

MINUTES OF CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Nov 5 ,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: 31 in attendance, of which 26 attendees were voting members (V= voting, NV non-voting)

| EXECUTIVE | COMMITTEES | CSR | ALT CSR/OBSERVERS |
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| 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) | Julia – CSR West end step group (V) | Alec Observer (NV) |
| Treasurer- Trudy D. (V) | Newsletter – Mark (V) | David – CSR back to basics (V) | Melanie Observer (NV) |
| Secretary – Louie (V) | Hospital Visitation – Wayne O. (V) | Sharon – CSR Highland Park (V) | Coline Observer (NV) |
| | Treatment -Gilles D. (V) | Neil – CSR fresh Start (V) | Emily Observer (NV) |
| | CPC -Kathy S. (V) | Somaira – CSR Second Chance group (V) | Falicia C. B2B group (NV) |
| | Literature – Gerry L. | Anglea CSR for Serenity Sisters (V) | |
| | Corrections – Tom P (V) | Jonathan – CSR Keep it Simple (V) | |
| | Webmaster – Heather (V) | Tanya – CSR 4 seasons group (V) | |
| | Mid Winter Round-Up – Michael | Nathaniel CSR for acceptance | |
| | Public Information – Bill P. | Bruce – CSR for Mens Literature (V) | |
| | Entertainment – Noel | | |
| | Insurance - Foster L. (V) | | |
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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 Gerry and seconded by Michael.

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

Just a reminder to have all your reports in before the Central Service meeting. As far as I can tell I'm just missing one this month.

TREASURER:

Here is the monthly report, the summary report to Oct 31 and the screenshot of the bank page to reconcile the accounts to the balances on the monthly report.

If anyone sees an error or has any questions please call me at 902-293-3117 or email me here. Please share all 3 pages with your groups so they can also see that the accounts are reconciled.

See everyone at the meeting and please keep announcing at your meetings that we are still looking for a number of positions to be filled at the November meeting to start January 1, 2025.

CORRECTIONS:

I have been in touch with reverend Ohanica and they informed me that all the men and women on our volunteer list need to have new security checks done. We currently need to have 7 and 7 but would like to bring this number up to 10 and 10. The cost for the check is around \$35 per person if they need it for a non for profit organization.

ENTERTAINMENT:

No report sent.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

We have a member who is up for a visitation, please contact me for further information.

LITERATURE:

As you know last month there was no report as I was away. So this report will cover the month of September and October inclusively. For these two months we had a total sale of \$2468.35

The expenses were a total of \$2971.62. The expenses were the regular charges from the square of \$2.78, and a U/S draft paid to NewYork for book purchase of \$2968.84.

The opening balance as of first of September was \$3683.31 and right now as of first of November we have a balance on the literature account of \$3180.04

As general information for the group to pass on, 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. I am doing my best at asking around for people that may be interested but so far, I have not been successful. I am sure that all others committee chairpersons are doing the same as me. So please bring it back to your groups for recruiting new chair committee nominations.

NEWSLETTER:

October issue was a week late without too much inconvenience. Apologies from the editor.

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 Nov.2024 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:

Continue to look for people wanting to work the AA day and evening phone.

Continue to search for someone to take over as Phone Chair at the end of the year.

WEBMASTER:

October was a quiet month. Just all of the usual duties of getting announcements and minutes, etc. up on the web in a timely fashion, and doing ongoing web software updates.

TREATMENT:

good evening ,not much to report .,I received the new treatment committee kit ,ill pass it along to the next chair or who ever ask for it.. i would like to add that in the past 2 years I learn much about the Treatment chair commitment.to alcoholics in our area..Thank you for all your services

HELP EMAIL:

September:

I attended the Fall Service Fair and spoke of the service the Help Email provides. There were 2 candidates that we interested in taking over the position in 2025. Sharon and I spoke at length after the service fair and I provided

her some guidance and was happy to hear that she lined up Trudy to nominate her, and thanks the committee voted her in.

There were 13 emails. The majority of the inquires were from newcomers asking how to get started, if there were women only meetings and if they could attend closed meetings. There was 1 inquiry from an individual in Pictou looking to buy a Big Book. I provided the AA.org website and contact info for the local contact listed on the Area 82 website.

October:

There were 18 email, with the majority being newcomer emails. There was one keen individual asking about home groups and sponsorship which was refreshing. I'm starting to notice more emails coming from people outside HRM, so I've started providing the link to the Area 82 meeting list, unless the person specifically mentioned they were local.

INSURANCE:

Having not received the policy renewal, I contacted the broker and was advised it would be sent out at least a month before the renewal date of December 31 st . Groups should expect an email from me as soon as I have the updated premium amount. At this point I can only speculate it will be less that the \$30 charged last year, given the fact we already have \$330 towards the overall cost.

DISTRICT 1:

District 1 Elections took place. We have filled positions. We still require District 1 Secretary, and Alternate Treasurer. If you are interested in getting involved in service at the District level, please let me know or attend the next District 1 meeting on the 27th November at 7pm. Elections will continue under "old business until they are filled". Or, email me in advance @ dcmd1.aahalifax@gmail.com

Our newly elected DCM for 2025-2026 is Samaira, Alternate DCM will be Jonathan who is currently our secretary, and Treasurer is Michelle W. A great team, and I wish them all the best in this coming term. MWRU committee met on 03 November , and the final open position of cochair of the program was filled. Megan from Circle of Sisters stepped up for the service position. Thank you Megan. We also had 3 members volunteer to be placed on the list as greeters. If you wish to be a greeter, please attend the MWRU Committee Meeting at Club 24 @ 1PM on 01 December 2024. You will now see in the AA group rooms, members of the committee selling the tickets. For more information on this event please download this URL link.

