

MINUTES OF CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7th,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: 24 in attendance, of which 23 attendees were voting members (V= voting, NV non-voting)

| EXECUTIVE                                 | COMMITTEES                               | CSR                                     | ALT CSR/OBSERVERS                       |
|---|--|---|---|
| Chair -Paul B.<br>(Vote in tie situation) | Telephones -Johnathan G. (V)             |   | Michael - DCM District 1                |
| Co-Chair -<br>vacant                      | Help Email -Sam (V)                      | Nathaniel B -CSR<br>Acceptance (V)      | Bernie S -DCM District 2<br>(NV)        |
| Treasurer- Trudy<br>D. (V)                | Newsletter – Mark (V)                    | Angela M. – CSR<br>Serenity Sisters (V) | Louis M – Alt CSR b2b,<br>Observer (NV) |
| Secretary –<br>Louie (V)                  | Hospital Visitation -Wayne O.<br>(V)     | Toby - CSR Sunrise<br>Group (V)         |   |
|   | Treatment -Gilles D. (V)                 | David – CSR back to<br>basics (V)       |   |
|   | CPC -Kathy S. (V)                        | Naele – CSR Fresh Start<br>(V)          |   |
|   | Literature -Gerry L. (V)                 | Shaon – CSR Highland<br>Park (V)        |   |
|   | Corrections – No Show                    | John – CSR Lion’s Den<br>(V)            |   |
|   | Webmaster -Heather (V)                   | Robin M. – CSR Keep it<br>Simple (V)    |   |
|   | Mid Winter Round-Up –<br>Michael         | Mike A. – CSR Welcome<br>(V)            |   |
|   | Public Information -No Show              | Johnathon – CSR<br>Downtown Halifax (V) |   |
|   | Entertainment – No Show, sent<br>report. | Angla E. – CSR Serenity<br>Sisters (V)  |   |
|   | Insurance -Foster L. (V)                 | Emily – Circle of Sisters<br>(V)        |   |
|   |  | Julia – CSR West end<br>Step (V)        |   |
|   |  | Tom – CSR The New<br>Hope (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-

- Central service palzooa
- Updating of the e-mailing list
- 902 Man Up
- MS 365 licences

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was added to with the above items.

**MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Sharon, seconded by Heather. All in favour. Motion passed.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:**

No report at this time.

**TREASURER:**

Hello Everyone,  
This month we had total contributions of \$2,944.00. \$1,904.00 from the Mid-Winter Roundup, \$700.00 from the Fresh Start Group \$225.00 from the Any Lengths BBS Group and \$100.00 from the New Hope Group and \$15.00 in 7 th Tradition for the April 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 \$4,574.00 towards this goal. Over the next 8 months we will hope to get the remaining \$8,978.38 to achieve our total budgeted amount without having to use any of the Prudent Reserve. We spent a total of \$1,488.20 this month. \$676.59 was spent by the Chairperson to purchase 5 phones and cases. This should serve us for the next few years and the monthly bill going forward of around \$120.00 will save us almost \$80 a month going forward. Thank you to the Chair for doing the legwork required for this invaluable resource. After paying the new phone bill \$101.74, there is \$1359.83 left in the Telephone budget for the year.  
The CPC Committee spent 121.10 and has \$640.91left in the budget. The Entertainment Committee spent \$500.00 and has \$1,000.00 left in the budget (\$300 in January showing is a 2023 expense). I spent \$87.27 this month on an ink cartridge and have \$210.28 left in the budget. \$90.85 in January is an expense incurred by the previous Treasurer for MS Office 365. After stepping down I had reported at March meeting that the previous Treasurer was planning to reimburse the Committee for that program instead of switching over the credentials. An email received last week from the previous Treasurer states that he will not be returning the funds for this program until there is a motion passed by the Committee to ask for it back. He would also like to see the minutes that show this vote has taken place. I will leave this up to the Committee to

decide how they would like to proceed with this matter. The MS Office 365 license that I have been using is one that expires for me on May 31, 2024, therefore I will have to purchase a new MS Office 365 license at the end of this month. I have received all receipts and Invoices. These can be produced for any group with a request from your group CSR or contact.

The Prudent Reserve account has \$3389.47 due to \$0.70 Interest this month. The Insurance Fund Reserve is \$4,335.48 due to \$0.89 Interest 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 May 7 th ,2024.

