

Minutes of

DISTRICT 2 COMMITTEE MEETING

June 16, 2024 at 2:00pm

In Person at Club 24

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Bernie S at 2pm with the Serenity Prayer.

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Sandy.

Concept Six – Joanne was not present to give her interpretation on Concept Six.

Concept Six: On behalf of AA as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Volunteer for Concept Seven in July : Joanne O?

Approval of Agenda

Motioned to approve the agenda by Amy, seconded by Joan. All in favour. Motion passed.

7th Tradition

The 7th was collected.

ROLL CALL: in attendance.

Executive	GSR	Alt GSR	Observers
DCM – Bernie S	Amy A. – Downtown Dartmouth		Danny M. Sunrise Group
Alt DCM – Vacant	Peggy A. - Colby Village Big Book Study	Gina G. – Circle of Sisters	Avelene O. - early Risers
SECRETARY – Position Vacant	Sandra D. - Early Risers		
TREASURER – Blair A	Joan – Keep It Simple		
		Michaela – Cole Harbour Group	

		Bernie S. - Alt GSR Sunrise	
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## Roll Call/GSR Reports

Danny M introduced himself as an observer.

Amy A. GSR for Downtown Dartmouth reported that the group has strong attendance and strong participation. Seventh tradition is going well. Their Friday night Grapevine meeting has been changed to an As Bill Sees It discussion meeting. Several birthdays this month. Claire T - 3 years, Janet B – 3 years, Amy A – 4 years, Ryan K – 5 Mike C – 15 years, Fred D with 35 years.

(Joan from Keep It Simple had a question for Amy about how well the new Friday night meeting is going. Amy responded that numbers were down at first but it seems to be picking up.)

Gina G Alt GSR from Circle of Sisters reported the group is doing well. They had a birthday last month. Joan with 5 years. Their zoom meeting is doing well. Also, they will be doing service commitments at Detox, Simpsons landing and Marguerite Centre.

Peggy A. GSR for Colby Village Big Book Study apologized for not being here last month. She was out of province. But, the group is doing well, good seventh tradition and they have a birthday coming up in July that would be Nancy D with 24 years.

(Joan from Keep It Simple pointed out that anyone who wanted to get involved with the meetings at Marguerite could tag along with the group that is putting the meeting on.)

Sandy D., GSR for Early Risers Group reported they are now meeting 3 days a week.

Michaela, Alt GSR for Cole Harbour Group reported that the group is doing well.

Joan, GSR for Keep It Simple group reported that all is going well with the group. Attendance is still good, actually very good especially on Fridays.

Blair A was present as District Treasurer.

Bernie asked Blair if he would assume the role of chair while he gave a report as alternate GSR for Sunrise.

Sunrise Group is doing well. We are gearing up for our 60<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as a group.

That is on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 730 pm. It will be an open meeting. There will be treats, speakers, and I hear there might be live entertainment. All are welcome.

We celebrate 6 birthdays this month. Toby H 2 years, Doug G. 5 years, Oliver O 23 years, Bill H 29 years, Frank P 51 years and Joe Mac 57 years.

(Joan from Keep It Simple questioned Bernie about live entertainment at an AA meeting. Bernie assured Joan it would be after the meeting.)

#### Approval Of April Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Amy. Seconded by Joan. All in favour. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports

##### Secretary Report

Secretary position is currently vacant. As DCM, Bernie has assumed secretarial duties in the interim.

##### Treasurer Report – Blair A

Blair went over the financial report. Overall, the district finances are in good shape.

Alt DCM Report – The role of Alternate DCM is currently vacant.

##### DCM Report

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I was not able to attend the Fall Assembly committee meeting in May because I was chairing a meeting at 902 Man Up shelter in Dartmouth. The assembly committee did however approve their flyer which I have emailed to everyone.

I attended the Spring Assembly on May 25, 2024. Even though it was on zoom and only cost 10 dollars, there were only three of the 16 groups in District 2 represented. It is true that 2 of our virtual meetings, Serenity Corner and Living Sober list the group contact as myself so I could not represent either of those groups because I was there as the DCM. That still leaves 11 groups.

Dwayne gave us a detailed report of his time at the General Service Conference. That will be in the assembly minutes. Some highlights: Approval was given for the creation of a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic. Approval was given for the recommendation

for the creation of a pamphlet for the Asian American alcoholic. The recommendation to create a pamphlet for the unhoused alcoholic was defeated. The Plain Language Big Book met with widespread approval and work will continue on that. This is not meant to be a replacement of the Big Book and it was also noted that no changes will be made to the basic text portion of the AA Big Book.

The ad-hoc guideline recommendations were all discussed and voted on. Also, there were some elections. Marie M. From Acceptance Group is the new webmaster, Basil was voted in as treasurer for the rest of the year 2024, and the chair of the Area Committee, Anne B. has agreed to assume the role of Alternate GSD until the end of the year. We either passed or defeated all motions presented and we discussed two new Floor Actions.

When the Secretary/Registrar was doing roll call she questioned me about the number of active groups in the district. I had said 16 in my report; she only had 14 in hers. The 2 other groups were Porters Lake and All Beliefs Count, a virtual group. I have confirmed that those two groups are still active and the Registrar will get their status at Fellowship Connection updated.

I attended the Area 82 Active Committees Meeting. Though attendance was still low, there were a few more persons in attendance and now there is a flyer promoting that meeting so we are hoping that attendance will increase.

I attended the Mid-Winter Roundup Committee meeting on June 2. I let my name stand for Co-Chair and was elected. The event is scheduled For February 28 – March 2, 2025 at the Delta Marriott. Registration is still at \$30 and banquet is still at \$60. The room rate is \$181.25. There are still a few positions left and anyone interested in applying for those seats may attend the next Round-up committee meeting on July 7 at 1 pm at Club 24. (Recommended sobriety times are 2 years for a committee chair or co-chair unless it is a Treasurer or treasurer co-chair and then it is 5 years.)

I was able to attend the Central Service meeting for June. I gave them a brief report of how the meeting is going at the 902 Man Up shelter. There was some talk about the service fair which used to be called the Palooza. They wanted to have it at 46 Connolly Rd in September but that is the same time as Bedford Sackville AA Day so no decision was reached. Paul B, Chair of Central Service is going to work on a proposal for that to present at the next central service meeting.

District 2 is still in need of a secretary. I am doing the secretarial duties until we find a replacement. Our Alternate DCM has resigned and that position is currently vacant. We are hoping to have that filled today.

I was not able to attend the Provincial Roundup in New Minas. On that weekend, I presented a workshop at Club 24 on P-15: Questions & Answers on Sponsorship. The date for that workshop was June 9. Attendance was zero. I took into consideration that there was a roundup that weekend, but even still I was disappointed by the lack of interest in District 2. I have spoken with Kathy S, chair of CPC and CPC/PI would like to do a workshop in District 2, likely in August.

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.

Next meeting will be July 18, 2024. Something to keep in mind. July, August, September, and then it's election time for the committee of 2025-2027. So, if you think you'd like to step up to any of the positions on the district committee, that would be an opportunity to do that.

Bernie S.  
DCM District 2  
Area 82

(Joan from Keep It Simple had a few questions about the upcoming Midwinter Roundup such as what would be on the menu.)

#### Approval of Reports

Motion to approve the reports by Blair. Seconded by Gina. All in favour. Motion passed.

Visitors with District Related Business – None

#### Old Business

1. We held an election for Alternate DCM. Bernie gave the basic duties of the Alt DCM and asked if anyone wished to put their name forward. Danny M from Sunrise Group put his name forward and qualified (20+ years sobriety, has a sponsor, and a service sponsor. He did mention that although he has done a lot of service work he has never been a GSR.

(Joan from Keep It Simple questioned the fact that he has never been a GSR and isn't it in the guidelines that he must be. It is suggested that a DCM have served 2 years as a GSR and the Alt DCM could become the DCM, but it is after all only a suggestion.) Danny was nominated by Amy from Downtown Dartmouth. Bernie asked Danny to leave the room during the voting process. He did and was voted in unanimously).

2. Election for Secretary. No takers this month. Each month under old business we will re-visit this.

#### New Business

1. Blair asked if we could have some discussion about the Assembly. We talked briefly about it. Joan from Keep It Simple had a concern about changes that were made to the agenda and wanted the DCM to voice her concerns at the fall assembly. Bernie suggested she formulate a written motion and bring it to the next district meeting. We were not clear on the deadline for fall assembly items, so perhaps Bernie can just voice concerns about that at the Assembly.

Sandy from Early Risers asked who to pay for her registration to Assembly. She cannot make an e-transfer. Blair mentioned that there is info on the flyer in the newsletter.

Next meeting is July 18, 2024 at 2 pm at Club 24. Some GSRs thought we would be taking the July meeting off, but concerns about the Fall Assembly agenda items not being properly dealt with last year have prompted the DCM to hold a GSR meeting in July. Those who can't attend can't attend. They should send their alternates.

Meeting closed with the AA Responsibility Statement