

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

July 5th, 2011

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

Keep it Simple	St. Margaret's Bay	Colby Village BBSG
Hubbards	Back to Basics	West End Step
Downtown Dartmouth	Highfield Park	Sunday Night
4 Seasons		

Positions/committees represented.

CS Chair	Treasurer	Secretary	CS Co-Chair
Literature	Newsletter	District 1 DCM	Mid-Winter Roundup
Entertainment	Telephones		

- Trudy opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Foster read the 12 Traditions.
- Introduction of group members took place.

- 6 copies of the minutes to be printed for groups.

- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$31.72
- 21 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- All members voted in favour of adopting the minutes as written.

Telephone report

- Sue in Prospect will be taking the phones while Owen is on vacation for three weeks. Phone the AA number to contact Sue while he is away.
- Owen generally leaves the weekend phones to the weekend groups. He can bring the weekend phones to Club 24, or the weekend groups can pass it on from one to the other. Owen is thinking of rearranging the weekend rotation geographically to make it easier for the weekend phone kit to be passed from one group to the other.
- He has enough weekday volunteers, but he wants to organize them better.

- Owen was asked if the phone rotation list for groups can be posted in the newsletter or on the website. He pointed out that the list for each month is printed in each newsletter.
- The question was raised as to how the weekend groups contact the other groups to pass the phone along. The response is to call Owen and he will give the contact info.
- The Telephone Committee is mandated to have two co-chairs. They are Fred D. and Mike C.
- The District 1 Chair received a call while out of town, and asked if his name or position was listed in the phone kit for phone calls. No, it is not.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

Treasurer's Report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$2,388.75.
- Expenses were small this month.
- A cheque for \$1,500.00 will be made to the 2012 Mid-Winter Roundup Committee for start-up.
- Phone bill was \$159.02, which should be the standard monthly rate for the three phones.
- Operating balance of \$2,191.98, plus prudent reserve of \$2,166.06 for total funds available. \$4,358.04.
- Jeff made a motion to accept the report, and Judy seconded it. All members voted in favour.

Entertainment

- Peter reported that he has an application in to Point Pleasant Park for a barbeque spot for Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 1-4pm. The rental fee will come out of the Entertainment Committee budget. There will be a flyer forthcoming.
- Gabe recommended acceptance of the report.

Literature

- Parker reported that he will write Central Service a cheque to give back the \$200 start up for the bank account. Current balance of inventory: \$2,590.05. Profit of \$21.17. Profit returns back to Central Service general fund.
- Parker really wanted to thank Foster for his help with the spreadsheet.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- Foster reported that at the last meeting, the committee elected a Program Chair, a Hospitality Chair and a Hospitality Co-Chair. The next meeting is on July 10, at 1:00pm in Room 619 of the Holiday Inn Harbourview on Wyse Road. They still need an Entertainment Chair and Co-Chair, two Program Co-Chairs, one Hospitality Co-Chair, a Co-Treasurer, and two Registration Co-Chairs. Please call Foster (902.435.2172) if you are interested in hearing what any of the vacant positions entail.
- Barb recommended acceptance of the reports. All members voted in favour.

Website

- Gary emailed his report. Please see this report listed at the end of the minutes.

Newsletter

- Jeff reported that he looked into the request about using less black in the newsletter to help people save ink when printing. He did some research on cartridge costs and it is really affordable, so he will not be changing the format.
- Rudy will be celebrating 3 years, July 31, 2011 at the Saint Margaret's Bay Group. Please announce at meetings, as this missed the Newsletter.
- A member brought up again that the Newsletter used too much ink.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report. One opposed. All others in favour.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade was not present, but Trudy reported that he is still taking names and numbers for group contacts, he is still looking for volunteers to visit members in the hospital, and his phone number is in the newsletter. Please let him know if you are in the hospital and would like visitations, or if you would like to volunteer.

District 1

- Tony reported the area webmaster and an alternate will be voted on at the next assembly in NL. If you want to be elected, you do not have to attend, but you must submit your resume to Area

82 by August. If you need an address to send your resume to, contact Tony.

