

DISTRICT 1 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 2011

The meeting opened in the usual manner with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

The 12 Traditions were read by Mary Lyn.

The 12 Concepts were read by Andrea O.

Wayne F. spoke on Tradition 10. Next month Maria will speak on Tradition 11.

The 7th Tradition was observed.

The September District minutes were reviewed corrections were made by Elaine in regards to spelling errors to member's names. Other business arising was referred to either Old or New Business later scheduled in meeting.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
TONY D.	DCM	DISTRICT 1
WAYNE F.	ADCM	DISTRICT 1
BILL P.	TREASURER	DISTRICT 1
ELAINE B.	SECRETARY	DISTRICT 1
JENNIFER B.	CPC CHAIR	DISTRICT 1 & 2
SHERRI M.	PI CHAIR	DISTRICT 1 & 2
KAREN R.	TREATMENT FACILITIES CHAIR	DISTRICT 1 & 2
SCOTT R.	GSR	ACCEPTANCE GROUP
VACANT	ALTERNATE GSR	ACCEPTANCE GROUP
VACANT	GSR	ATLANTIC GROUP
BARRY L.	GSR	BACK TO BASICS
VACANT	ALT GSR	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
VACANT	ALT GSR	BEDFORD GROUP
VACANT	GSR	DOWNTOWN HALIFAX
VACANT	ALT GSR	DOWNTOWN HALIFAX
ANDREA O.	GSR	FOUR SEASONS GROUP
VACANT	ALT GSR	FOUR SEASONS GROUP
VACANT	ALT GSR	FRESH START GROUP
VACANT	GSR	FREEDOM GROUP
VACANT	ALT GSR	FREEDOM GROUP
VACANT	GSR	GRATEFUL GROUP
VACANT	ALT GSR	GRATEFUL GROUP
VACANT	GSR	HALIFAX YOUNG PEOPLE'S GR
VACANT	ALT GSR	HALIFAX YOUNG PEOPLE'S GR
NEIL H.	GSR	HUBBARDS GROUP
VACANT	ALT GSR	HUBBARDS GROUP
MARIA R.	GSR	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION
VACANT	GSR & ALT GSR	LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP
VACANT	GSR & ALT GSR	LOST AND FOUND BB DISCUSION
GARY S.	GSR	MUTUAL GROUP
VACANT	GSR & ALT GSR	NEW HOPE GR
MARY LYN S.	ALT GSR	ST. MARGARET'S BAY GR
VACANT	ALT GSR	SECOND CHANCE GROUP
VACANT	ALT GSR	SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY GR
VACANT	ALT GSR	TIMBERLEA GROUP
VACANT	ALT GSR	WELCOME GROUP
VACANT	GSR & ALT GSR	WOMEN TO WOMEN GROUP

OBSERVERS:

TIM M.	DCM	DISTRICT 2
GABE S.	CSR ALT CHAIR	CENTRAL SERVICE
SARAH B.	SOCIAL WORK STUDENT	DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

REGRETS

TRISH M.	CORRECTIONS CHAIR	DISTRICT 1 & 2
DARLA W.	CORRECTIONS CO – CHAIR	DISTRICT 1 & 2
TROY	GSR	ATLANTIC
DIEDRA F.	ALT GSR	ATLANTIC
TRISH M.	GSR	BEDFORD
GARNET E.	GSR	FRESH START
SUZANNE L.	GSR	HALIFAX SUNDAY MORNING
JAMES L.	ALT GSR	HALIFAX SUNDAY MORNING
JOHN M.	GSR	HIGHLAND PARK
JUDI M.	GSR	SECOND CHANCE
JANE N.	GSR	SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY
DARLA W.	GSR	TIMBERLEA
JO M.	GSR	WELCOME
TOM R.	GSR	WEST END STEP GROUP
FRED K.	ALT GSR	WEST END STEP GROUP

REPORTS

TREASURER:

BILL P. reported a balance of \$1615.69 and a prudent reserve of \$1850.61.

All accepted the report.

SECRETARY:

ELAINE B. reported that she will bring hard copies of the minutes to the next meeting in case members can not open email attachments. Members requested that ELAINE end the minutes with her name and contact information, so that members can easily contact her if there is difficulty receiving documents. Members also requested that there be “REGRETS” posted in the minutes to reflect who was unable to attend the GSR District 1 meeting. It was agreed that this would be included in the OCT minutes. Members also reported that they could not open the “SM F-176 Services Provided by GSO.AAWA.doc” so ELAINE said she would forward it out as pdf file and all future documents as well.

All accepted the report.

CORRECTIONS:

TRISHA M. reported this month has been a challenge to meet the 4 meeting quota.

We have lost 4 male volunteers, and also 2 woman volunteers from list.

As a result only 2 meetings on the male side have been attended and 1 meeting on the woman's side. The good news is, up to date I have passed in 2 male security checks and 2 female security checks, pending clearance from the Corrections facility itself.

Due to the legal issues with one of the male volunteers I have been told that all volunteer Security Checks from AA will go through a more thorough processing procedure. Hopefully these Security Checks will be processed and passed by the second week in November 2011. All accepted the report.

COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THE COMMUNITY (CPC)

JENNIFER B. reported the she is still waiting to hear back from contacts they have made in the community, ie: Dalhousie Med School. Jennifer states that she needs more help with CPC even if it's an hour a month, helping to transcribe letters of introduction and follow-up phone calls.

All accepted her report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

SHERRI M. reported that she spoke to the Head Librarian of Dalhousie University in regards to allowing AA literature, especially the Big Book, into the library and she said they were strictly mandated as to the library's content and that they could not shelf AA literature. St. Mary's student union was receptive to having AA literature.

