

Minutes of Central Service Committee Meeting
United Memorial Church
December 7th, 2010

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting (Errors or Omissions):

The Minutes of the meeting of November 2nd, 2010 were reviewed by all present.

Mike moved to accept the Minutes and Phil seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Reports:

Telephone Committee:

The Chairperson Mike told us things are going well. He had had some problem with call forward but it has been corrected.

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

Treasurers Report:

. The Chairperson not available (No report)

Entertainment:

Looking for a Chairperson?

Literature:

Jennifer (Chair of CS) is now the interim Literature Chairperson until January first when Parker L. takes on the job of Chair person for Literature. **She can be reach at 463-2763.** She has close to \$1600 of AA Literature ordered.

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

District 1:

Alt/DCM for District 1 Tony told us that every thing is going good. At the election a new DCM, Alt-DCM and Treasury were voted in. They are still looking for a Chair and Co-Chair for P.I (Public Information) and also a Co-Chair for Correction Centre.

Trudy moved to accept the Report and Sam seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

District 2:

DCM for District 2 Tim told us that every thing is going good and that a new DCM has been voted in. He also took the opportunity to thanks everyone for the support he has been given over the pass two years. They are still looking for a Treasury and an Alt. DCM.

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

Mid-Winter Round-up 2011

Foster the treasure was available and gave us a snap shot view. There will be a live band at the Saturday night dance. They are trying to get set up with Pay Pal so people registering on line could pay through Pay Pal. They have \$650 in the bank and will get the remaining \$1000 of the start up money from the Central Service Treasure. They still need a Co-Chair for Registration.

Phil moved to accept the Report and Trudy seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Website Report:

The Chairperson Reed told us thing are going well.

Web site statas:

1000 Visits

695 Unique Visitors

3200 Page views

3:24 Average Time on Site

Most popular pages:

1. Meeting list
2. A.A. newcomer page
3. Newsletter

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

Newsletter:

The Chairperson Trudy told us things are going well. She needs the new contact information of all the new committee for the Handy Group Contact on the newsletter. Jeff D. from Fresh Start Group is taking over for the newsletter starting February 2011.

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

Mary moved to accept the Report and Jeff seconded it. It was passed unanimously.

Hospital Report:

The Chairperson not available (No report)

Chair's Report

The Chairperson Jennifer told us she attended Districts 1 meeting last month. She has had more phone call this month then the entire last two years about everything's from 12 steps, complaints etc.

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

Old Business

The Chairperson went back over the position that was not filled at the last month election and asked if anyone were interested in filling these positions.

Treasure	No
Secretary	No
Telephone Chair	No
Entertainment Chair	Peter J. was voted in unanimously
Entertainment Co-Chair	Terry B. was voted in unanimously

New Business:

A proposal for a 12 Step E-Mail Service was given to the Central Service Committee by Alex L. and here is his proposal:

The Start

Proposal: 12-step email service

A 12-step email service would be a new tool to make it easier for people to get in contact with AA in Districts 1 and 2. Such a service has become more feasible with the proliferation of smart phones and wi-fi networks.

This service would be a compliment to the current phone service whereby volunteers would respond to inquiries about AA. Due to privacy concerns, the email service would allow AA to utilize a method of communication preferable to some volunteers and inquirers.

For instance, where previously a volunteer had to be somewhere they could, out loud, announce “Alcoholics Anonymous, how can I help you?” to answer the phone, the email service would allow more discreet communication, even in the workplace. The same holds true for those contacting AA.

In order to provide this service, the creation of a separate position on the website committee would likely be necessary.

Here is how it could work:

1. A separate 12-step email address would be created (e.g. help@aahalifax.org).
2. A help page would be created explaining how people can send an email for information and/or 12-step help.
3. A position on the website committee would be created for answering 12-step emails (e.g. 12-step email coordinator).
4. Emails sent to the 12-step email address would be automatically forwarded to the 12-step email coordinator.
5. The email coordinator would then answer the emails personally or would delegate the responsibility to other AA volunteers.

In order to have emails replied to as quickly as possible, the email coordinator would have to have access to a smart phone or mobile device.

Ideally, those who have volunteered to help the coordinator answer emails would also have a smart phone or mobile device. At minimum, he or she would have to have Internet and email access.

These requirements will become easier to meet as technology improves and the costs of mobile devices and data plans come down.

It is acknowledged that establishing this service will likely involve some difficulties that will have to be ironed out along the way. Overcoming those difficulties, however, will be a small price to pay for a service that will make a valuable contribution to AA's primary purpose.

The End.

Phil made a recommendation to add the role of 12-step email coordinator to the website committee. The coordinator will be responsible for responding to AA inquiries sent to a

special email address created for AAHalifax.org and that the webmaster report monthly to Central Service.

Voting took place after some discussion and the votes were:

18	YES
0	NO
1	ABSTENTION

Alex L. volunteered to be the 12 Step email coordinator.

Phil a motion to advance \$500 from Central Service Treasure to the new Entertainment Committee to help with the New Year dance. It was seconded by Mary.

Voting took place the votes were:

9	YES
2	NO
2	ABSTENTION

Motion carried

The next meeting of the Central Services Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 4th 2010.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement.