

## Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### In attendance.

### CS Representatives for:

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

### Positions/committees represented.

CS Co-Chair	Treasurer	Secretary	Literature
District 1 DCM	Mid-Winter Roundup	Telephones	District 2 Alt. DCM
Hospital Visitation	Webmaster	Email Coordinator	

- Foster opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- John read the 12 Traditions.
- Introduction of group members took place.
  
- 4 copies of the minutes to be printed for groups.
  
- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$26.75.
- 20 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Kenny recommended acceptance of the minutes. All members voted in favour of adopting the minutes as written.

### Telephone report

- Owen reported that there are no changes at the literature committee.
- The telephone company offered Central Service a BlackBerry in addition to its current three phones, but it was declined. Our bill has been restructured and reduced from \$139 to \$126 per month for the three phones. When the contract for the third phone comes up, a discussion should take place regarding keeping it or getting rid of it.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

## Treasurer's Report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$4,384.13.
- Revenue for the month was \$1,732.86.
- Expenses were \$515.76.
- An operating balance of \$5,601.24, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,166.25, totalled: \$7,767.49.
- Karen recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

## Entertainment

- Peter was not available. Foster reminded everyone about the picnic/barbeque at Point Pleasant Park on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 1-6pm. There can be no propane barbeques in the park, so please bring charcoal BBQs, and cold foods.

## Literature

- Opening balance of \$813.67 in bank account.
- Current bank balance of \$753.82.
- Inventory balance of \$2,340.05.
- A literature order was sent in to New York today. If you are in a hurry, you can pick up literature orders from Parker, or you can wait until the Central Service meeting, and Parker will bring them there.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

## Mid-Winter Roundup

- Foster reported that the last meeting took place on September 4, 2011. The next meeting is on October 2, 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, a Co-Treasurer, and one Registration Co-Chairs. Please call Foster (902.435.2172) if you are interested in hearing what any of the vacant positions entail.
- Flyer for the Roundup should be coming out soon.
- Banquet and Spiritual speakers have been confirmed.
- Banquet tickets are \$35. Registration is \$20.
- The Roundup Committee will have PayPal set up for registration this year. Details to follow.

- 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.
- There will be a draw again this year for a free room for one night, one registration and one banquet ticket. Draw deadline to follow.
- There will be a DJ Friday and Saturday night.
- Groups are asked to consider signing up for a time slot for Marathon meetings.
- John recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

### Website

- Gary reported that he made a number of cosmetic changes to the website over the past few months.
- He is open to suggestions regarding additional content for the website.
- Gary has contacted districts to find more information for the “Contact Us” section.
- There was a 44% increase in new visits last month, perhaps due to vacationers visiting the sites.
- There were 1,285 visits (400 of which might be Gary making updates to the website), with an average of 2.6 pages per visit, mostly to the meeting list. Most visits to our website are through the Area 82 website, as it comes up first on a Google search of AA in Halifax. Gary is going to investigate improving our ranking on Google search.
- We’ve had visits from Brazil, the Philippines, Turkey and Germany this month.
- Email coordinator not seeing a lot of action, but worthwhile getting the message out, even in small numbers.
- Gary has discussed having a Paypal link on the AA Halifax website for the 2012 Mid-Winter Roundup with Roundup committee members.
- Victor recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

### Newsletter

- Judy brought copies of the newsletter in on Jeff’s behalf.

### Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wayne O will be helping Wade with the committee.
- Gary recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

## District 1

- Tony reported that District 1 has found a secretary.
- The next workshop to be put on by District 1 will be held on November 13, 2011: 1:00 pm at the George Dixon Centre on Brunswick Street in Halifax.
- John recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

## District 2

- Barry, District 2's Alternate DCM, reported that September 10 will be the first meeting back for the Serenity Group on Hawthorne Street.
- There will be a workshop on "The Service Structure in AA" hosted by District 2, September 18, 2011 at 3:30 pm. There is a steering committee for the workshops whose goal is to get a lot of people involved, and also to look at getting at least some workshops put on at group meetings.
- A van travelling to Assembly this fall may have one more spot available. Contact Tim, the District 2 DCM, for more info.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report. All members voted in favour.

## Co-chair's report

- Gabe has been busy with a family matter, and had no report.

## Chair's report

- No report.

## Old Business

- Foster will get together with Parker to set up a summary of the literature report.
- CS was supposed to look at doing an inventory this month, but will be deferring that until a new chair is elected.

## New business

- Gary has been working on a draft proposal for procedures and guidelines for Central Service. He would like to introduce the draft when a new Chair is elected. General guidelines can be obtained from GSO. Gary is thinking of guidelines that would be more specific to local needs, for example: listing whose responsibility it is to prepare the meeting lists.
- At a previous meeting, it was reported that Minority Voice is only heard on a Recommendation. Doug pointed out that in the new service manual it is stated that the Minority Voice is always heard in AA, not just for a Recommendation, but for Motions or for any other matter.
- We have an access of funds in CS. Prudent reserve was set at \$3,300 previously, but our operating expenses have decreased, so we should revisit prudent reserve amount. Area 82 seems to have a lot of money right now, can we send a contribution to GSO?
  - Foster made a motion to send GSO \$1,500.00. All members voted in favour.
- 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.
- Gabe will take the key and open up next month.

***The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.