

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

May 3rd, 2011

In attendance:

CS Representatives for:

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| Keep it Simple | St. Margaret's Bay | Bedford | Mutual |
| Sunrise | Hubbards | Cole Harbour | |
| Back to Basics | West End Step | New Hope | |
| Downtown Dartmouth | Sunday Night Serenity | Second Chance | |

Others, including committees:

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| CS Chair | Treasurer | Secretary | Mid-Winter Roundup |
| Telephones | Hospital Visitation | Entertainment | Literature |
| District 1 DCM | District 2 DCM | Webmaster | |

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

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

- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$35.57
- 29 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

- Mary recommended acceptance of the minutes with the following change noted by Foster: in the Literature report, "Foster" should read "Parker". All members voted in favour.

Telephone report

Owen reported that the telephone bill has been reduced, but we want to reduce it more. The subject of looking for a phone office at a reasonable rate was entered under new business.

- Sam recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

Treasurer's Report

- Report was handed out with an operating balance of \$843.60.
- Calls into the phone line are free, we are charged for outbound calls only. Two of the three cell phone contracts expire in November. We will probably let one expire in November leaving two cell phones, one for weekends, and one for weekdays.
- \$1,000 from the prudent reserve needs to be transferred to the operating account, leaving \$2,000 in the prudent reserve.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

Entertainment

- Peter reported that he had suggestions for picnics, bowling, miniature golf, and paint ball. He informed CS that he needs people to volunteer to help organize and put on suggested activities, not just make the suggestions. So far he has had no offers of help.
- Paint ball is \$20/person, for instance, for two hours. A park picnic is approximately \$200.
- Members have not expressed interest in attending events. Holly reported that 5 people she spoke with were interested in a softball tournament, and they were going to book a field because fields will be all booked up soon.
- Peter will put a notice in the newsletter that the Entertainment Committee is looking for volunteers to help plan and execute events.
- Jessica recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

Literature

- Parker reported that he is using his personal Visa account to handle literature, as there is no bank account for literature. Three cheques and cash were received by Literature for a total of \$584.80. Cheques made out to Central Service went to Foster, the rest was processed through Parker's bank and Visa accounts. Parker emphasized that the Literature Committee needs to have a bank account.
- If groups need material, call Parker at home – they can pick up the orders at Parker's house, or he can bring the orders to Central Service. The price list on the website is not current.
- Meeting lists are now being done by Gary, proofed by Trudy and Foster, then sent to Parker for distribution with the literature.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- Last year's chair, Tim, reported that we had 21 more registrations than the previous year. A cheque for \$1,749.38 was given to CS, \$100 was returned seed money, with \$249.38 given to Central Service as profit. An additional \$97 of profit was given to Al-Anon, corresponding with their proportion of the registration numbers.
- Foster, current Mid-Winter Roundup chair, reported that the new committee met and voted on a Roundup date of Feb 17-19, 2012, subject to hotel availability. Bill was elected as co-chair of the committee, and Trudy as chair of Registration. The committee still requires a Treasurer, Co-treasurer, and chairs and co-chairs for Program, Entertainment, and Hospitality. The next meeting is on June 12, at 1:00pm in Room 619 of the Holiday Inn Harbourview on Wyse Road. Please call Foster (902.435.2172) if you are interested in hearing what any of the vacant positions entail.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the reports. All members voted in favour.

Website

- There were 987 visits last month to the website. Most visited page was the meeting list. The link from Area 82 has been fixed, and people are using it. Visitors from all over the world are visiting the website, including from India, New Zealand, and Ireland.
- All internet expenses are paid for the year.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

Newsletter

No report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade would like to have volunteers for visitation. He would like one member to represent each group, if possible. Currently there are ½ dozen volunteers, and he would like to see at least a couple of dozen – we have 45 groups.
- Request for visits can be made on the website, through email, or directly to Wade at 902.969.3753. Please announce this at meetings.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

District 1

- Tony reported that Treatment is still waiting for pamphlets to take to detox.
- 16 people attended the workshop on Anonymity.
- 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.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

District 2

- Tim reported that District 2 meetings will now meet on the third Sunday of month at 2pm.
- Third Sunday in July there will be a mini-workshop, topic to be determined.
- The Porters Lake group will be having their AA day in July this year instead of May due to location scheduling.
- Kenny recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

Co-chair's report

No report.

Chair's report

Trudy presented no report.

- Holly recommended acceptance of the “non-report.” All members voted in favour.

New business

- Former problems with literature bank account resulted in the closure of that account. Doug made a motion that a literature bank account with three signatories be established. Sam seconded the motion.

In favour: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

- Mary made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from the prudent reserve to the operating account and wait three months to reassess the amount of the prudent reserve. Andrea seconded the motion.

In favour: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

- The question was raised about what items are allowed to be put in the Newsletter. The understanding is that group, district, central service or area sponsored events can be put in the Newsletter. Trudy will try and contact someone from the BYOBB group to find out if the jam session is a group sponsored event.
- Gary was thinking about reaching out to other Nova Scotia roundups and events and posting them on the website, if they are AA sponsored events.
- There was a discussion about who might be interested in spearheading research into a phone office. It was suggested that this should be spearheaded by a CS member. If any CS representatives are interested in filling this role, they should step up next month. Andrea and Mary offered to think about it and will report back next month on what they are willing to do.
- Phil made the motion to have the treasurer and literature chair get together to revise the literature price list. Victor seconded the motion.
In favour: 3 Against: 12 Abstentions: 1 MOTION DEFEATED.
- A suggestion was made that a new price list should include the note: “Prices may be subject to change.” Doug made a motion to add a 10% mark-up on literature costs.
In favour: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 MOTION CARRIED.
 CS representatives volunteered to assist the literature chair with a price list.

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:
 June 7th, 2011 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.