any reply.

Stephen has some information to share with us about his connections and will let us know at our next meeting, as he was unable to make the meeting.

I was able to speak with Paulette MacKinnon, who is the Director of Operations at the Corrections Facility in Burnside, and she said that she will have the Director of the Case Management team call me so that we can arrange a time to meet with some of the new staff people there. She said that she wouldn't be in touch with me until next week.

Went through the pamphlets that we have in stock for the committee and ordered some various ones for the incoming chairs and purchased a carry case for them to utilize for various presentations. CPC only had one plastic storage bin, and I have used my own over the past two years. Once I get the invoice from the Literature chair I will submit the

receipts together to the treasures of central service.

I would like to take a minute to wish you all a merry holiday season and thank you all for your help and support over the past two years as the chairperson of this wonderful committee; I have learned and grown spiritually through this service position from so many of you.

Respectfully submitted in Service

DISTRICT 2:

Contrary to anything I may have reported last month, I will not be stepping down as DCM. District 2 Guidelines suggest that in the spirit of rotation, no committee member shall serve two consecutive two year terms. It also suggests that if a committee member is elected in between elections, that person shall serve until the end of the term for which he is elected and then is eligible to be nominated for another 2 year term. I took DCM in June of 2023 and have served to the end of that term, almost. At our last district meeting I was nominated to be the DCM for 2025 and 2026. I accepted and will be around for a little longer than I expected. At that meeting, an alternate DCM, Amy A from Downtown Dartmouth Group was elected, we may have a Secretary, but we still require a Treasurer.

District 2 has a workshop coming up on December 8. The topic of that is Our Common Welfare: Safety in AA. It will be presented by myself and the current Alternate DCM, Danny M. That workshop is at Club 24 at 1 pm. Refreshments will be available.

Also, Sunrise group is having a candlelight gratitude meeting on December 10th and they will have their birthdays on December 17, instead of the last Tuesday.

The New Year's Dance will be held in District 1 this year, at St. Catherine's on Bayers Road. Nancy and I celebrate 25 years of marriage that night, but we won't be able to do it at the dance because our home group meets the same night, so if you don't see us there it isn't because we had a fight.

Last Tuesday night I celebrated 27 years of sobriety.

In the Traditions Checklist, service material which is available at aa.org and which is generally included in GSR kits for new GSRs, under tradition two it asks us that even though we may have been sober a few years, are we still willing to do AA chores? I think everyone at this meeting can answer yes to that question.

Thank you all for your service. Happy Holidays and God bless.

Co-Chair:

I setup a new Co-chair Gmail account as the password to the old account did not work nor could that account be recovered. The new Gmail is: Cochair.CSRAAHalifax@gmail.com

This has been updated on the web Contact page and I've submitted the change to the newsletter Contact section plus I have updated the webmaster notes document.

Chair:

Good evening members of District 1 and 2 It's a pleasure and honor to Serve as your chair of Central Service.

Here are some of the highlights of CS

.1 met with members of the executive to go over the agenda and any other business arising from the minutes

2 Reach out to all members of AA about our open position and announced it in 7 meetings

At this time I would like to say thank you to all committee chairs and Co Chairs who serves at the Central Service Table for the past 2 years . I would ask that you

don't go far and please stay in service especially with the open positions we have at this table. Thank you again for your great dedication to AA.
Lastly, thank you all for attending our meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS:

Heather made a motion to approve the reports and Gerry seconded it, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Social update – If there is any group that is willing to put on the Christmas social please let the chair of Central Service know.

2025 Budget – We had a very passionate discussion about how the budget should look, everyone involved truly had Central Service's best interests at heart. The only items that were changed was the insurance line item had an increase to \$2019 and the 2024 carry-forward line item was changed to \$5,851.36. The budget will be posted to the AA Halifax website for review by the membership.

The new budget has been sent to all CSR's, please see them or talk to anyone that attends the Central Service Meetings.

A motion to approve the budget was made by Trudy and seconded by Heather, motion passed.

Vote: Yes= 8, No= 0, Abs=5

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections:

Secretary: No nominations

Insurance Chair: Foster Nominated Patsy

Patsy qualified with her many years of experience with service and was voted in this position (Yes= 15, No= 0, Abstain= 0)

Insurance Co-Chair: No nominations

News letter Co-Chair: Heather nominated Lindsay

Lindsay qualified with her limited service experience but very willing to learn and expand her knowledge in this area (Yes= 15, No= 0, Abstain= 0)

PI Chair: No nominations

PI Co-Chair: No nominations

Phone Chair: No Nominations

Hospital Visitation: No Nominations

Treatment Chair: No Nominations

Entertainment Chair: No Nominations

Literature Chair: No Nominations

8 positions still need to be filled, Please go back to your groups to let members know we are seeking nominees for the above positions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Non at this time.

Next CS Meeting will take place Jan 7, 2025 at 7 PM on Zoom
Meeting ended with Responsibility Pledge