

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

December 4, 2012

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

Living in the Solution	2nd Chance	Atlantic	West End Step	Downtown Dartmouth
Back to Basics	Keep it Simple	Acceptance	Cole Harbour	Sunrise
Highland Park	Mutual	4 Seasons		

(Members from Fresh Start, Sunday Night Serenity, and Bedford groups were present, but had no group vote.)

Positions/committees represented.

Acting Chair	CS Treasurer	CS Secretary	District 1 DCM	District 2 DCM	Phone
Hospital Visitation	Email	Literature	Newsletter	Mid-Winter Roundup	

- Gary opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Jeff read the 12 traditions.
 - 5 copies of the minutes printed for groups.
- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$40.97.
- 36 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Samaira recommended acceptance of the minutes as issued.

Secretary's report

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$2,943.76.
- Revenue for the month was \$408.75.
- Expenses were \$584.57, plus a \$30.00 cheque not yet cashed.
- Operating balance of \$2,737.94, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,167.60, total: \$4,905.54.
- Christopher recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-Chair's report – No co-chair, no report.

Chair's report

- Gary, as Acting Chair, reported that someone from Capital Health contacted him regarding seeking workshop involvement from AA. Gary gave the information to the Treatment Chair.

Newsletter

- Jeff reported that everything is going well.
- Anyone who is chair of a committee for next year, please start emailing that information to Jeff so that the new newsletter has up-to-date contact information.
- Coleen and Jeff got together to look at December's newsletter as an introduction for Coleen. Coleen was great.
- Jeff got printing money for January's newsletter, because the bank account may not have the new signers set up in time to pay that bill at the end of December. Any leftover money or shortfall will be brought to January's CS meeting.
- Cecil from Keep it Simple is listed in the newsletter as celebrating a birthday this month. Please note: Cecil is not celebrating a birthday this month.
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

Website

Hi everyone,

I just started a new job yesterday and my shift ends at 8:30. I haven't asked for time off for tonight's meeting, so in case I don't make it, here are some remarks for the past month.

- a couple of minor changes were submitted for the Meeting List. They have been noted and will appear in the next update
- will discuss with Foster renewals of the Domain Name and the web site hosting - we have to renew the domain immediately
- if a new webmaster is declared tonight, please have them email me at the webmaster address to arrange transferring of technical info
- if a webmaster is not declared, then please anyone interested please email me at the webmaster address @aahalifax.org.
- new contacts for District 2 have been received from Tim M and will be posted some time this month
- in the Events page I have now included group anniversaries, birthdays (as directly submitted by the group by email to the webmaster),

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Yours in service,

Gary L

Webmaster - AAHalifax

- Foster needs the amount of the website bill so a cheque can be submitted and the website can be released from its current hold status, which took effect today due to lack of payment.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

Website email

- Chris reported that he received four emails last month. Two requested meeting info, which was sent to them, and the other two emails requested more in depth information and are being addressed.
- Anne recommended acceptance of the report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade reported that there was no remarkable activity this month; just the status quo.
- Peter J. is out of the hospital and is convalescing at home.
- Rick recommended acceptance of the report.

Telephone

- Samaira reported that everything is going well.
- She has been getting a lot of 12 step lists from groups, which is great.
- She would like the incoming CSRs to provide her with their contact information.
- A reminder that the weekend phone is 24 hours until 9 a.m. Monday morning. Please keep the phone turned on for the entire weekend.
- If anyone cannot take the phone when they thought they could, please just call Samaira and let her know. Do not turn the phone off instead.
- Dave recommended acceptance of the report.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- See Appendix A at the end of the minutes for a copy of the Mid-Winter Roundup report.
- John recommended acceptance of report.

Entertainment

- Bruce noted that there was a recent bowling event, which was well attended. The next bowling events are scheduled for January and February.
- Peter is accepting phone calls while he is convalescing, so if you have Entertainment business to discuss with him, feel free to give him a call.
- Bruce is selling tickets for the New Year's Eve dance: \$10 a ticket.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

