

MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
 January 7, 2025
 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 N.
 ROLL CALL: 27 in attendance, of which 20 attendees were voting members (V= voting, NV non-voting)

EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEES	CSR	OTHERS
Chair -Paul B	Telephones -vacant	Billy P –CSR Fresh Start	Mary W - observer
Co-Chair - Heather L	Help Email -Sharon N	Nathaniel B -CSR Acceptance	Bernie S -DCM District 2
Treasurer - Trudy D	Newsletter -Emily S	Mary M -CSR Circle of Sisters	Josephine W - alt CSV Back to Basics
Secretary -Heather L	Hospital Visitation -vacant	Louie M -CSR Back to Basics	Colleen H - alt CSV Highland Park
	Treatment -vacant	Johnny M -CSR Highland Park	
	CPC -Claire T	Alan M - Sunrise	
	Literature -vacant	Shawn S-CSR Cole Harbour	
	Corrections -not present	Velma C -CSR Four Seasons	
	Webmaster -Alec M	Ashley E -CSR Downtown Dartmouth	
	Mid Winter Round-Up -not present.	Chris A - CSR Serenity Sisters	
	Public Information -vacant	Gerry L - Sunday Night Serenity	
	Entertainment -vacant	Julia D - CSR WESG	
	Insurance -Patsy W	Jonathan C -CSR Keep It Simple	

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:

- Alan - Detox and AA Literature there
- Nathaniel - CS group inventory

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Claire T., seconded by Sharon N
All in favour. Motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve the December 2024 Minutes made by Alex M., seconded by Chris A
All in favour. Motion passed

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

Heather asked that for all new CSRs/Alt CSRs please put your name, group and email into the chat so the new contact list can be assembled.

She will be emailing subcommittee chairs at their "aahalifax" gmail accounts plus any personal email that she gets.

Finally, she will include co-chairs so again send those along in the chat.

TREASURER:

Trudy presented the 3 financial documents:

1.Statement of revenue/expenses for the month

Q. Nathaniel: Operating balance is around \$10k at end of Dec. Is this typical and what CS tried to maintain?

A.Trudy - No, last year's balance was around \$7k

Nathaniel said he would ask more questions of Trudy when he saw her next. Trudy invited an email or phone call any time.

2.Spreadsheet showing summary of revenue and expenses and 2nd sheet showing Group Contributions

3.CUA bank statement images

Q.Johnny - what is diff between Current and Available on the CUA statement

A.Trudy - Current shows balance as of end of Dec. Available would show any deposits since then like NYE deposit or more group contributions

Christmas Eve Social:

Trudy spend \$450 on social (actually more but made a donation herself).

There were 50-55 ppl who attended. The weather was bad but the fellowship was great and many newcomers came

Special thanks to Chantelle and Brendan from Back to Basics who came and helped a huge amount all day. And also to Colleen from Fresh Start who came early and decorated. Trudy really appreciated this help!!

Leftover food was taken to Alcace (men's recovery house) and to the homeless shelter at the Forum.

Heather thanked Trudy for taking this on and making it a success!

Q.Ashley - wants to have the 2025 budget document sent out

A.Trudy - will send that budget to Secretary to be sent to all and it'll be put up on the web by the webmaster.

CO-CHAIR:

Heather participated in the pre-meeting on Tuesday morning to prepare for tonight's meeting.

CHAIR:

Evening members of the CS committee, This month was a very busy but good month , I want to welcome all members and remember we are all here to work together and carry the message to the Alcoholic who still suffers

Here are some of the highlights to the month activities

- I have taken over the phone committee and we have 1 person for the day and 1 person for the night , We need your help
- Some calls are people asking to see what is happening to club 24, I have advised all the members doing the phone that we are not connected to club 24 and ask them to tell the callers we don't have any information to provide , I will attempt to get this remove off of our contact information.
- Met with Gilles and picked up the Treatment binder that was delivered to Trudy.

