

MINUTES OF CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 2nd ,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 Gilles.

ROLL CALL: 21 in attendance, of which 18 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)	Beca - CSR Down town dartmouth	Michael - DCM District 1
Co-Chair - vacant	Help Email -Sam (V) – No show	Melanie – CPC co-chair (NV)	
Treasurer- Trudy D. (V)	Newsletter – Mark (V)	Emily – CSR Circle of Sisters (V)	Cheryl – Observer (NV)
Secretary – Louie (V)	Hospital Visitation -Wayne O. (V)		
	Treatment -Gilles D. (V)	David – CSR back to basics (V)	
	CPC -Kathy S. (V)		
	Literature -Gerry L. (V)	Sharon – CSR Highland Park (V)	
	Corrections – No Show	John – CSR Lion’s Den (V)	
	Webmaster -No show	Robin M. – CSR Keep it Simple (V)	
	Mid Winter Round-Up – Michael		
	Public Information -No Show	Julia – CSR West end step group (V)	
	Entertainment – No Show	Angela E. – CSR Serenity Sisters (V)	
	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:

New Business items-

- What do we do with committee members who do not attend the meetings.
- The resolution book.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was added to with the above items.

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve the agenda made by gerry, seconded by foster. All in favour. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

I will be reviewing the contact list for Central service and be sending out an e-amil for confirmation, I would like everyone to respond with the below info

- Position
- Name
- If applicable group representing.

TREASURER:

Hello Everyone,

This month we had total contributions of \$2,400.00. \$500.00 from the Grateful Group, \$300.00 from the Highland Park Group, \$100.00 from Mens Literature meeting, \$100.00 from Atlantic Group, \$1,000.00 from Welcome Group and \$400.00 from Serenity Sisters. Please include your group name in the message so I can credit your group.

There was nothing in 7 th Tradition for the June CS Meeting. Thank you to every group and individual contribution. The 2024 budget projected a total revenue of \$13,552.36 and we have received \$8,171.12 towards this goal. Over the next 6 months we will hope to get the remaining \$5,381.24 to achieve our total budgeted amount without having to use any of the Prudent Reserve.

We spent a total of \$388.30 this month. The amount of \$128.95 on the phone bill from Virgin Mobile. There was \$125.35 on MSO 365. I took this from the Treasurers budget. The CPC Committee spent \$132.50 this month and has \$508.41left in the budget. We have 2 outstanding cheques for \$275.00 for Entertainment.

I purchased the MS Office 365 and have 4 spots for any committee chairs who would like to join. Gerry has been added as Literature Chair.

The Prudent Reserve account has \$3390.89 this month. The Insurance Fund Reserve is \$4,337.29 this month. I have attached 3 documents- The monthly CS statement, the 2024 Summary of revenue and expenses and the reconciled Bank statement for all the groups.

If there are any questions or if anyone sees an error, please contact me by email

(treasurer.aahalifax@gmail.com or (902)293-3117). See you all on July 2nd,2024.

CORRECTIONS:

No attendance or report sent.

ENTERTAINMENT:

No attendance or report sent.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

Nothing new to report

LITERATURE:

The month of June has been extremely slow. We had a total sale of \$284.00 for the month of June.

There were no expenses this month.

I made a deposit in the account of \$284.00. So right now we have a balance on the literature account of \$3404.79

I have made a new price list for the increase of pamphlets as per the new price list of the AAWS. This increase will come into effect as of September 1, 2024. I will make sure the webmaster has the new copy of the price increase, so she can get it posted on the website for September first 2024.

Also I will get it announced in the August Newsletter.

There will be a few Mondays this summer that I will be out of town, so the book store may not be open. I ask that the group contact me directly by phone before going to the store so I can make other arrangements for the groups to pick up books and/or pamphlets.

NEWSLETTER:

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 July 2024 should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of the month.

I am available to answer questions through out the month.

Due to the increasing number of pages in the monthly newsletter I feel I have to make some changes, so it remains a newsletter and not a news book which is what it is becoming.

To that end I am limiting content to relating to District 1&2 ,Area 82

Also, I will edit the submitted full page flyers and extract content only such as title of the event, location, date and contact details whilst the main flyer will be posted on the website .This information will be posted chronologically on an Event Page in the newsletter thus reducing space significantly and continuing to disseminate the information

I naturally want to continue to carry the message to members but at the same time keep it simple which are some basic AA rules I try to live by.