#### **CORRECTIONS:**

No report sent.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT:**

I'm happy to let you all know the dance was a great time, fun had by all. There was approximately 50 in attendance and the dj was great.

There was \$275 was collected and after expenses of \$192.15 there is a revenue of \$82.85 to return to the budget. I also have pop and water left to sell at another function. I have attached invoice for the rental of the church and will meet with Trudy to give her tge other receipts and money to go back into budget when I return home.

Next event will be learning prayer and meditation through recovery presented by Robin M (keep it simple)This will be held Saturday May 25 from 1pm-4pm at club 24.

I'm looking into having a Karaoke night for upcoming event for July.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me with these events and who came and had fun and fellowship.

Yours in service, Noelle.

#### **HOSPITAL VISITATION:**

No report sent

#### **LITERATURE:**

The month of April has been good. We had a total sale of \$1802.85 for the month of April.

The expenses were a total of \$2107.69. The expenses were the regular charges from the square, the New York book order invoice, the exchange for the US to Canadian fund.

I made a deposit in the account of \$1802.85. So right now we have a balance on the literature account of \$3026.29

There is an email circulating coming from AAWS about the price increase of the pamphlets as of May 1, 2024 As of right now I have a lot of pamphlets on hand, so the increase will not affect us immediately. I will review the increase carefully and check on the AAWS website for accuracy.

After the review is done I will inform this committee of the increase in the Canadian Fund.

Any questions.

#### **NEWSLETTER:**

A draft of the news letter was sent out with the below note:

Here is a **draft only** of the May issue of Bluenose Bulletin. Please check for any errors or omissions and do not print and distribute till it is posted on the website as there are always last minute changes which all your eagle eyes spot.

Thanks

#### **MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:**

Great news! The MWRU team is quickly becoming complete! And what a team it is!

Elections: May 5, 2024

Michael H nominated for MWRU chair - elected

Heather L. Treasurer

Lara B nominated for Registration chair - elected

Sam B nominated for Registration co-chair - elected

Jodie F nominated for Secretary - elected

Emily S Hospitality Chair

Robin M nominated for Hospitality co-chair - elected

Peter R Entertainment Chair

Dawn F volunteered to sit on the Registration committee

Tasha T volunteered to sit on the Program committee

Current openings are as follows:

Co-Chair

Program Chair

Program Co-Chair x 2

Co-Chair Treasurer

Co-Chair Entertainment

Thank you everyone who were elected into their positions on the MWRU 2025 team~!!

February 28 weekend has been reserved with the Delta Marriott Dartmouth Hotel in Burnside.

Our hotel contact Meghan has our file and details but a contract has not been signed yet.

The next MWRU team meeting will be June 2, 2024 @ Club 24- #3 Dundas Street Dartmouth

NS.

Yours in Love and Service,

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

No report sent.

#### **TELEPHONE:**

- First part of the month there was one AA phone manned 24/ 7.

- Chair purchased four Moto G play cell phones, protective covers and charging blocks for the phones.

- Was then determined that we would require a solution for the existing Samsung phone that was used to "switch" the phone from day to evening, week-end. Sim card was purchased.

- With assistance from Chair, and my daughter successfully got the phones back up, trialed on the 10 th of April and all phones delivered on 11 April 2024, and normal service returned.

- Thanks to the Chair, Sean and Anne for their patience.

**WEBMASTER:**

April was quiet with just the normal updates/posts, etc. activities.

**TREATMENT:**

Good evening everyone April 14 I had my workshop on treatment at club 24 we had Angela Conrad for Forensics ,we had Heather F. for the PSR at Simpsons Landing, Brianna C shared her experience with Forensics, And Emily S shared about Detox ,and her volunteering at PSR the workshop was interesting and informative People attending ask lots of question.. Our co-chair resigned with no explanation. I tried to contact Sara. She didn't text or call me back. your in service Gilles.

**HELP EMAIL:**

April was a bit of a slow month with 9 emails, none which were outside of the usual inquiries.

One extraordinary thus did happen this month - I met someone who I emailed with, at a meeting and they mentioned they chose the email option somewhat hoping for an easier, softer way thinking they wouldn't get a response or it wouldn't be timely. They went on to say because I responded so fast, friendly and re-assuring they found themselves in a meeting within a few days and hadn't turned back. They are now a regular at zoom and in person meetings and have been sober for almost 2 months.