We need your help with committee chairs etc please bring this back to your groups and announcing it at meetings . Thank you all for your service

Paul B

Chair of CS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MARY W for 902MAN-up homeless shelter meetings

- Homeless shelter meeting have been going since May 2024 at the Halifax Forum
- 6 AA members go each Tues night 8pm. There are 12 volunteers on the list
- 1-5 ppl attend typically at the start, and now there are regulars who come.
- They have donated big books and the meeting is reading the BB, unless there is someone new in which case the AA volunteers tell that person about AA.
- On Christmas eve they had 10 AAs and 6 shelter ppl and it was a gratitude meeting. Food was donated from the afternoon's social.
- They have about 6 big books at the shelter, but could use Grapevines as shelter ppl like to take these
- Contact Mary W if you'd like to participate 902-488-9146 marywoodill@eastlink.ca

Q: Would Treatment ever take this on as part of their committee?

Mary: That would be up to Central Service. For now we will continue as individuals

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Hello to central service,

The CPC committee met on January 6th at 7pm.

4 members including myself were in attendance.

We discussed the presentation we will be giving on January 22 to the community justice organization, it's a Wednesday at 1 pm.

I will be co-ordinating our organizations to contact using Google sheets for future contacts to keep track of which members contact which organization and when.

We also discussed the CPC having our information available at the mid winter round up.

That was our meeting! Have a great day I will see you at 7 today.

Best,

Claire T

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
AA Halifax/Dartmouth
Area 82

CORRECTIONS:

Happy New Year Everyone.

I have taken over as chair effective Jan 1 2025. I have calls and emails out to corrections. I am Awaiting a reply as to how we can go about getting the criminal record checks done for non for profit price at \$30. I am told by "people" that is possible. I paid \$50 for mine.

Once I have a response from corrections. I will forward those on my list the correct information.

We all certainly have to get new criminal record checks done before anyone is able to go in.

Reimbursement will be absorbed by the corrections budget hence why I am trying to get the no for profit price. When I hear I will let everyone know.

Hopefully Monday people will be back in offices and I get a reply

I will not be able to attend Jan 7 meeting at CS as I'm away out of country.

See you next month.

Mel

Melanie McCready

(902) 981-6034

Corrections Chair

District 1 and 2 - Area 82

ENTERTAINMENT:

Good evening everyone first of all, I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to be in the role of entertainment. It was a great time had by all, but mostly by me being able to plan events watch them unfold and see the smiles on everybody's face was more than a blessing to me. I look forward to stepping into a new role this year and passing the torch for entertainment, although I am here to help in anyway.

The past year and a half has been filled with many things such as meditation karaoke and dances. All events were a success.

The final event for this year was a big success with our New Year's Eve dance having approximately 40 people for dinner and over 100 in total for dance. It was a beautiful night and a great way to ring in 2025.

I'd like to thank you all for the opportunity I was given in service.

HELP EMAIL:

HELP EMAIL: December, 2024, brought 13 emails many of which were the same inquiries: where are meetings/how do I get started in AA etc. Four differed-one email came from Shelter NS on behalf of a client looking for transportation to/from meetings and also would like to go to Detox. A similar inquiry arrived from Bridgewater from Individualized Services on behalf of a client and was given the DCM's name and contact info for District 10. The Phone Committee of St. John's inquired about training and phone protocols which was forwarded to Jonathan. Finally the Website Administrator inquired if the transition to myself was being done prior to the end of December.

I look forward to assisting alcoholics in getting the help they need in the meeting rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous getting their recovery started; a way to give back to the fellowship that continues to help me every single day.

Respectively submitted,
Sharon N
Help Email Coordinator

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

Jay is in the hospital. Wayne will see if he is up to a visit. I have a nominee for this position.

At your Service
Wayne O.

LITERATURE:

The month of December has been good. We had a total sale of \$1593.50

The expenses were a total of \$1459.44. The expenses were the regular charges from the square, service charge, book order from NewYork, cartridge for printer.

The opening balance as of first of December was \$5752.18 and right now as 31 of December we have a balance on the literature account of \$5886.24

In reference to the Plain Language Big Book, it is still unavailable. NewYork is still out of stock.

I made a big order from NewYork that was received on December 31, I have been trying to contact the NewYork office through email and call in reference to that last book order.

Finally they called me back on 3 January 2025. I wanted to pay with my credit card again because I did not want my payment to get lost with the Canada Post backlog. That order was for \$2695.64 Canadian and it is not reflected on this report, but will be on the January 2025 report. Also the rent was paid for 6 months until 30 June 2025 but not reflected on this report.