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:

This report was included in the District 1 report below.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

I send my regrets as I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight. I am recovering from surgery and having side effects from medications.

The Committee did hold a meeting in June by way of Zoom.

We are continuing to monitor our inventory of various service sites where we have agreement to distribute our package of pamphlets. We are currently scheduling a session to assemble our package of pamphlets . this is hand-labour which must be done.

These inventory of service sites must be constantly updated. Unfortunately new medical clinics and offices, homeless shelters and the like can only be discovered by work of mouth. We depend on members of the fellowship to pass such information to the Committee for follow up.

The Committee is coming to its of of term. For te Chair and the core members of the Committee, our involvement is measured in years. Changes in work, health and age, has resulted in our decisions to pass on the torch and retire at the end of this term;

The Committee has determined to prepare a Work Book to outline the purpose of the Committee and the nuts and bolts of its activities including necessary tasks, obligations and source materials for ideas. We do not want a future chair or committee members to have to re-invent the wheel.

We are not saying good bye. There are still some months to go on the current mandate and obligations to fulfill. We are available to assist a new Committee with a transition, so nothing is lost.

TELEPHONE:

Here is the Phone Chair report for June 2024:

Phone Committee picked up a member to help with the day phone.

Please canvass your groups for members of the fellowship wanting to get into service.

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Thank you for your service and have a great day

WEBMASTER:

Sorry I could not be at the meeting tonight, but I can report that nothing unusual came up for the web during June. Just all usual updates and operations.

TREATMENT:

No attendance or report sent.

HELP EMAIL:

My apologies that I won't be able to attend the meeting tonight as I am travelling. I was supposed to be home June 30th, but due to the WestJet Strike and having to rebook a flight short notice I will not be home until late tonight.

Nothing out of the ordinary inquiries to report.

INSURANCE:

There has been no activity on this file in the past two months. The policy will automatically renew December 31 st and I should have an advance copy, and invoice, in October. An annual premium amount can be determined after that date. We currently have \$330 in the reserve fund to apply to the new premium so I am hopeful the cost can be reduced from the current \$30. Unless notified otherwise, I will assume all insured groups wish to remain on the policy. I will be using the existing contact list with the understanding CSRs change after December 31 st , 2024; It will be up to the new chair to compile a new contact list. If your group has recently elected a new CSR, please let me know.

This is an important committee at this table, and it is imperative that a new Chair is elected in the fall. If anyone wishes information or the role feel free to contact me.

DISTRICT 1:

District 1 has been seeking an Alt-DCM, Alt-Treasurer since January 2023. We've also been searching for an Archivist for Area 82 that resides specifically in District 1 due to the guideline requirements . The guidelines state that the archivist collection shall stay in the area of where the Archivist is located. The collection is currently being held in HRM, and no move of the collection would be required if the 'new' Archivist came from HRM which includes District 2.

July 25th cut-off date for Fall Assembly motions. (Area 82 Guidelines). If you have a motion but past the deadline, please bring it to Fall Assembly and ask for it to be a " Floor Motion".

District 1 and 2 Round-up 2025. It's our rotative turn. We need to set up a committee involving both districts. District 2 DCM is willing to get the ball rolling with us regarding the " plan". It's usually held closest weekend to Founders Day (June 10).

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP: The 2025 MWRU will hold its July meeting on the 7th . We are actively looking for two program co-chairs and if you are interested, our next MWRU meeting is at Club 24 1PM 7th July.

2024 Area 82 Fall Assembly Committee continues to seek volunteers to fill positions required. If you are interested in Service, please contact Foster, Chair, Michelle, Secretary, , or Marie Co-Chair.

Our next workshop will be July 31 at 6PM, on this zoom meeting " Spiritual and Character Growth thru Service. There will be 4 guest speakers to discuss how Service changed their lives.

24 June was the Active Area Committee Meeting. There were 10 in attendance. This meeting is for all committees in Newfoundland, Labrador, and Nova Scotia. Members who are asked to attend are committees as CPC/PI Corrections, Treatment, phones, AA Email. The idea is that it's an exchange of lessons learned, " the how to's" etc.

CPC:

CPC had our meeting on June 3 rd .

