

# Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## In attendance.

### CS Representatives for:

Keep it Simple	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance	Colby Village BBSG
Back to Basics	Mutual	Downtown Halifax
4 Seasons	Cole Harbour	St. Margaret's Bay
Sunrise	Highland Park	

### Positions/committees, others represented.

CS Co-Chair	Treasurer	Secretary CS	Entertainment
District 1 DCM	District 2 DCM	District 2 Alt. DCM	Webmaster
Email Coordinator	Mid-Winter Roundup	Secretary District 1	Newsletter
AA Member/Observer			

- Gabe opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Kenny read the 12 Traditions.
- Introduction of group members took place.
  
- 4 copies of the minutes to be printed for groups.
  
- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$25.99.
- 22 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Karen recommended acceptance of the minutes.

## Telephone report

- Owen has stepped down from the telephone committee due to personal reasons, and was not available to give a report.
- The phones are at CS. Sue and Fred are not co-chairs of the committee, but had agreed to help with the committee. We currently have no telephone committee, and we need someone to step in.

## Treasurer's Report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$5,601.24.
- Revenue for the month was \$1,732.86.
- Expenses were \$147.53.
- An operating balance of \$4,440.46, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,166.34, totalled: \$6,606.80.
- Phone bill should have been about \$159.00 instead of \$54.13. There may be an adjustment next month.
- Karen recommended acceptance of the report.

## Entertainment

- Peter reported that 80 showed up for the picnic/barbeque at Point Pleasant Park on Saturday, September 10, 2011. All expenses were covered by entertainment fund and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. \$75 dollars was returned to the entertainment budget from the \$200 set aside for the event.
- October 30, 2011 is scheduled for a bowling event at Bayers Road Shopping Centre. Peter needs to know who's going by October 22, 2011. There is a flyer circulating with the details.
- The next event that entertainment is working on is the New Year's Eve dance at St. Theresa's.
- Foster recommended acceptance of the report.

## Literature

- Parker was not available, but submitted the balances.
- Opening balance of \$753.82 in bank account.
- Current bank balance of \$755.74.
- Inventory balance of \$2,521.55.
- Alex 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 coming out soon, but it does not have the PayPal link, as that is not set up yet. PayPal should be set up soon.
- 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.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

### Website

- Gary reported that there was a 47% increase in website use last month.
- There were 1,395 visits over the last month, including visitors from Germany, Belgium, and Russia.
- There will be a number of changes to the website to provide registration and PayPal capabilities for the 2012 Mid-Winter Roundup.
- A member noted that there are guidelines from GSO on what should be included on local websites.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

### Newsletter

- Jeff brought copies of the newsletter.
- The current phone number listed for hospital visitations in the newsletter is not correct.
- Elaine B. will be celebrating her birthday on October 28, 2011 at Mutual Group, not October 31, 2011.
- Sam E. will be celebrating 2 years at the St. Margaret's Bay Group this month.
- Tom recommended acceptance of the report.

### Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade was not available for a report, but he let Foster know that there was a lot of activity in September. Thank you to all of those members who helped out with visitations during the month.

## District 1

- Tony reported that District 1 has a new Grapevine kit.
- A number of people will heading to the assembly in Corner Brook this weekend.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

## District 2

- Tim reported that their Grapevine kit is back in circulation since Barry has been back as Alternate DCM. Barry is also on the Workshop Committee.
- There will be a workshop on “Sponsorship” hosted by District 2, November 13, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the George Dixon Centre. The steering committee for workshops has four regular members, so please feel free to give any of the four from the committee a call if you want to put on a workshop.
- A number of people will be going to the assembly in Corner Brook, Newfoundland.
- Foster recommended acceptance of the report.

## Co-chair’s report

- Gabe has been around to meetings.
- CS is still looking for a chair.

## Chair’s report

- No chair. No report.

## Old Business

- Gary’s draft of procedures is on hold until a new CS chair is in place.

## New business

- CS urgently needs a new Telephone Chair and two Co-chairs. Candidates ideally should have two years of sobriety, time available, good organizational skills, good communication skills, and can coordinate the phones during the week, as well as the weekend phones.

- The idea was raised that there should be some stipend to cover gas and other expenses. Foster has brought up that expenses can be paid currently. He also mentioned that to hire someone we need to be aware of payroll deductions, such as taxes, employment insurance, etc. It was noted that under the traditions we are able to employ special workers. The idea of a professional answering service was brought up. We had an answering service in the past, and it cost around \$380 per month. There was discussion that it was dropped due to lack of consistent funding, and it was suggested that we might be in a better position to fund it now. Groups could still take the weekend phones to keep members involved, but have an answering service during the week. There are a lot of options. Maybe groups could take phones for a whole week, instead of just for a weekend.
- Sue, who was chair of phone committee previously, was willing to take the phones and be part of the committee temporarily.
- o Holly made a motion to pay Sue \$50 a week as a gift to temporarily take over the phones. Tom seconded.
  - A lively discussion ensued, and Sue noted that she had no thought of payment in mind when she made the offer, and she still did not have that in mind. Rick volunteered to help Sue.

In favour: 0.            Opposed: 11.            Abstain: 3.            **Motion defeated.**

Gabe asked that four or five people meet at the end of the meeting to take the phones temporarily for the next month.

- o Election of Central Service Chair: call for nominations heard three times and no one offered. Central Service is still looking for a Chair. Please ask your groups if anyone is interested, and tell them to please come to the next CS meeting and put their names forward.
- o Gabe will chair next month.

***The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.