

MINUTES OF CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Oct 1 ,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: 22 in attendance, of which 19 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	Michael - DCM District 1
Co-Chair - Heather	Help Email – Not present	Julia – CSR West end step group (V)	Bernie -DCM district 2 (NV)
Treasurer- Trudy D. (V)	Newsletter – Not present	David – CSR back to basics (V)	Mark Observer from district 3 (OBS)
Secretary – Louie (V)	Hospital Visitation -Not present	Sharon – CSR Highland Park (V)	Steven (NV)
	Treatment -Gilles D. (V)	Neal – CSR fresh Start	
	CPC -Kathy S. (V)	Somaira – CSR Second Chance group	
	Literature – Not present	Mike – CSR for welcome group (V)	
	Corrections – Tom P (V)	Robin – CSR Keep it Simple (V)	
	Webmaster – Heather (V)	Tanya – CSR 4 seasons group (V)	
	Mid Winter Round-Up – Michael	Claire – alt CSR (V)	
	Public Information - Not present		
	Entertainment – No show		
	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-

- Elections of all sub committees
- Bridging the Gap
- Christmas Social

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Michael, seconded by Jonathon. All in favour. Motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

With the up most regret I will have to step down from the secretary position, I will still be able to finish my term which ends the end of December 2024.

TREASURER:

I have sent the financial docs to each of the executive and CSR's. I also included the draft budget for 2025, take this back to your home groups and discuss so we can talk about it at the next Central Service meeting

Please contact me by email, phone or text if you have any questions.

CORRECTIONS:

I have 2 people that are interested in the chair and co-chair positions for corrections. All the paper work that was needed for us to go back in to the corrections institutions has been sent in, we should be in very soon.

ENTERTAINMENT:

No report sent.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

Wayne just contacted me, as he is going to a function with his family this evening. He wanted me to pass on his Hospital Visitation Report.

- No visits to report for this month.
- Will not be re-offering to hold the Chair position of Hospital Visitation.

LITERATURE:

There is no report for this month.

NEWSLETTER:

No report sent.

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:

This report was included in the DCM 1 report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

There is not much new to report as to monitoring the places where we have placed our literature. We will be meeting on Saturday the 16th.

TELEPHONE:

Continue to look for volunteers wanting to be of service and help with the AA day and night phone. Have been searching for a replacement for Phone Chair prior to the Elections. Anyone interested and want to discuss the job can reach out to me.

Yours in Service

WEBMASTER:

Nothing new to report this month. All of the usual postings and meeting updates only.

TREATMENT:

An email was sent stating that there was no report this month.

HELP EMAIL:

No report sent.

INSURANCE:

There were a few transactions this past month. A couple of group contacts were changed, and a change of location was registered for one group. I anticipate the renewal document later this month. When that arrives, I will be in a position to determine the 2024 premium and advise the insured groups.

I have had no contact from anyone who may be interested in this position. Please take this to your groups for possible expressions of interest.

DISTRICT 1:

September has been a fulfilling busy month. Here is a recap of what's on the go!

Monday Sept 30 was the monthly Area 82 Active Area Committee Meeting, where all Committee's congregate from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia to exchange ideas, and help those who are feeling overwhelmed. Thank you CPC Chair for giving your report and wisdom at this meeting.

Area Fall Assembly-participating in the monthly meetings, as well as distributing all information to District 1 groups pertaining to its content. I.E. Motions, zoom and in -person registration etc. I recently sent an email to all GSR's of District 1 encapsulating what they need to know to

participate in the Area Fall Assembly. Hope to see everyone there.

Area 82 Budget was put together with Area Officers and DCM's. This budget was sent to all GSR's to understand, and ask questions if need be at the upcoming Fall Assembly and to vote for approval.

N.S. Provincial Round up June 7-8. It is District's 1 and 2 rotative turn to host this roundup. There will be a flyer coming out soon. We need a committee of service volunteers to make it happen. Oct 26th at Club 24 at 1PM, will be the NS Provincial Roundup Committee Meeting. Please come and be part of.

MWRU- as Chair, I am reporting that it is going well. We meet on the first Sunday of each month at 1PM at Club 24. As the N.S. Provincial Roundup, the MWRU still needs service volunteers, more specifically MWRU Program co-chair.. Please drop in and ask what you can do. We do need you to make this an amazing event.

