

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

August 7th, 2012

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

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| 2 nd Chance | Atlantic | Living in the Solution | Downtown Halifax |
| Welcome | West End Step | Downtown Dartmouth | Back to Basics |
| Serenity Sisters | 4 Seasons | Colby Village Big Book Study Group | |

(Members from Cole Harbour, Fresh Start, and Mutual groups were present, but had no group vote.)

Positions/committees represented.

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| CS Chair | Treasurer | CS Secretary | District 1 DCM | Literature |
| Mid-Winter Roundup | Hospital Visitation | Website | Email | Phone |

- Gary opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- **Gary read a letter from Mike C., letting CS know that he has taken employment outside of the city and, as a result, has resigned as Chair of CS.**
- Introduction of group members took place.
- Bruce read the 12 traditions.
5 copies of the minutes printed for groups.
- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$25.90.
- 24 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Dave recommended acceptance of the minutes.

Secretary's report

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$5,361.22.
- Revenue for the month was \$379.75.
- Expenses were \$1,467.08.
- Operating balance of \$3,273.89, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,167.24, total: \$5,441.13.
- Last month Foster had asked CSRs to check with their groups to see if the 6 month report reflected all of the group contributions. No feedback reported from the groups.
- Foster is available to members to discuss the role of treasurer for September's elections.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-Chair's report

- No Co-Chair, no report.

Chair's report

- Gary will be acting as CS Chair until the new Chair is elected in September and takes the position in January 2013.

Website

- Gary noted that the Tuesday meeting of Live for Today is now on the meeting list.
- Monthly updates were a little late, but should be caught up now.
- There are a lot of visual changes to the website, as well as more information.
- If anyone knows of Area 82 contacts that they think should be online, please let him know.
- Gary is looking at the possibility of assigning different passwords to emails on the website, creating service position email addresses, such as CS Secretary, Treasurer, etc.
- The draft Guidelines will be brought to next month's CS meeting, after incorporating suggested revisions from the groups.
- Victor recommended acceptance of the report.

Website email

- Chris reported that there were two emails last month, and both were answered.
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Karen reported that there were three males requesting visitations, and no females this month.
- Sue recommended acceptance of the report.

Telephone

- Alex has stepped down as Chair of the Telephone Committee.
- The committee met on July 25th to look at what it has accomplished, what has been implemented from the recommendations of the interim phone committee, and where the current phone committee is heading. The phone committee is moving in a good direction.
- Everything else has been going smoothly.

- Samaira, as one of two co-chairs, has stepped up to take over the chair position.
- She reported that the committee currently has 6 members. She also included in her report:

As far as I can see the phone line has been running smoothly despite the lack of volunteers to man the phone. We need to get the numbers up. On the day times phone, we only have 8 members able to volunteer and with over 50 meetings a week, I believe we should be able to increase those numbers.

I would like to create a master list of CSR/GSRs of the groups that are on the weekend phone list. This will help greatly my ability to contact them for their weekend responsibility.

Thank you, AA-Phone Chair, Samaira

- Samaira confirmed that the master list of weekend phone groups' CSR/GSRs would be for telephone committee use only, and would not be distributed or published.
- Thanks to Alex for stepping in to chair the Telephone Committee to get it up and running.
- Karen recommended acceptance of the report.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- Bill noted that the next meeting will be this Sunday at the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth, 1 p.m, Room 619.
- Dave recommended acceptance of report.

Entertainment

- There will be a "Picnic and Fellowship in the Park" on August 25, 1-4 p.m. at Point Pleasant Park. Pop and water will sell for \$1.00, hot dogs and hamburgers free (the flyer lists them for \$1.00 in error). There will be a seventh tradition.
- Dave recommended acceptance of report.

Literature

- Parker read a letter from GSO concerning individual birthday/anniversary donations. Parker has birthday envelopes available if groups would like some for their members. AA members can also make contributions online.
- Literature fund opening balance: \$795.33, revenue \$331.25, expenses \$93.53, \$10.85 service charges, closing balance \$1,022.20.
- Foster recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that the forensics hospital meetings started 4 weeks ago. There have been a couple of meetings since that time. Districts are trying to get enough involvement to have them each week. They take place Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Groups or individual members are invited to adopt a meeting. Please contact Tony if you or your group are interested in doing so.
- Dave recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Tim M. sent his report via email.

I will not be attending the meeting on Tuesday. The only thing I have to report on from District 2 is our Workshop on Aug 19, 2 pm at club 24. Topic Third Legacy Voting Procedure.

The only other thing I would like to give my opinion on is the following the H.R.M. Guidelines. Please note this is just my opinion I am not speaking on behalf of District 2. I believe that these guidelines should be accepted as they are, amendments can be made at a later date. A great job was done by all involved in putting these together. I have only one concern and it is the name of the document. H.R.M. Central Service Guidelines. I feel it implies affiliation with the H.R.M. Municipality. My suggestion would be District 1&2 Central Service Guidelines.

That's all from me.

Yours In Love Of Service,
Tim Milligan D.C.M District 2

- Karen recommended acceptance of the report.

Old business

- Financial reports on the website – Mike C contacted intergroup in Ottawa, and found out they do not post financial documents online. He checked with Toronto, and found that they post general numbers in their minutes. Foster suggested that we keep the level of financial information in our minutes, which are published online. Status quo will be maintained.
- Email monitoring – An anonymity or confidentiality issue was raised a couple of months ago at CS, whereby CS decided that too many people had access to the help@aahalifax.org email address. Since then, however, the issue was raised that email answering is the only position that is not accountable to CS in some way. If the email coordinator was absent or went back out, without someone else having access, it could be a couple of months before anyone knows. Also, it was suggested that

there could be some content oversight to ensure no wild responses were being given out. When something on the website or in the newsletter goes off the mark, for instance, CS hears about it.

- The current Email Coordinator recommended that the Email Coordinator emails the CS Chair with responses to individual emails, deleting personal information, with the Webmaster being the backup for email account access.

Vote: 13 for; 4 against; 0 abstentions. Recommendation passed.

New business

- o No new business.

Group reports, miscellaneous announcements

- Bedford Sackville AA Days' entrance fee is \$6.00 not \$5.00 as listed in the flyer.

***The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:
September 4th 2012 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.