

## Monthly GSR District Meeting, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Open, Welcome, Few Moments of silence, Serenity prayer, introduction of new GSR's: Tom R.

1. 12 Traditions read by: Elaine B.
2. 12 Concepts read by: Derrick L.
3. Volunteer to speak on Concept 12: Joe S. Volunteer to speak on Tradition 1: Gary K.
4. Volunteer to speak on Tradition 2 next month: Samaira G.
5. 7<sup>TH</sup> Tradition Observed: \$24.27
6. Minutes Reviewed, Derrick L. accepted, all in favour
7. Call for new business items: looking for Corrections co-chair, GSR emails, Voting procedures
8. Roll Call and Group Updates:  
Tara J.-West End Step-Temporary Secretary; Elaine B.-Mutual-PI Chair; Maria R.-Living in the Solution-Corrections Chair; Gary K.-Living in the Solution-GSR; Dave F.-Fresh Start-GSR; Trudy D.-Back to Basics-GSR; Donny D.-West End Step-Observer; Samaira G.-Second Chance-GSR; David C.-West End Step-GSR; Karen M.-Four Seasons-GSR; Joe S.-Atlantic-GSR; Ken M.-Hubbards-GSR; Alex L.-no home group-Treatment Facilities Chair; Derrick L.-St. Margaret's Bay-Acting GSR; Tony D.-West End Step-Visitor; Robert R.-District 2-Alternate DCM; Barry H.-District 2-DCM; Tim M.-Area 82-Area Chairperson
9. Reports:
  - A) Treasurer: No Report
  - B) Secretary: No report
  - C) Corrections: Maria R.- On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, a women's meeting was held in the corrections facility. 4 women attended the meeting. Unfortunately, there was no men's meeting. The guard informed the AA males that there would be no meeting (inmates choice). Also, I left a stack of AA literature for both the men and women. The women really appreciated the literature. Because of our lack of volunteers, the same AA members will be going in on the 30<sup>th</sup>. P.S.- Co-chair of corrections has resigned his position. Trudy accepted this report, all in favour.
  - D.) Public Information (PI): Elaine B. reported that she is busy reading the AA literature sent from GSO so that she is fully acquainted with anonymity at the public level, how to speak to non-AA groups, how the AA Traditions relate to PI service work, what AA literature to order for delivery to police stations, hospitals, treatment centres, youth centres, schools, churches, universities and anything else that comes up in this learning experience.  
First PI task of the year was how to respond to a staff reporter at The Chronicle Herald. She was inquiring "Is there an increase in AA members during the month of January?" Elaine told her we do not keep statistics in AA on individual members, nor do we keep meeting attendance. Also as PI Chair we do not have an opinion to speak on AA as a whole. She invited the staff reporter to come to an open AA meeting for more information about AA. She has also contacted PI at GSO to ask for further direction on this issue. She is grateful for their detailed email regarding this issue. She is also grateful to all the other AA members of both our districts who volunteered their input into, as there was a variety of responses that help develop her awareness of PI responsibilities at the public level.  
Elaine contacted the HRM libraries of both our districts and is pleased to see that there are 11 copies of

the Big Book within 14 of the public libraries. She has emailed the librarian responsible for ordering more BB and the librarian states they will gladly cooperate with us to get a BB at Bedford, Tantallon, and the North Memorial Library, either by accepting a donation from us or perhaps they can purchase them, dependent upon their budget.

She visited the IWK Family Resource Centre and will deliver a copy of the Big Book to them.

She also visited the North End Community Police Station and they said that she could speak to their Employment Assistance Program personnel regarding a talk on alcoholism for the police officers.

She is unaware of the the PI budget as of right now so that she can order literature.

Ken accepted this report, all in favour.

E) CPC: No Report

F) Treatment Facilities: Alex L. mentioned that groups are missing Detox meetings. One was due to bad weather and he is looking into the other reasons. There was a late distribution of the newsletter in January, therefore, some groups did not know. If groups keep missing meetings, their names will be taken off the list.

Treatment Facilities committee will facilitate 2 workshops in March at both Districts 1 & 2.

The Topic: **“Putting on meetings at Detox”**

1/ District 2-- March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at Tue 8:30 PM **Sunrise Group — C.D.♥ Woodlawn United Church**  
54 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth Via MicMac Parclo, out Main St., right at 4th set of lights topic  
of: putting on meetings within Detox.

2/ District 1—March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Thurs 8:00 PM **West End Step Group — O.D. Candlelight Meeting**  
St.Catherine’s Church Hall 6476 Bayers Road, Halifax

He also spoke to Anita at the Forensic Hospital. Looking into putting on a meeting there once a month. Call for groups to take action and show up consistently. There is no security check required for the meeting at the Forensics Hospital. Please bring this back to your groups.

Elaine accepted this report, all in favour.

G) Workshop Steering Committee: Bob R. reported that they have 3 committee members presently and they require one more. The member helps out with the workshop setup and other tasks, but they do not put on the workshop itself. Bob is asking GSR’s to take this back to their groups for a volunteer for this committee.

