

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

February 7th, 2012

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

Keep it Simple	2 nd Chance	Serenity Sisters	Atlantic
Mutual	St. Margaret's Bay	Sunrise	Bedford
Back to Basics	Living in the Solution	Colby Village Big Book Study	
Downtown Dartmouth	Highland Park		

(Members from Fresh Start and Acceptance groups were present.)

Positions/committees, others represented.

CS Chair	Treasurer	Secretary CS	District 1 DCM
District 2 Alt/DCM	Webmaster	Email Coordinator	Newsletter
Mid-Winter Roundup	Hospital Visitation	Literature Chair	

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

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

- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$36.21.
- 29 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the minutes as submitted.

Secretary's report

- Kim does not expect to be present for the March 6 CS meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$2,806.37
- Revenue for the month was \$1,083.01 (includes \$800 returned from Entertainment Committee).

- Expenses were \$321.32.
- Operating balance of \$3,568.06, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,166.70, total: \$5,734.76.
- An updated contribution report by the groups was handed out, and CSRs are encouraged to go to their group treasurers and confirm their group's contributions for 2011.
- Kenny recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-chair's report

- No report.

Chair's report

- Mike attended various group meetings, Districts 1 & 2 meetings.
- The website was down this month, but people have worked hard to get it back on track.
- Gary recommended acceptance of the report.

Telephone report

- No report.

Newsletter

- Jeff reported that there have been no complaints and the newsletter has been out on time this month.
- Please send in items and announcements by the 25th of each month. Anything submitted past that date may not make it into the newsletter.
- An announcement got caught in Jeff's spam filter. He will check his spam filter from now on, but if someone sends him an item for the newsletter and does not hear back from him within a couple of days, please give him a call.
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

Website

- Gary reported that on January 19 the server that housed our website failed. It was recovered in the state that existed on June 2010. Gary has been restoring everything that had been added

since then, and continues to do so.

- John recommended acceptance of the report.

Website email

- Alex reported that January was a slow month, and that Gary has had to forward emails to Alex while the website has been down. Alex will be checking to see if the delivery of emails will come automatically again since the website restoration.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade reported that January was busy.
- Wade would like to have a female co-chair for the committee, and has someone in mind.
- He has been working with a hospital staff member, who has been referring people to the hospital visitation committee. Currently, the committee answers requests from AA members who are in the hospital and would like visits from other AA members, and also does 12 step work for patients who express an interest in recovering from alcohol addiction.
- Wade may go to District meetings to get a better understanding of how the hospital visitation committee fits into the local service structure. He may also go to the next service weekend.
- He has had two more volunteers to go on visits.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- The Holiday Inn in Dartmouth experienced flooding and will not be available for the roundup. They helped to find and negotiate with another venue: the Atlantica Hotel. Prices are the same.
- Committee members have been meeting weekly to deal with the change in venue.
- Free underground parking for guests on a first come, first served basis.
- Members need to tell the hotel that they are there for the Mid-Winter Roundup in order to get the roundup rate, and to make sure that the roundup gets a discount on the meeting rooms.
- The room draw took place and the winner was very excited.
- The CS committee wanted to congratulate Foster and the rest of the Roundup Committee for their extra work to get the roundup underway with challenging circumstances.
- Doug recommended acceptance of the report.

Entertainment

- No report available.

Literature

- Parker handed out a printed literature report.
- Opening bank balance of \$1,144.70.
- Operating balance of \$1,116.60.
- Parker ordered extra literature for the upcoming Mid-Winter Roundup.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that this Sunday will be a special district meeting to discuss whether the Assembly this fall will have a roundup with it or not. The meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the George Dixon Centre. Please ensure that your group sends your GSR (or another member to represent the group) to vote on this issue. This meeting will include Districts 1 & 2.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Tim reported that there will be a workshop after the March 18 District 2 meeting. It will take place at 3:30 at Club 24. This will be a Grapevine workshop, so attending members will write stories and they will be submitted to the Grapevine for potential publication.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report.

Old Business

- Gary chaired the subcommittee that was formed to look at draft service guidelines for service for the Districts 1 & 2. The committee is made up of Alex, Holly, Trudy, Murdo, and Mary. The first revised draft will be presented next month.
- **Call for nominations from floor for CS Committee Co-Chair:** Gary S. put his name forward for CS Committee Co-Chair. The rest of this term is until the fall of 2012.
Foster recommended acceptance of Gary as CS Committee Co-Chair. All voted in favour.

- **Call for nominations from floor for Telephone Committee Chair.** (Mike is still serving as chair, and volunteers have been keeping the phones going.) Alex L. put his name forward for Telephone Committee Chair. Alex would like to step down as Email Coordinator. Foster recommended that Alex be accepted as Telephone Chair for CS. 19 in favour, 1 opposed.
- **Call for nominations from the floor for Telephone Committee Co-Chair.** Samara G. and Leah put their names forward as Co-Chairs for the telephone Committee. Jeff recommended that Samara and Leah be accepted as Telephone Committee Co-Chairs. All voted in favour.
- **Insurance coverage on AA literature.** Parker currently houses CS literature, and determined that a tenant's policy including CS's literature would cost \$157.00 annually. Foster made a motion to pay 20% of Parker's tenant's policy to cover up to \$5,000.00 of potential CS literature at peak periods. This would cost CS approximately \$31.40 per year. Kim seconded. 19 in favour, 1 opposed. Minority voice was heard. Vote was retaken and the motion passed unanimously.
- **2012 CSR Committee budget.** 2012 Budget was presented. Alex recommended acceptance of the budget.

New business

- **aahalifax.org website.** Gary has looked into alternative web servers to host our website. Our current server did not provide sufficient help when their server crashed. Gary would like more time to investigate. We can transfer the current domain name to CS management; we need to do this by the end of the month. Jessica recommends that we transfer the domain name.
- **The Only Requirement Group.** Jeff wanted clarification on whether he could announce the new group in the newsletter. It was presented that the group was an atheist/agnostic meeting and that they changed the wording of AA's 12 steps for reading during the meeting. Vigorous discussion took place regarding whether CS will print announcements from the group in the newsletter, and whether the meeting would be included in the meeting list.

A recommendation was made to not put announcements from the Only Requirement Group in the newsletter.

Votes: 4 in favour, 8 opposed. Recommendation was defeated.

CSRs were encouraged to bring these questions back to their groups.

*The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:
March 6th, 2012 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.*

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.