- District 1 still needs a secretary.
- The next workshop to be put on by District 1 will be on August 14, 2011: "Duties and Responsibilities of Chairpersons," 1:00 pm at the George Dixon Centre on Brunswick Street in Halifax.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

District 2

- Tim was not present to give a report.
- District 2 will be hosting a workshop on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at 3 pm at Club 24. The topic is "Group Inventory." A reminder was made that workshops are for all AA members.

Co-chair's report

No report.

Chair's report

No report.

Thank you to Foster for chairing last month.

Old Business

- Andrea had agreed to lead some research into looking into phone office rental space. She was not present, but sent the information she found. The cheapest she could find was on Portland Street, sight unseen, at \$552 per month + HST, including heat and power and shared washroom. The next cheapest price she found was \$941 + HST, and the other prices ranged up to \$11,500.00 per month. Anyone who comes across some affordable office space, please let Trudy at Central Service know. A CSR mentioned that there are a number of AA members who liked to have a place to go to volunteer during the week.
- Contacts for literature from each group are still being sought. If your group has not contacted Parker with this information, please do so.
- Telephone Committee questions from groups. B2B: - Can there be more people involved in the Telephone Committee? - The weekend binder needs to have the 12th step list cleaned up. - There are some anonymity issues with regard to pieces of paper in the binder with people's phone numbers. - There were more questions, but someone interrupted and make the

following recommendation:

- Judy recommended that groups email their concerns to the CS Chair, and the Phone Chair and two Co-Chairs will meet with the CS executive members to look at the concerns to then bring back to the next CS meeting. All agreed. **Please forward concerns from your group by emailing them to Trudy within the next two weeks.**

New business

- Group Inventory for Central Service was recommended by a group. Please bring the suggestion back to your groups and report back to CS. What do the groups want CS to be doing on a regular basis? It was suggested that Trudy check to see if GSO Intergroup has an inventory for intergroups. She will do this.
- What direction do the groups want from central service? Please take this question back to your groups.
- Updated guidelines for central service. If groups have ideas of what they would like to be put in the guidelines, please email Trudy. It was suggested that Trudy check to see if GSO Intergroup has guidelines.
- 2012 Mid-Winter Roundup Committee needs the \$1,500 start-up money to pay the hotel deposit, and for speakers who may need early travel reimbursement. This did not require a vote, as this is already budgeted.

Please announce at your groups that Central Service needs financial support from the groups.

***The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:
August 2nd, 2011 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Webmaster's Report:

Here are things that have recently been accomplished:

- The small sections that appeared on the right below the "Upcoming Events" have been removed. In the "links" section there was a link to the Literature Price List and that has been moved to the "Contact Us" section.
- The "Upcoming Events" section on the right has been brought up to date and re-organized to be much more readable
- The "Contact Us" section has been completely revamped. It is better organized and will likely be modified further, such as including the Literature contact. I left the original wording intact for the phone line being available 24/7. I'd like to change this to reflect actual human availability and have contacted Owen in this regard.
- The "Links" section from the top row of tabs has been re-worked with descriptions for the links

As of this writing, the following updates are in the works:

- Posts of meeting minutes for Central Service and the Districts, Detox Schedule
- Posts of event flyers
- catching up on all correspondence
- updates to the printable and online meeting lists
- the "Recent Posts" section will be extended to allow for more entries

I welcome any suggestions and corrections for accuracy from Central Service and the Fellowship at large at any time, but now is especially good while items on the site are being re-organized.

Email Coordinator: Emails continue to trickle in from newcomers and concerned family members. The numbers are still low, but with Alex's efforts, it is proving to be an effective vehicle for introduction to AA.

Over the past month there were 1,069 visits by 643 visitors. Average page views per visit were 2.58, for a total of 2,755 page views. Number of new visitors is again up 45%, in part due to people making travel plans. The printable and online meeting lists were the most popular, and there were 62 visits to the newcomer page.

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Gary
Webmaster - AAHalifax