Tim accepted this report, all in favour

H) Alternate DCM: No Report

I) DCM: Tom R.- Good Afternoon all, I’m your DCM for District 1, Tom Richard. Good to be here and serve as your trusted and responsible DCM. Thanks for my sobriety My report will be fairly short today and hopefully the same will follow in the months that lie ahead (joke).

Over the last 2 months, December and January, I attended quite a few meetings in both District 1 and 2. However, with this being said, my responsibility lies in getting out to more District 1 meetings and

introducing myself to groups and meetings. In December, I attended the Cocktail Party that was held by all of the Sackville groups this year. It was well attended with fellowship and food. I also attended the January Central Service Meeting and the District 2 GSR monthly meeting. It was very informative with some very good ideas from all who attended. District 2 DCM, Barry H, and myself will be meeting quarterly with all committee chairs and co-chairs to go over any concerns, ideas, etc, with both districts. I don't comment on the last workshop as I could not attend due to an operation, but my brief report was sent and attached. I'm looking forward to the challenges that we'll all be facing in the next couple of years and working through them as your District 1 DCM and team player.

Karen M accepted, all in favor

J) District 2: Barry H.-DCM- Reported that he will be at the Central Service Meeting in Feb and all executive positions have been filled in District 2. He is looking forward to his new position as DCM for District 2. They held their fist District meeting last week with a good turnout. Their Jan GSR District min will be posted on the website so stay tuned for that. He is looking forward to the first District 2 workshop on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Tue 8:30 PM **Sunrise Group — C.D.♥ Woodlawn United Church** 54 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth Via MicMac Parclo, out Main St., right at 4th set of lights.

Gary K. accepted, all in favor

K) Central Service: No report

L) Other: Tim M.-Area 82 Chair- He is getting things started for the Nova Scotia Service Weekend being held on May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Truro at the Agricultural College. He is asking GSR's to go back to their groups and ask if they have any ideas that they would like to bring up as topics for general discussion for the weekend. Sunday morning will be a general sharing at the service weekend. He will send a flyer out in mid February for more details.

Maria R. accepted, all in favor

#### 10. Old Business:

Group change forms need to come back to Tom R. Please have all GSRs fill them out and return to the next District 1 meeting in February as the info needs to be transferred to the Area 82 Secretary, then GSO.

Elections: Alternate DCM- Tom R. asked the floor 3 times if there was anyone who would like to let their name stand. No one volunteered. Alternate DCM remains vacant.

Secretary- Tom R. asked the floor 3 times if there was anyone who would like to let their name stand. No one volunteered. Secretary remains vacant.

Treasurer- Tom R. asked the floor if there was anyone who would like to let their name stand. No one volunteered. Treasurer remains vacant.

Corrections Co-chair- Tom R. asked if there was anyone who would like to let their name stand. No one volunteered. Corrections Co-chair remains vacant.

Tim M. stated that currently District 1 has only one executive position filled and that is the DCM. With no other executive members voted in, no cheques can be written for District 1. Also, Tom R. is taking on the 3 other executive positions besides DCM. Tom R. is asking the GSR's TO TAKE THIS BACK TO THEIR GROUPS AND ASK MEMBERS WITH A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS SOBRIETY TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND VOLUNTEER FOR DISTRICT 1 EXECUTIVE! THE NOMMINEE NEEDS TO BE PRESENT AT THE DISTRICT 1 MTG FEB 24<sup>TH</sup>

1PM AT THE GEORGE DIXON CENTRE ON GOTTINGEN ST. HALIFAX.

The Guidelines and Procedures sub-committee is half way through their project. They will need more time to complete District 1's guidelines and procedures.

11. New Business:

Samaira G. suggested that GSR's have their own emails (ie: [groupname@gmail.com](mailto:groupname@gmail.com)) rather than using their own personal email address. Similar to how the committees have their own email addresses with aahalifax.org. There was discussion around this matter and it will be tabled again next month.

Elaine B. wanted clarification around Committee Chair votes vs. GSR votes. Tim M. answered that the Committee Chair votes according to the Committee's conscience. GSR votes according to their Group conscience. But if you are BOTH Committee Chair and your group's GSR, then you vote as a Committee Chair conscience first, and therefore LOSE your group conscious GSR vote. However, you may bring an alternate member of your group to represent the GSR (just for that vote). This ensures that your group conscience can be heard at the point of voting on an issue.

We also learned that the DCM is only able to vote if there is a tie.

12. Announcements:

West End Step Group is celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> group anniversary on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 8pm.

Mutual Group is celebrating their 54<sup>th</sup> group anniversary on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8pm

Tom R. is celebrating his 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary at the West End Step Group on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm

13. Karen M. has volunteered to select and read a quote from AA literature for next month's meeting.

14. Next month's meeting will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February from 1-3pm at the George Dixon Centre

15. Adjournment, close with Responsibility Pledge.

Yours in Love of Service

Tara

Acting Secretary for District 1, for the month of January 2013