

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church
Young Street, Halifax
November 1st, 2011

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

Keep it Simple	2 nd Chance	Back to Basics
Mutual	Downtown Halifax	4 Seasons
Cole Harbour	St. Margaret's Bay	Sunrise
Highland Park	Bedford	Sunday Night Serenity

(Members from Fresh Start, Living in the Solution, and Live for Today groups were present.)

Positions/committees, others represented.

CS Co-Chair	Treasurer	Secretary CS	Entertainment
District 1 DCM	District 2 DCM	Webmaster	Email Coordinator
Mid-Winter Roundup	Secretary District 1	Newsletter	Hospital Visitation
Telephone	Literature Chair	4 AA Members/Observers	

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

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

- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$32.47.
- 27 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - The October 4 minutes reported that Owen had stepped down from the telephone committee. Instead, he temporarily stepped aside.
 - The seventh tradition from October fourth was \$20.99.
- Alex recommended acceptance of the minutes, as corrected.

Telephone report

- Owen reported that he was in the hospital for 27 days. While he was in the hospital, he was not contacted, and an ad hoc phone committee was formed. There have been rearrangements

with the phone packages. Owen will try to make sure that the material would be transparent so someone could pick up and handle it whenever someone is missing.

- Owen is thinking of holding a workshop on the phone committee in January.
- Two of the cell phones have come up for renewal, and CS was thinking of getting rid of one. Owen believes that the third phone is very useful and perhaps we should keep it.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

Treasurer's Report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$5,940.46.
- Revenue for the month was \$0.
- Expenses were \$1,646.89.
- Operating balance of \$4,314.56, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,166.43, totalled: \$6,480.99.
- Phone bill was \$105.34. Bell Aliant has restructured and reduced our bill, which may recommend keeping the third cell phone.
- Jessica recommended acceptance of the report.

Entertainment

- Peter reported that the bowling event at Bayers Road Shopping Centre on October 30, 2011 was a success. Around 22 people showed up. December 4, 2011 there will be another bowling event with potluck. There is a flyer circulating.
- The next event that entertainment is working on is the New Year's Eve dance at St. Theresa's. There is a flyer circulating, and there will be a potluck.
- Karen recommended acceptance of the report.

Literature

- Current bank balance of \$967.39, with an operating balance of \$466.75. \$291.50 collected tonight for orders.
- Inventory balance of \$2,986.05.
- There was a question about whether it is normal for CS to be realizing a profit from literature sales. It was noted that it is normal for Intergroups and Central Services to make a small profit from literature.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- Foster reported that the last meeting took place on October 2, 2011. The next meeting is on November 6, 2011, 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, and one Registration Co-Chair. Please call Foster (902.435.2172) if you are interested in hearing what any of the vacant positions entail.
- The poster for the Roundup should be done by the end of this week. PayPal for the Roundup is set up, and just needs to be linked to the Roundup page.
- Banquet and Spiritual speakers have been confirmed.
- Banquet tickets are \$35. Registration is \$20.
- If you pre-register before January 15, 2012 you can buy a banquet ticket for your significant other at that time without them having to pay the \$20 registration if they are only going to the banquet. Roundup Committee members now have receipt books for pre-registrations.
- Jessica recommended acceptance of the report.

Website

- Gary reported that the Mid-Winter Roundup page is almost set up.
- The printable version of the meeting list has been updated.
- The upcoming events section has been revamped and is up-to-date.
- There were 1,155 visits over the last month, with a 49% increase in new visitors. Some people visited using their smartphones. Spotlight: there were 57 visits on Monday, October 3, 2011.
- A member noted that there is a broken link to the website. Gary will look into it.
- Alex reported “business as usual” this month with the email.
- Foster recommended acceptance of the report.

Newsletter

- Jeff brought copies of the newsletter.
- A reminder was made for people to submit announcements a week prior to the end of the month.
- Jeff prefers PDF documents for flyers, because the formatting remains intact. You do not need a PDF writer; even Word has a “save as PDF” option when you are saving a document.
- Also, when submitting announcements, consider whether it is necessary to have a flyer, or will

it fit in the announcements section of the newsletter? If so, this saves on printing costs.

- Foster recommended acceptance of the report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade mentioned that he has a second phone with a local number for use for the hospital visitation committee: 902-292-5905. The previous number was long distance.
- Jessica recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that there will be a workshop at the George Dixon Centre on November 13, 2011 at 1:00 pm on Sponsorship.
- Gary recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Tim announced that the PI and CPC committees have reconnected with universities and community colleges and they have provided literature. They are also targeting libraries and schools.
- Late February or March there will be a workshop on submitting articles to the Grapevine. The workshop will have attendees writing submissions. Look for information in the newsletter and talk it up at your groups.
- It was noted that the CPC chair could use some committee members, and/or some help with the committee work.
- Alex recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-chair's report

- Gabe attended the District 1 meeting. They have a great Grapevine kit, for a little over \$40.00.
- Alex recommended acceptance of the report.

Chair's report

- No chair. No report.

Old Business

- When Owen was unavailable, it was not clear where the phones were, and there was a scramble. There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, November 8, 2011, at 7 pm at the United Memorial Church on Young Street to discuss some ideas for the phones, and to discuss the phone committee.
- A member questioned whether 12 visits ever happened anymore. He outlined the difference between a 12 step phone call and a 12 step visit. This may be discussed next week at the special phone meeting.

New business

- Election of Central Service Chair: call for nominations was made and Mike from Mutual Group offered. Mike was declared the new CS Chair.

***The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:
December 6th, 2011 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.