Literature

- Parker brought in some of the birthday contribution forms for GSO contributions. They are free for the taking.
- Opening balance: \$1,075.88; Credits: \$489.75; Debits: \$20.93; Service Charges: \$11.85; Closing balance: \$1,532.85.
- \$400.03 has come in, along with some debits, since the literature report above was completed.
- The inventory balance is: \$2,664.60.
- Christopher recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that right after the last District 1 meeting, there was a workshop, hosted by Murdo and Elaine, which was very successful.
- Tom R. will be the incoming DCM for District 1.
- Craig recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Tim reported that District 2 is winding down their meetings for this term.
- Barry H. from the sunrise group is the incoming DCM, Garth will be treasurer. They are still looking for an Alternate DCM, and a Secretary.
- Tim thanked everyone for their service over the past four years.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

Old business

- CS Elections
 - George M. allowed his name to stand for CS Chair. He was voted in unanimously.
 - Bill P. allowed his name to stand for Treasurer. He was voted in unanimously.
 - Brenda B. allowed her name to stand for Entertainment Chair. She was voted in unanimously.
 - Betty C. allowed her name to stand for Hospital Visitation Chair. She was voted in unanimously.
 - Mary-Lou C. allowed her name to stand for Hospital Visitation Co-Chair. She was voted in unanimously.
 - Christopher H. allowed his name to stand for Webmaster. (Webmaster and Email Chair were originally one position, and it was split up two years ago because the Webmaster at that time did not want to answer emails in addition to all of the other Webmaster duties. Next year's CS committee will determine if those positions should be joined or kept separate.) Chris resigned his position as Email Chair, so he could run for Webmaster and not hold two CS positions at the same time. He was voted in unanimously as Webmaster.
- CS Co-Chair and Secretary, Telephone Co-Chair, Entertainment Co-Chair, and Literature positions will be called again next month. (One Telephone Co-Chair has been elected, but a second is needed.)

New business

- January 1 is problematic for meeting attendance. January 8, 2013 will be the next CS meeting.
- It was brought to the attention of CS that Bill P. will be serving as Treasurer of CS and Chair of the Mid-Winter Roundup Committee in January. This was viewed as a conflict of interest. In order to avoid a conflict of interest, Foster agreed to remain as CS Treasurer until the 2013 Mid-Winter Roundup is over, after which time, Bill will step in as CS Treasurer.

Group reports, miscellaneous announcements

- The Cole Harbour Group is celebrating its 33rd Anniversary on Sunday, December 16th at 8:00 p.m. at a special location: Cole Harbour Meeting House, 1436 Cole Harbour Road for that night only.
- Step 11 Meditation meeting will be reactivated in mid-January, as they have found a new meeting space. Look for more information in the January newsletter.
- Holiday cocktail party will be held in Sackville on Connolly Drive by the 4 Seasons Group from 1-4 p.m. on December 24, 2012.
- The Keep it Simple Group noted that its Thursday meeting time has always been at 12:00 p.m., not 12:15 p.m.
- Living in the Solution Group is meeting in the basement on December 24, 2012.

The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on: January 8th 2013 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Appendix A

Mid-Winter Round-Up Committee Report December, 2012.

The Committee held its monthly meeting this past Sunday at the Holiday Inn.

On Finances, with the CSR advance and initial monies from registration and banquet tickets, the Committee has met expenses for Hotel deposits and confirm flight bookings for our Speakers. The PayPal account is up and running.

The Co Treasurer has resigned and we are seeking to fill this position.

Registration is in the process of organization. There are a number of systems which need to be in place before the first person arrives at the Round up. This includes tracking all registrations and banquet tickets, the documenting of monies received, coordination with the Treasurer and the like. Its all in the details.

Hospitality is benefiting from supplies left over from previous years. Hospitality will be campaigning for volunteers for greeting, manning coffee and tea sales and the book raffle.

Entertainment is proceeding along with the events for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Still booking for entertainers for the Friday event which has appeared in the Newsletter.

Program will be meeting shortly to flush out the various sessions and workshops for the Round-up. Al-Anon is close to completing its program and speakers. The sub-committee is working for a deadline in early January for printing.

In previous years, the speakers were recorded and the cd's available for purchase shortly after their talks. This service is no longer available. Our co-Chair is exploring What avenues might be available to continue this service.

As may be apparent from this report, a Round-up is about details, and as we approach the date of the Round-up it only mounts. Fortunately, the experience of past Round-ups is recorded on paper and in the memories of past years members. New ideas and past experience make involvement in the Committee both educational but also engaging and exciting.

At present things are going swimmingly but from past experience ever ready to anticipate the unexpected.

All in fellowship
Bill Powroz Chair