Topics of discussion:

The previous 902-Man-Up zoom presentation and the next one scheduled for June 13 th , 2024, and were expecting to see the staff from the locations other than at the Halifax Forum shelter. Adele, who is the administrator, said that she would be on the road but attend via phone. Unfortunately, she didn't attend, and only the manager from the forum was in attendance that day. We did purchase big books and pamphlets for all three shelters and would like to meet some of the staff at the other locations and then deliver them.

I have spoken with Bernie who is facilitating the meetings at the shelter on Windmill Road and let him know that I have a packet for them and would like to meet staff there, if possible; however, they mainly only see security so I will continue this option with Adele, before getting the literature to the professionals working at this location. We will also offer this option to the Cole Harbour and Main Street locations, once they are ready to have meetings in their facilities.

The other topic for us was the Phoenix House and we reached out to an acquaintance who told us who we should reach out to, and I sent off an email to Mr. Timothy Crooks on June 12 th . If we don't get a response, we are considering going down to their main office and making a cold call, with some literature for professionals.

The other area we are working on is NS Health Authority. One of our members reached out to a contact in the organization who also gave us contact information and we reached out to them via email on June 19 th .

We meet on zoom on the 1 st Monday evening of each month, feel free to attend and see what we are up to.

DISTRICT 2:

Did not attend and read by secretary:

First up. District 2 has a new Alt DCM. Danny M from Sunrise Group. I chair the Sunrise Group for July so I am sending Danny in my place.

District 2 is up to 17 groups now. The Sheet Harbour Group reopened after 7 years. They sent a flyer to the newsletter. The meeting is Saturdays at 11 am at the Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital Board room in Sheet Harbour.

I attended the Area 82 Active Committee meeting on Monday June 24. 14 in attendance this time. There was an issue with the zoom codes but they are hoping to get that straightened out soon.

CPC and Public Information will be doing the next District 2 Workshop at Club 24 the second Sunday in August. District 2 still requires a district secretary. As DCM, I have assumed the duties of the Secretary until such time as one is elected. Anyone interested in the secretary position should attend the next district 2 GSR meeting on July 18 at 2 pm at Club 24.

There is a karaoke night at Club 24 on July 6. Admission is free. Doors open at 7 pm. I can't sing so I'll bring cookies.

Sunrise Group is preparing for their 60th anniversary on July 23. that will be an open meeting so families are welcome to attend also. There will be speakers, refreshments, and entertainment.

Coming up in August, on August 10, it's the Rainbow of Recovery Roundup at Woodlawn United Church. Registration is \$25 but they are flexible about that. If you can't afford the \$25, they'll accept what you do have and if you'd like to pay more than \$25 that's acceptable too. There's going to be a drag and variety show, lots of panels and speakers, should be a blast.

The annual camp-out at Dollar Lake is in August. Check the website for details.

Also, Districts 1 and 2 are hosting the 2025 NS Provincial Roundup so Michael and myself will be forming a committee for that.

AREA 82:

No report at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS:

Michael made a motion to approve the reports and Johnathon seconded it, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections

-Co-Chair of Central service- no one nominated

-Co-Chair of Insurance Committee- no one nominated

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

-Update on the Spring fair:

The location of the fair will be at the church back to basis is held at Trinity Anglican 321 Main ave Halifax on Sept 14 from 11pm to 3pm. The church still has to get back to us on the price but it should be under \$100. The chair was asked as well as the committee members to advertise this even, it will also be in the monthly newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

The resolution book – This book was put together years ago for all the resolutions for central service. The purpose of this book was to keep track of all the changes that were being made, Bill P. headed this idea so he along with a few other contacts will be contacted for more info.

What do we do with committee members who do not attend the meetings –

There has been quite a few committees that have not shown up for extended periods of time or even sent a report in. Our guidelines state that if a committee member must attend the CSR meeting and if they miss 2 consecutive meetings without a valid reason they can be removed from the committee.

After some great conversation around the table we decided that some people may not be aware of the obligation to attend the meeting and send in a report. The chair will take the lead and talk to those who need a reminder of the guidelines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The grapevine display is in Sackville, if you would like it contact Gilles.

**Next CS Meeting will take place Aug 6, 2024 at 7 PM on Zoom
Meeting ended with Responsibility Pledge**