On January second Trudy and I met at the bookstore to do a complete inventory of all materials held by Literature (IE Books, Pamphlets, cards etc) So as of January second 2025 we have a total inventory of \$11894.00

I know that it may seem like a lot, but since no one was stepping up to take over literature I wanted to ensure that there was enough inventory to keep it going until after the Midwinter Round Up. Having said that, it has been on average \$1200.00 a month of sale at the bookstore. Last November I sold \$2500.00 of books and pamphlets. So it goes very quickly.

I shredded all the old bank records and statements up to December 2022. So right now you will have all the records for the last two years. In safe keeping.

And this is my final report and it has been a pleasure doing business with you all.

Any questions.

Best regards,

Gerry L.

Outgoing Literature Chair

Literature (Table) Report for December 2024

REVENUES	TOTALS	NOTES
CHEQUES		For books sale
SQUARE	\$797.00	For books sale
CASH	\$766.50	For books sale
E-Transfer	\$30.00	For books sale
TOTALS REVENUE	\$1593.50	
EXPENSES	TOTALS	NOTES
Debit and Credit Card	\$9.97	
Service Charge	\$1.50	
I used my credit own card because of post office strike	\$1407.97	Order from NewYork
Printer cartridge	\$40.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1459.44	

Opening balance as of 01 December 2024	\$5752.18
Balance at the Bank as of 31 December 2024	\$5886.24

NEWSLETTER:

Bluenose Bulletin/ Newsletter report January 2025

Putting the newsletter together with Lindsay this month was great fun. Mark B sat down with me in November and talked me through all the particulars, and Lindsay and I met before Christmas. We had some work re-writing the document from a Windows file into a Mac file but the transfer went well. You will notice we were unable to have the birthday calendar in landscape (horizontal) format as it has been for years, but everything seemed to fit well into the portrait (vertical) format. We tried to stay tidy and keep information separated into text boxes; we added a quote from the 12&12 where we had an empty space to fill. The best news of all is that we didn't receive any email complaints yet. Just a reminder: please send your announcements and birthday celebrations to newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of the month to ensure it is included in the following month's newsletter. Our goal is to have the Bluenose Bulletin completed and sent to the webmaster two days before the end of the month.

Yours in service,
Emily and Lindsay

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP:

The roundup is right on track so far. On Sunday past, the committee and some of the volunteers came together to participate in a small tour of the venue which is Delta Hotel on Brownlow Avenue in Burnside and that went very well. We are all quite pleased that we will be holding this event at that location. At our regular committee meeting, Tasha who had been helping the Program Chair and has been performing an exemplary role in doing so was nominated and elected as Program Co-Chair.

One topic of discussion that I had with the Chair of the committee was about central service committee chairs setting up displays at the roundup. So far, the chair of CPC and the chair of the Archives committee have agreed to set up displays. We would encourage the other committee chairs (PI, Treatment, Corrections, etc) to come and set up displays for their respective committees so as to raise awareness of what those committees do. I am aware that some of those committees do not currently have persons to serve as chairs, so perhaps the chair of this committee could set up a display on their behalf? The roundup is in February so we would appreciate some type of confirmation soon.

Yours in Love and service

Bernie S

Co-Chair

MWRU

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Vacant - no Dec report provided

TELEPHONE:

Vacant - no Dec report provided

TREATMENT:

Vacant - no Dec report provided

WEBMASTER:

There is no major Webmaster news for December 2024. Uploads to the site included the usual District 1 & 2 Monthly Meeting minutes, Bluenose Bulletin and keeping the meeting list updated.

We had a suggestion about making it easier to determine whether meetings were online or not.

As always, thanks to all for their valuable time and contributions to the website this month!

Yours in service,
Alec

INSURANCE:

Hello and Good Day!

Foster and I have met three times to go over the transition of chair. I feel I have a good understanding of what is required of me in this role.

Foster is following up on the remaining groups we are waiting for to send us their checks for their insurance coverage.

I have sent out an introduction of myself to the provincial policy contacts. I have asked them to send me their new contact information.

I have received several of these and I have updated the contact information in the file.

The Insurance Company contact has my information and I am waiting to hear from

Thank you, In service, Patsy W.

DISTRICT 1:

No Dec report.