Area 82

No report sent.

CPC:

We had our committee meeting on September 9 th. The Service Fair wasn't well attended; however, CPC had a good display table and most of our committee members attended. Two members attended the corrections fair on the 11 th . It was an awesome day speaking with the inmates. In between blocks entering the gymnasium, I was able to approach the multiple community program representatives about CPC visiting their organizations for presentations to their staff members. We were invited to reach out to the following organizations: Pardon Me 7 th Step Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Correctional Justice; security, risk and intelligence sector, Director of Corrections Operations, 211, Dalhousie University, Community Justice Society, Phoenix House, Bedford & Dartmouth Probations, and Indigenous Mental Health and Wellness Team. All of these agencies were open and very interested in having a further discussion to learn more about the program of A.A. for their staff. We also discussed the CPC Chair and Co-chair positions and will have nominees for the positions. Our next meeting will be on Oct 9 th , and we will be going over the list acquired from the fair and reaching out to them. Respectfully submitted in service,

DISTRICT 2:

First meeting of the NS Provincial Roundup Committee was held on September 7. Minimal attendance. No positions were filled. Next meeting is scheduled for October 26.

I attended the Service Fair on September 14. It was not well attended but the committees that were present had good displays and their volunteers were quite knowledgeable. Also, there was lots to eat.

At our district meeting on September 15, someone put their name forward for district secretary. However, this person may also be taking a chair position on one of our committees in 2025 and the district felt she might not have time to serve both positions effectively. She will be helping us out for the next few months at least.

Bedford-Sackville AA Day was held on September 21. I was in attendance as were many others from Districts 1 and 2. The meetings were all very well done. The barbecue was awesome. I was not present for karaoke but heard that it went well.

Area 82 Active Committees meeting will be held on September 30.

The midwinter roundup committee meeting will be held on October 6th. There will be two Al-anon reps present at that meeting.

The Area 82 Fall assembly will be held on the weekend of October 11 to 13th at St. James Hall located on 181 Portland Street in Dartmouth. Elections will be held for all Area positions at this Assembly.

Also, the district committee will be having elections on October 20th for all positions on the committee. DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary, Treasurer.

Co-Chair:

I met with Paul and Trudy to do a review of the Oct agenda and to review/discuss the draft budget for 2025.

Chair:

No report sent.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections:

Insurance Chair: No nominations

Insurance Co-Chair: No nominations

Corrections Chair: No Nominations

Corrections Co-Chair: No Nominations

PI Chair: No nominations

PI Co-Chair: No nominations

CPC Chair: Cathy Nominated Claire T

Claire qualified her service experience and was voted in with Yes=16, No=0, Abstention= 2

CPC Co-Chair: Cathy Nominated Steven

Steven qualified her service experience and was voted in with Yes=17, No=0, Abstention= 0

Webmaster Chair: No Nominations

Phone Chair: No Nominations

Hospital Visitation: No Nominations

Treatment Chair: No Nominations

Entertainment Chair: No Nominations

Literature Chair: No Nominations

Help E-mail: Trudy Nominated Sharon

Sharon qualified her service experience and was voted in with Yes=18, No=0, Abstention= 0

News letter chair: No Nominations

News letter Co-Chair: No Nominations

Secretary: No Nominations

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

Bridging the gap – During a pre budget meeting the question came up do we want to have a separate committee or keep it joined to treatment. Some good discussion around this and the committee decided with the lack of time to discuss this and the nature of it that we table it to our next meeting in November.
The chair of Central Service will send out through e-mail some info on Bridging the gap for consideration.

Christmas Social – The Chair would like for the CSR's to see if any group would like to hold the Christmas social.

Review of the 2025 budget – There was some great question around certain budget line items. A group had suggested that in this budget proposal it would be nice to see for each line item: what was spent last year and what we are looking for this year and if it is changed a brief note.
The CSR's will bring the 2025 budget back to there groups too see if the membership has any insights the executive missed in setting up this budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next CS Meeting will take place Nov 5, 2024 at 7 PM on Zoom
Meeting ended with Responsibility Pledge