<https://www.aahalifax.org/mid-winter-roundup/> . The Provincial Round-up Committee meets once a month. This event will take place in June. For more information please contact me at the above email in para (1). Our next meeting is the 16th November 2024 @ Club 24 at 1PM. We meet every third Saturday until the event occurs. The District 1 Service Workshop will be put on November 27th 2024. The title is " 2024 Eastern Canada Regional Forum". I will be giving a power point presentation on this event that I attended. For more information please download this URL link.

<https://www.aahalifax.org/wp-content/uploads/Flyers/2024/D1-WS-Oct.pdf>

Area 82

No report sent.

CPC:

The committee met on the 7 th of October, and we went over the many contacts that we received from the Correctional Fair that we attended. I sent off the list of contacts to committee members who were interested in reaching out to them.

Claire reached out to the 211 Organization, who said that she would send a request email to the executive director and also had a conversation about what our presentations consist of and will recontact if no response within a reasonable timeframe. She also reached out to the Community Justice Society; Lisa Davis and left a call back voice message. I reached out to the two contacts that we met at the fair who said that they could help out to get us into the organization for a staff presentation; one email sent to Janel Comeau the manager of the Phoenix youth shelter and the other one was a call to Michelle Spavold, the manager of the Phoenix Learning & Employment Centre and had to leave a voice message there. I ordered two CPC kits with workbooks for the incoming chair and cochair. There was an extra workbook which I passed on to another member who is keen on helping out with our committee. I will report on our Nov 4 th meeting next month.

DISTRICT 2:

Area 82 Fall Assembly was on October 11-13. A new Executive Committee was elected. The budget was discussed and approved. And, all motions were discussed and voted on with favourable results.

District 2 GSR meeting on October 20, 2024. Elections were held. No positions filled at this time. According to suggested guidelines, a DCM should not serve two consecutive two year terms. Guidelines also suggest that if a DCM is elected in between regular elections, he or she may serve the remainder of that term and then is eligible for another two year term. Something along those lines. I did not serve a full 2 year term so if necessary I will stay on an additional two years.

Second meeting of the NS Provincial Roundup Committee was held on October 26th. At that meeting, a full committee was elected. Everything is in the planning stages now. Next scheduled meeting for that committee is November 16.

Halloween Dance was also on October 26. Not much attendance but everyone had a great time.

I attended the Area 82 Active Committees meeting on October 28. It was a good meeting but much more could have been reported had there been more attendance.

Coming up on November 9, Downtown Dartmouth Group celebrates 75 years as a group. Big party for that at Club 24 from 12 to 4. Speakers, snacks, fellowship.

Co-Chair:

Joined a meeting with Paul and Trudy to review the 2025 budget and other items for the November Central Service meeting.

Chair:

CS is in the Process of finalizing the budget for the next fiscal year 2025

2- CS have several committees position open please pass this along to your groups

3- In the pass 2 weeks I have had several emails from members of the CS committees wondering why CS was not mentioned at the Fall assembly in any reports given from the DCM of District 1 and 2, my response is as follows

4- As Chair of CS from District 1 and 2 , I am disappointed that none of the hard working committees were mentioned from the DCMs reports of District 1 . and 2 only the midwinter round up. Which is chaired by the DCM of District 1 These committees play an integral part of carry the message in bot h Districts and should be included in reports especially where we are part of Area 82. I would ask that this be always kept in mind when the DCMs are given a report to the Area .

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Bridging the gap – An ad-hoc committee was formed and they published a report which will be sent out to all CSR's and committee members. One of highlights was that bridging the gap will be include in the treatment report.

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.

Review of the 2025 budget – There was some good discussion around the idea of some of the line items being increased and some decreases. The 2 items we focused on was Entertainment and corrections. Corrections will need more money if 20 people need to get a security check which is \$35 per person, this increased budget also needs to support literature for this committee. It was thought that Entertainment might be to high and that a consideration of decreasing it was made. It was thought that these events should be self-supporting and the budget was there in case of a short fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections:

Secretary: No nominations

Insurance Chair: No nominations

Insurance Co-Chair: No nominations

Corrections Chair: Tom nominated Melanie

Melanie qualified for this position by talking about her service experience and how she meet the criteria outlined in our guidelines. A vote was taken with Yes: 24, No: 0, Abstention: 0,

Corrections Co-Chair: Tom Nominated Bruce

Bruce qualified for this position by talking about his service experience and how he meet the criteria outlined in our guidelines. A vote was taken with Yes: 24, No: 0, Abstention: 0,

PI Chair: No nominations

PI Co-Chair: No nominations

Webmaster Chair: Louis nominated Alec and Trudy nominated Mark

Alec qualified for this position by talking about his service experience and how he meet the criteria outlined in our guidelines. A vote was taken with Yes: 13, No: 0, Abstention: 0,

Mark qualified for this position by talking about his service experience and how he meet the criteria outlined in our guidelines. A vote was taken with Yes: 11, No: 0, Abstention: 0,

News letter chair: Emily was nominated

Emily qualified for this position by talking about her service experience and how she meet the criteria outlined in our guidelines. A vote was taken with Yes: 23, No: 1, Abstention: 0,

News letter Co-Chair: No Nominations

Phone Chair: No Nominations

Hospital Visitation: No Nominations

Treatment Chair: No Nominations

Entertainment Chair: No Nominations

Literature Chair: No Nominations

Secretary: 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 Dec 3, 2024 at 7 PM on Zoom
Meeting ended with Responsibility Pledge