These are the experiences that inspire me to continue to be responsive within 2 hours (except during sleeping hours), and offer re-assurance and support, not just information and pamphlets.

Yours in Service,

**INSURANCE:**

April was a very quiet month for the insurance portfolio.

-Certificate of Insurance was obtained for the Spring Fling

-Certificate of Insurance was obtained for the Rainbow of Recovery Group who will be holding an event this fall.

There is still a need for a Co-chair of Insurance, someone who will be willing to learn about what happens during the renewal process, and who will strongly consider stepping into the Chair in 2025.

Yours in Service

**DISTRICT 1:**

District 1 continues to seek an Alt-DCM, Alt-Treasurer,. This position if you choose to be of service, would be now for only 9 months, as this is an election year. It would be a great opportunity to challenge yourself for a short calendar window. You may find it enhances your recovery in

AA. We are also seeking an Archivist for Area 82. 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.

Please consider.

Events to plan for!( Flyers can be read on the AAhalifax.org website, and the Area82AA.org/events/ )

Bridgewater May Day, May 18th, 2024 ;

NS Provincial Roundup, June 7-9, 2024 ;

Windsor and Area Mini-Round-up #57, August 17-18; and

Regional Forum Ottawa 23-25, 2024

Regional Forum Ottawa 23-25 August. Service Weekend. Details were sent to groups on 21 January, info can be found on the AAhalifax.org website, and the Area82AA.org/events/ site. To further explain there is a 6 minute film about Regional Forums, what they do, etc at

<https://www.aa.org/regional-and-local-forums>. Forums offer unique opportunities for A.A. members across the U.S. and Canada to connect with individuals involved in the AA service outside of our Districts, with many from GSO to learn first hand from each other how they tackle common challenges in AA Service.

District 1's next workshop is Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare SMF-209 being held at 6pm May 29, 2024 on zoom. Our Guest speaker will be Samaira G.

Yours in love and service,

**DISTRICT 2:**

No Report sent.

**AREA 82:**

No report at this meeting

**APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS:**

Heather put forward a motion to approve the reports and it was seconded by Robin. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Elections

-Co-Chair of Central service- no one nominated

-Co-Chair of Insurance Committee- no one nominated

-Secretary of Central Service- Louis was nominated for Secretary of central service.

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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Central service palzooa –

There was some confusion whether having the central service sub-committees at this past years round up was the Palzooa or not. The Palzooa in the past had the sub-committees as well as the treasure, secretary ..... all aspects of central service positions.

The Palzooa was renamed "Service fair" in Jan 2021 in the guidelines.

After some great discussion we went to the guidelines were it states the service fair is the responsibility of the co-chair of CS, since we do not have a co-chair at this time the responsibility falls on the chair.

The chair will look over the guidelines in more detail to get a better understanding of expectations for this event and get back to CS at the next meeting.

Updating of the e-mailing list –

In the past few months we have gone through the secretary's contact list and there are quite a few entries that are out of date. The secretary with the help of other members will work on getting our list current. It was requested that each group send there CSR's and Alt CSR's contact info to the secretary's email.

902 Man Up –

The chair was approached by this organization which houses people that are homeless and marginalized individuals. They are asking if AA can come in and put on meetings in there facilities. The meeting times they requested might vary and they will get back to us on what is needed

It was asked will this be like our commitment to detox where we rely on our different groups to go in ever week or will a new group be formed there. The groups are quite stretched now and we don't have enough people to fulfill our current commitments.

Another options for this request is that we go in and provide an introductory session and give out pamphlets to all 3 locations or have CPC work with these locations to inform them of resources available from AA.

Two members at the meeting volunteered to put a meeting on Friday in the Halifax location to start, they will be proved contact info to set this up.

MS 365 licences –

This software cost \$90 for an individual licence or for \$120 we can purchase the family plan which allows up to 6 individual access points to this software. The licence is good for 1 year and when we get new people in positions they can use that positions login instead of buying a new licence.

A motion to buy the family plan was made and a vote taken.

18 for and 3 against with no abstentions, motion passed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Fall river group has pamphlet holders free, contact the literure chair for more detail.**

**Next CS Meeting will take place Jun 4, 2024 at 7 PM on Zoom**

**Meeting ended with Responsibility Pledge**