DISTRICT 2:

Hello friends. Bernie here. DCM for District 2. Also, Secretaey and also Treasurer bur we hope to have that rectified shortly.

Not a lot going on. There was no Active Committee meeting in December due to the holiday season but that meeting will resume in January. As DCM, I attended the Christmas Eve Social. Central Service did an excellent job putting that on.

District 2 conducted a workshop in December on Safety in AA. It was small but informative. Our next workshop is slated for February, theme TBD.

There was a xmas dinner served at Club 24 at which a large amount of the fellowship from both District 1 and 2 attended. I also attended the New Years Eve Dance. That was well attended during the early part of the evening but there were only half a dozen of us who stayed until midnight. Club 24 put on a New Years Day levee and again there was much attendance from both districts.

At our elections in 2024, I was nominated and elected to remain as DCM for 2025 and 2026. At the end of this term I will definitely be stepping down. Amy A. from Downtown Dartmouth Group was nominated and elected to serve as Alt DCM. We currently do not have a Secretary or a Treasurer. We have a GSR willing to serve as Secretary and our former treasurer has agreed to assist us as we need him until we locate a replacement. One day at a time.

I plan to attend CERAASA in February. That event is being held at the Delta in Burnside the weekend before the Midwinter Roundup.

I have a separate report on the Midwinter Roundup so I won't include that with this report.

In service

Bernie S

DCM District 2 Area 82

AREA 82:

No report at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

A motion was made by Johnny M., seconded by Shawn S
All in favour; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections -

- Secretary - no nomination
- Insurance co-chair - no nomination
- Public Information - no nomination
- Telephones - no nomination
- Hospital Visitation
 - Joel B nominated. 1 year 7 months vs 2 years but has sponsor/service sponsor and has done group level service work
 - 19 yes votes, 1 no vote - elected
- Treatment
 - Noelle D nominated. Lots of service experience plus sponsor/service sponsor
 - 19 yes, 0 no – elected
- Entertainment - no nomination
- Literature - no nomination

*Please go back to your groups to let members know we are seeking these positions

Heather reminded all chairs (past/new) to transition the Gmail account over to the new chair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alan M - Sunrise group was into Treatment and there was no AA literature or any Big Book, etc at the detox. Noelle will address.

Nathaniel B - Acceptance group has suggested that Central Service executives do a group inventory.

- Area 82 did an inventory so we could model this
- Trudy D suggested we bring info on this to March meeting as so much is going on with executive doing double-triple duty due to vacant positions
- Claire T suggested we check with GSO about this
- Nathaniel and Noelle offered to look into this at GSO and bring information to the March meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Johnny: Jeff with 1 year at Highland group on last Friday of month. Also Gary and Holly are celebrating many years.
2. Heather announced Mid-Winter Roundup - go to web page to register
3. Emily reminded that AAs Got Talent is this Sat Jan 11 at 7pm
4. Noelle. Joe P (33yrs) and Donny P (37 yrs) celebrating at WESG Jan 30
5. Trudy. Bookstore is open Mondays 5-7pm. New order form is up on the web and she is filling orders for literature.



Next CS Meeting will take place Feb 4th, 2025 at 7 PM on Zoom

Meeting ended with Responsibility Pledge

Appendix - Treasurer's reports

CUA bank statement:

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 Operating Account 72171106	Current balance \$10,115.26	Available balance \$10,115.26
 Literature Committee 72171116	Current balance \$5,436.24	Available balance \$5,436.24

Savings

 Insurance Reserve 72171206	Current balance \$4,342.75	Available balance \$4,342.75
 Prudent Reserve 72171246	Current balance \$3,395.17	Available balance \$3,395.17

December Statement:

December 1 2024			
Opening Bank Balance			\$9,469.61
Credits			
		Group Contributions	\$ 1,133.00
	38 @ \$25.00	Group Insurance payments	\$ 950.00
	Total Credits		\$2,083.00
	Total		\$11,552.61
Debits			
		Virgin Plus Phones (Novembers bill)	\$ 124.93
		Virgin Plus (Decembers bill)	\$ 123.20
		Entertainment	\$456.22
		Christmas Eve Social	\$700.00
		CPC Literature	\$30.00
		Bank Service Charge	\$ 3.00
	Total Debits		\$1,437.35
	Bank Total		\$10,115.26
Outstanding			
	Total Outstanding		
	Operating Balance December 31, 2024		\$10,115.26
Prudent Reserve	Interest of \$0.72		\$3,395.17
Insurance Reserve	Interest of \$0.92		\$4,342.75
	Total		\$7,737.92
Total available funds			\$17,853.18

