

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

April 3rd, 2012

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

Colby Village Big Book Study	2 nd Chance	Serenity Sisters	Atlantic
St. Margaret's Bay	Sunrise	Keep it Simple	Sunday Night Serenity
Highland Park	Welcome	4 Seasons	Cole Harbour

(Members from Living in the Solution, Downtown Halifax, Fresh Start, Live 4 Today, and Mutual groups were present, but had no group vote.)

Positions/committees represented.

CS Chair	CS Co-Chair	Treasurer	Secretary CS
District 1 DCM	District 2 DCM	Newsletter	Literature
Mid-Winter Roundup			

- Mike opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
 - Introduction of group members took place.
 - Gary read the 12 traditions.

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

 - Seventh Tradition was collected: \$29.75.
 - 24 members were in attendance.
 - The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Errors and omissions: There was a recommendation recorded in the March minutes (Item 1 under old business) that referenced two documents: a written copy of the recommendation and a supporting article from the AA Newsletter of the Greater Toronto Area. A suggestion was made that a copy of those documents should be made available on the website along with March's minutes. The documents will be added to the March 2012 minutes on the website as Appendices 1 and 2.
- Kenny recommended acceptance of the minutes as amended.

Secretary's report

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$4,489.26
- Revenue for the month was \$2,384.30
- Expenses were \$612.72
- Operating balance of \$6,260.84, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,166.88, total: \$8,427.72
- \$1,500.00 is held for the 2013 Mid-Winter Roundup.
- Received \$900.00 in cheques tonight.
- A member noted that we have quite a high balance; the treasurer suggested that we should take a look again mid-year, and if our treasury is still heading in the upward direction we will need to disburse funds.
- Kenny recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-Chair's report

- Gary attended the District 1 meeting.
- Each district in Area 82 was asked to evaluate a subject and report back to the Area 82 Delegate in preparation for the upcoming World Service Conference. The purpose is to give the delegate a sample of the Area's group conscience on a variety of items. District 1 was tasked to look at some financial questions:
 - It costs approximately \$5,800.00 to send a delegate to the General Service Conference. Each Area is asked to contribute \$1,200.00 toward this cost. GSO is asking for an increase in this contribution. This area traditionally gives around \$3,000.00.
 - A suggestion has been made that Area 82 should have a toll free number, but District 1 believes that it would cost too much money.
 - Individual one-time contributions and bequests are both currently limited to \$3,000.00 and it is suggested by GSO that the one-time contributions be raised to \$15,000.00 and bequests be raised to \$75,000.00. District 1 suggested they be raised to \$5,000.00 each.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

Chair's report

- Mike attended the District 2 meeting and stayed for part of the Grapevine Workshop, and attended several group meetings, trying to focus on group anniversaries. Three of the groups attended were groups Mike had not been to before. Gary and Mike will alternate attendance at the two District meetings.
- Mike attended the telephone committee training session. There was great support from the committee. Sue Mac presented, and was very knowledgeable, as was the committee.
- Kim recommended acceptance of the report.

Newsletter

- Jeff reported that everything was “hunky-dory.”
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

Website

- Gary was absent, no report.

Telephone report

- Alex was absent, but had given a report to Rick.
- The 5th phone was purchased and is up and running.
- Dave S. has stepped forward to look after the overnight volunteers.
- A training session was held with reasonable attendance.
- Things are progressing, and the committee is working on the feedback that they have had. They are continuing to work on phone packages to help volunteers.
- WEEKEND PHONES ARE 24 HOURS A DAY, PLEASE DO NOT TURN OFF OVERNIGHT.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

Website email

- Chris was absent, no report.
- Incoming emails and replies are sent to both Chris and Mike.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade and Karen were both absent. Wade submitted a report, but Mike thought that Karen would be presenting it. The visitation committee reported that this committee is becoming very busy. Wade will be making a presentation at the upcoming Service Weekend.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- Bill P. reported that the committee has elected a secretary, treasurer, hospitality chair and hospitality co-chair. The roundup committee needs a Committee Co-chair, along with many other positions.
- The next Districts 1 & 2 Mid-Winter Roundup will take place February 15-17, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Harbourside in Dartmouth.
- The committee meeting will be May 13, 2012 at 1:00 at the Holiday Inn, Room 619.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

Entertainment

- Peter reported that there were around 24 people at the last bowling event. May 6 and June 3 are the next two bowling dates, after which bowling will break for the summer.
- There has been a suggestion for a hike out by Kearney Lake in the summer. A suggestion has also been made for a crib tournament. Please let Peter know if you are interested.
- Peter's co-chair is currently ill; if anyone would like to help out, please contact Peter at 229-3502.
- Rick recommended acceptance of the report.

Literature

- Opening bank balance of \$1,770.86.
- Credits of \$174.95.
- Operating balance of \$1,173.25.
- Expenditures of \$772.56.
- Inventory balance: \$3,485.00.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that they are getting ready for the service weekend in June. The delegate is going to New York this month. Each district received subjects to evaluate and report back to the delegate. District 1 was assigned financial questions, described by the CS Co-Chair in his report above.
- There is a handout in the newsletter regarding the upcoming District 1 workshop.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Tim reported that District 2 was tasked with looking at conference items. Specifically, they looked at the updates for the reports and charters for the AA Service Manual. Tim remarked that it was very interesting.
- There were nine people in attendance at the Grapevine writing workshop, and the nine articles were shared that afternoon. Tim is getting them typed up and will submit them to the Grapevine. There will be another Grapevine Writing workshop at the service weekend.
- There is an AA Day being put on by the Porters Lake group. See the flyer or the Districts 1 & 2 website for details.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

Old business

- Does the CS Committee wish to pay to send the CS Chair to the AA Service Weekend? The cost for a single person to attend the weekend is \$165.00 (accommodation and six meals) plus travel expenses. John made a motion to pay for the CS Chair and for Wade from the Hospital Visitation Committee to attend the weekend, and Kenny seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Wade has a budget; he can ask CS about having his expenses reimbursed from the budget, if appropriate. John retracted his motion. Foster made a motion for CS to pay for the cost of sending Mike C. to the Service Weekend in June. The motion was seconded by Judy. **The motion passed unanimously.**

New business

- Four Seasons in Sackville would like to put their name up for the Cocktail party in December of 2012. Mike will make a note of this for June or July.

Group reports, miscellaneous announcements

Mount Uniacke group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm, Enter Road, Mount Uniacke, which is Exit 3 off of Highway 101. The group is still functioning even though missing from the meeting list.

Downtown Halifax group, Sunday night at 8:00pm is looking for support and for people to volunteer to speak at the meeting so they can return to having a speaker meeting on Sunday nights.

May Day in Bridgewater is cancelled.

On April 15th at 1:00pm there will be a meeting to hold elections to form the 2013 Round-up/Assembly Committee. This meeting will be held at Club 24 on Dundas Street in Dartmouth. Those interested in getting involved should attend.

***The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:
May 1st, 2012 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.