Mount St. Vincent gave SHERRI an excellent reception for carrying AA literature.

Another College was emphatically negative about receiving and shelving AA literature.

In January SHERRI will contact high schools student services for information set up.

SHERRI also doing a mail out to churches to drop off AA literature.

All accepted the report.

TREATMENT FACILITIES:

KAREN R. reported that they are looking for women to speak at treatment facilities.

Dartmouth Detox is going well, and detox will be open all year, including Christmas 24/7.

They are looking for women sponsorship at the Marguerite Centre.

Stated there were no pamphlets at Detox.

All accepted the report.

WORKSHOP STEERING COMMITTEE

WAYNE F. reported:

The next workshop for District One will be held November 13th at 1:00pm at the George Dixon Center. The topic will be sponsorship. Alex L. has been working hard with his panel to ensure a quality workshop. This is what the steering committee was hoping to achieve through its mandate, members from various groups in both Districts forming a panel, choosing a topic and putting on the workshop with the assistance of the steering committee. Thanks to Barry H. for his creativity and hard work, making sure that flyers for the workshop were distributed through the newsletter and also making up a flyer encouraging groups and their members to put on workshops with the help of the Workshop Steering Committee. Yours in Love and Service Wayne F.

All accepted the report.

ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

It has been a productive month, with the AA Grapevie Kit now complete. It is set up here today for all to view. If your group would like to have it for the month, or months to come please see me at the end of the meeting , or in the future contact me via e-mail or phone. Other than that I attended one other meeting other than my own. Yours in Love and Service Wayne F.

DISTRICT 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER

TONY D. reported that he attended the **47th AREA 82 Nova Scotia / Newfoundland & Labrador Assembly Corner Brook NL Oct 7-9 2011 :**

See following website for agenda topics: <http://www.aahalifax.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Area-82-Assembly-2011agenda.pdf>

Tony distributed the minutes for the Assembly to the GSRs and spoke on the agenda topics that were discussed over the weekend events.

All accepted the report.

DISTRICT 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER

TIM M. reported that in the new year (probably late Feb or March) there will be a workshop on "Grapevine article writing". More information to follow.

All accepted the report.

CENTRAL SERVICE

GABE S. (co chair CSR) reports that there is a telephone issue that will be discussed at the next CSR meeting as well as a special meeting for all members on Tues Nov 8th at 7pm United Memorial Church, on Young St. Halifax. We will be discussing the future of the AA phone service and the structure of the phone program.

Gabe S. (co chair CSR) also discussed that Central Service is still looking for a Chair. All accepted the report.

OLD BUSINESS

ADM : WAYNE F.(ADCM for District 1) reports that he and BARRY H.(ADCM for District 2) need to get together to discuss budgets.

NEW BUSINESS

GRAPEVINE KIT: WAYNE F. introduced the new Grapevine Kit display board. The revamping of the Grapevine Kit began in March 2011 until now Oct 2011. Fellowship members responded with very positive feedback and how professionally illustrated the Grapevine board was portrayed. WAYNE F. expressed his gratitude for BARRY ????' commitment towards producing this high quality laser printed display board at a nominal fee of \$45. One member suggested that we might put The Responsibility Pledge on the bottom of the display. WAYNE F. said he would speak to BARRY about this. TONY D. reinforced that this Grapevine kit was to be taken to the groups so that members would know what diverse services and products the Grapevine supplies in addition to the Grapevine magazine. WAYNE F. reiterates that this kit is for distribution to all groups, to be displayed at meetings as an educational device.

A Motion was put forward by TONY D. that District 1 pay for the new Grapevine Kit display board of \$45.00. Motion was unanimously accepted.

MARIE R. suggested that the District 1 minutes have the secretary's name and contact info at the end, so that members can contact the secretary for AA secretarial material, documents, etc. ELAINE B. stated she can do this, and was simply following the format given to her by previous district secretaries.

MARIE R. also asked if the District 1 minutes could include in the ROLL CALL "regrets" from GSRs and Alternate GSRs who can not make the monthly meeting. Members accepted the suggestion so future minutes will include this information.

ELAINE B. suggested we take a few moments as District 1, Area 82 to brain storm ideas for the 2012 CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE who are requesting: a Theme, Presentations and Workshop Topics for the **63rd annual meeting of the General Service Conference, April 21 – 27, 2013** The Theme, presentation and workshop topics for each General Service Conference are discussed by delegates during the week of the Conference.

Below are some suggestions from District 1 that will be submitted to TONY D. (DCM for District 1) who will then submit these to Don Fitzpatrick (Area 82 General Service Delegate) who will forward them to GSO, New York, by Dec 1, 2011

MARIE R. suggested theme "Freedom from Bondage"

NEIL H. suggested theme "Recovering in the changing environment"

ELAINE B. suggested theme "Importance of rotation and back up for AA service positions"

BILL P. suggested theme "How can we be more attractive to the suffering alcoholic"

ANDREA O. suggested theme "Using the AA Grapevine as a meeting / means of sobriety"

Copies of the CONFERENCE AGENDA COMMITTEE REQUEST have been sent to all GSRs for District 1. These forms are to be presented to the GSR's home group for discussion and input. When completed, please submit the forms to TONY D. (DCM for District 1) and he will forward them to Don F. (Area 82 Delegate) so that there is group input into the theme /themes for the 63rd General Service Conference 2013.

If your home group does not have a GSR or you would like to submit an individual suggestion from yourself, you may contact me, Elaine Benson, District I secretary at elainebenson58@gmail.com and I will forward the form to you. The form must be submitted to Don Fitzpatrick (Area 82 Delegate) by Dec 1, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm

Closing: Responsibility Statement

Next District 1 meeting: 1pm, Sunday Nov 27, 2011