Summary Budget to Actuals:

Month to Month Actuals Breakdown Report

Central Service 2024 Budgeted to Actual

Revenue		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Group Contributions	\$ 4,527.14		\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$2,929.00	\$1,120.00	2,400.00	\$ -
2023 Carry-forward	\$ 7,075.22		-					
7th Tradition	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 300.00						
Misc			\$ 217.15			\$ 77.12		
Total Revenue	\$ 13,552.36	\$ 330.00	1,017.15	\$ 500.00	\$2,944.00	\$1,197.12	2,400.00	\$ -
Expenses								
Insurance	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 360.00						
Literature	\$ 400.00							
Telephone Annual	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 192.88	\$ 195.74	\$ 192.88	\$ 778.33	\$ 142.80	\$ 128.95	\$ 123.20
Zoom Renewal	\$ 242.36	\$ 242.36						
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 260.00							
Bridging the gap								
Corrections Committee	\$ 200.00							
CPC Committee	\$ 900.00			\$ 137.99	\$ 121.10		\$ 132.50	
PI Committee	\$ 850.00	\$ 355.90	\$ 121.77					
Newsletter Committee	\$ 100.00		\$ 90.85					
Hospital Visitation								
Treatment Committee	\$ 750.00	\$ 154.00						
Entertainment Committee	\$ 1,500.00				\$ 692.15	\$77		\$ 288.00
Telephone Committee	\$ 150.00							
Webmaster	\$ 250.00		\$ 199.10					
Chair	\$ 200.00							
Co-Chair	\$ -							
Secretary	\$ 200.00							
Treasurer	\$ 300.00	90.85	\$ 2.45		\$ 87.27		\$ 125.35	
Christmas Social	\$ 700.00							
Area 82	\$ 1,000.00							
GSO	\$ 1,000.00							
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50		\$ 1.50	
Net Expenditures	\$ 13,552.36	\$ 1,398.99	\$ 612.91	\$ 332.37	\$1,680.35	\$ 219.98	\$ 388.30	\$ 411.20

Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Variance
\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	1,175.00	1,133.00	\$ 11,257.00	\$ 6,729.86
					\$ -	\$ (7,075.22)
\$ 20.00	\$ 47.15	\$ 9.10	\$ 30.00		\$ 151.25	\$ 151.25
			1,319.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 2,569.00	\$ 619.00
1,500.00		\$ 105.00			\$ 1,899.27	\$ 1,899.27
1,920.00	\$ 347.15	\$ 614.10	2,524.00	2,083.00	\$ 15,876.52	\$ 2,324.16
			2,019.00		\$ 2,379.00	\$ 829.00
			\$ 394.00		\$ 394.00	\$ (6.00)
\$ 123.20	\$ 117.25	\$ 123.20		\$ 248.13	\$ 2,366.56	\$ (433.44)
					\$ 242.36	\$ -
	\$ 240.35				\$ 240.35	\$ (19.65)
					\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 202.25				\$ 202.25	\$ 2.25
	\$ 20.00	\$ 57.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 498.59	\$ (401.41)
					\$ 477.67	\$ (372.33)
					\$ 90.85	\$ (9.15)
					\$ -	\$ -
		\$ 24.50			\$ 178.50	\$ (571.50)
	\$ 89.50	\$ 114.10		\$ 456.22	\$ 1,717.15	\$ 217.15
					\$ -	\$ (150.00)
\$ 38.18					\$ 237.28	\$ (12.72)
					\$ -	\$ (200.00)
					\$ -	\$ -
					\$ -	\$ (200.00)
					\$ 305.92	\$ 5.92
				\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -
	1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
	1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
\$ 1.50	\$ 3.00		\$ 26.50		\$ 41.50	\$ (158.50)
\$ 162.88	2,672.35	\$ 318.80	2,439.50	1,434.35	\$ 12,071.98	\$ (1,480.38)