Minutes of Central Service Committee Meeting United Memorial Church July 7, 2009

Call to Order
Serenity Prayer
12 Traditions
Introductions
16 members of Committee/Groups present
7th Tradition (\$25.60)

Minutes of Previous Meeting (Errors or Omissions):

The Minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2009 were reviewed by all present.

Gary moved to accept the Minutes and Steve seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Reports:

Telephone Committee:

Chairperson Mike has informed us that only 11 groups out of over 40 groups are on the weekend phone list, so we need your support.

A written letter by the chairperson has been put in the June and July newsletter and here it is as follow:

Our responsibility statement reads "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there; and for that I am responsible". The phone office is an essential tool to help AA get the message of hope out to the still suffering alcoholic. We can be found in the phone book, newspaper, TV and online. We need Groups to man the phones on the weekends (Cell phone Avail.); people to man the phone during the week in the office (Monday to Friday) and also for the after hours Cell Phone.

We also need names of AA members willing to put their names on the 12-step call list. Please e-mail me at mikecormier@eastlink.ca or phone me at 456-5997 or leave a message at the AA phone office at 461-1119. If you or your groups are not sure what this entails please call and I am willing to meet groups or individuals to go over phone office protocol. For those willing to give their names for the 12-step list to the phone office, your phone number is never given out. The person calling for help leaves his/her contact information with the phone office, and then the person in the phone office calls you.

If we cannot make ourselves available for a few hours, the same way someone made themselves available for us when we needed help, AA and its message of hope and recovery will die. Any time you can give as a group or an individual AA member would be appreciated.

Thank You Mike Cormier Phone Office Chairperson

Treasurers Report:

The Chairperson Darryl presented the financial statements for the month of June 2009. The total available funds left in the Central Service Committee account are \$5996.33 which includes an Operating Balance of \$2833.29 and a Prudent Reserve of \$3,163.04 The Report also included a statement of all bank account activity to June 30, 2009. Also this month he received a great number of groups contribution which will be reflected next month.

Mike moved to accept the Report and Reed seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Entertainment:

Chairperson not available (No report)

Literature:

The Chairperson Gary presented his report. The total book inventory to July 01, 2009 was \$3211.50 while the bank balance was \$325.48 with cash on hand of \$27.20.

Darryl moved to accept the report and Gerry seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

District 1:

The new DCM for District 1 is now George. George introduced himself and is looking forward to working in his new capacity as DCM. Thank you George for taking on this new challenge.

District 2:

As DCM for District 2 Tim told the committee it has been quiet at the District 2 but wants everyone to bring back to their groups that, there is going to be a meeting for the 2010 Area 82 Assembly election meeting for committee positions at the George Dixon Centre on Sunday July 19th at 1:00 PM.

Darryl moved to accept the Report and Reed seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Mid-Winter Round-up 2010

The Chairperson Trudy told us, the committee is going to meet on Sunday August 9th at 6:00 PM in room 619 at the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth. We have 3 positions still available, 1 registration Co Chair and 2 Hospitality Co Chairs.

Lynn moved to accept the Report and Mike seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Website Report:

As the Webmaster, Reed told us that there isn't much to report but things are going well. We had over 620 visits on the site last month and all the latest update has been posted

To access the site you go to www.aahalifax.org

Jeff moved to accept the Report and Gary seconded it. It was passed unanimous

Newsletter:

The Newsletter editor Trudy reported that the newsletter is going well. She has a new phone number which is in the newsletter. **New number is 488-7743**

Announcements for the newsletter are due on the 25th of each month.

If you want to receive the newsletter by E-Mail just contact her by phone at 488-7743 or E-Mail at aahalifax@gmail.com

Steve moved to accept the Report and Gerry seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Hospital Report:

The Chairperson Foster could not be there as he was away on business in Newfoundland but he E-Mailed his report.

My apologies for not making the last couple of meetings, I have been traveling and am in Newfoundland tonight.

Hospital visitations are beginning to increase. In June I received six requests, all of which were completed (my thanks to Wayne O and Gerard B for their cooperation). The letter that was drafted for the hospitals was sent and to date I have not received a reply from them.

There is a requirement for additional members on the committee. I currently only have two people in Halifax and I find it difficult to expect people from Prospect, St. Margaret's and Sackville to pick up these calls, however, some have. I would appreciate if the word could be passed to your groups that members are needed.

I am considering relocating out of Halifax for work and may be gone for at least twelve months. As such, I regretfully must tender my resignation as chair of this committee effective August 15th, 2009. This is an important service we provide and I encourage someone to step in and take it over; it would be a shame to see it drop. Perhaps a message can be placed in the newsletter seeking a new chair.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to sit at this table over the past four years and I look forward to continuing in service when I come back to the city.

Yours in service, Foster Lohnes

Chair's Report

There is not much to report as the Chairperson was away last month.

Old Business

The Chairperson asked for volunteer to Co-Chair the phone committee, no volunteer

In reference to CSR workshop no groups has asked for one.

If your group is interested to have brief/CSR workshop given at their group please contact the Central Service Chairperson.

Mike gave us a report on his finding for summer activities. He checked with Shubie and Point Pleasant Park and they are all booked for the summer already. This should be plan for may be next summer activities. (See new business Sackville "AA" day)

New Business:

Tom from Four Season group came and gave us an outline of what **Sackville "AA" Day** activities will be:

Sackville "AA day will be on 26th September 2009 at 1:00 PM at 45 Connolly Road. There will be meetings, various activities, old-timers meetings, a dinner and guest speaker follow by a dance. There is going to be a flyer coming out soon with all that info in more details.

A motion was made by Mike to make a \$500 start up fund/advance payable to Four Season Group to help them in starting their Sackville "AA" Day activities. It was seconded by Judy.

All members voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom also indicated he was interested in taking on the Hospital Chair position. Tom gave us his background and Gerry made a recommendation to have a vote for Tom as the new Hospital Chairperson. A vote was taken and all members voted in favor.

Thank you Tom

Mike made a motion to make a \$1500 start up fund/advance payable to 2010 Mid Winter Round Up. It was seconded by Judy.

All members voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Central Services Committee will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement.