

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

January 3rd, 2012

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

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| Keep it Simple | 2 nd Chance | Atlantic |
| Mutual | Downtown Halifax | 4 Seasons |
| St. Margaret's Bay | Sunrise | Sunday Night Serenity |
| Bedford | Back to Basics | Living in the Solution |
| Colby Village Big Book Study | Downtown Dartmouth | |

(Members from Fresh Start and Cole Harbour groups were present.)

Positions/committees, others represented.

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

- Mike opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- The 12 traditions were read.
- Introduction of group members took place.
- Thank you to Back to Basics for hosting the cocktail party on December 24. Great job.
- Thanks to Peter and the Entertainment Committee for the New Year's Eve Dance. Great job.

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

- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$33.01.
- 25 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the minutes, as read.

Secretary's report

- No report.

Treasurer's Report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$4,418.69
- Revenue for the month was \$126.00.
- Expenses were \$1,738.32.
- Operating balance of \$2,667.95, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,166.61, total: \$4,834.56.
- Please take back the report for group contributions and get your treasurer to compare with their records of contributions to CS.
- Tom recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-chair's report

- No report.

Chair's report

- In December, Mike attended 3 group anniversaries, the District 1 meeting, and 13 group meetings, along with the Cocktail Party on the 24th.
- Mike and Foster renewed the contract on two cell phones, purchased an additional phone, for a total of 4 cell phones. They are all now the same style.
- Mike and others have been unsuccessful so far in finding a chair or co-chairs for the Telephone Committee, or a co-chair for CS. The telephones have been answered 24/7 throughout December.
- Groups should check the website for weekend phone schedule updates.
- There have been volunteers for answering the phones. Mike is still finding more.
- There is no need for further telephone committee members outside of the Chair and Co-chairs; there are 5 non-elected members. Mike will hold a meeting with these 5 members, hopefully within a month's time.
- The 12 step call list is being updated, and, as always, is open to new volunteers.
- Doug recommended acceptance of the report.

Telephone report

- No report.

Newsletter

- Jeff reported that 2011 was a good year, and brought copies of the newsletter.
- Peter brought copies of the next bowling night's flyers. Members are encouraged to attach a copy to their newsletters.
- Kenny recommended acceptance of the report.

Website

- Gary reported that there were over 1,200 over the last month, which is a little below last month.
- Visits to the website included those from Brazil, Nigeria and Egypt. Visits from smartphones seem to be a continuing trend.
- In the past, webmasters have answered most of the incoming emails regardless of what type of question, but it was pointed out that questions should be farmed out to the various appropriate committees. Gary will improve communication on this point.
- Gary has been thinking of enhancing contact information for the general public.
- Procedures and Guidelines report:
 - Gary reported that the committee formed to look at the Central Service Procedures and Guidelines draft is halfway through the document.
 - The committee will be trying to meet the February CS meeting deadline for the first revision of the draft.
 - The guidelines are being written in everyday language.
- Gary recommended acceptance of the report.

Website email

- Alex reported that December was the slowest email month to date with one email.
- Parker recommended acceptance of the report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- No report.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- Foster reported that the next Mid-Winter Roundup meeting is this Sunday at 1:00pm at the Holiday Inn Harbourview in Dartmouth.
- The committee is still looking for two Program Co-chairs. Please call Foster (902.435.2172) or Murdo, Program Chair, 860-3295 if you are interested in helping out.
- 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.
- January 15 is also the cut-off date for the free room draw.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

Entertainment

- Peter reported that the New Year's Eve dance at St. Theresa's was a great success.
- The Entertainment Committee spent \$,1000 in 2011 on bowling events, the BBQ in Point Pleasant Park, the December 24 cocktail party, and the New Year's Eve dance. After the New Year's Eve dance, Peter was able to return \$900 to CS, leaving the total amount spent in 2011 at only \$100. Peter was also advanced \$100 as start-up money for 2012.
- February 5, 2012 and March 4, 2012 are booked for the next two bowling events. The Entertainment Committee will be hosting a bowling event each month.
- Holly recommended acceptance of the report.

Literature

- Parker handed out a complete literature report, showing every book and pamphlet in stock. This report also shows the cost of the materials and the adjusted selling price so members can see the mark-up.
- Opening bank balance of \$980.70.
- Operating balance of shows \$931.65, but should read 794.40.
- \$159.60 in deposits were made last month.
- Parker checked with the insurance company, but has been told that material that does not belong to the tenant insurer cannot be insured on the tenant's policy.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that last month was quiet.
- The 2013 Area 82 Assembly is taking place in HRM and the next District 1 meeting will have on the agenda whether there will be a Roundup with the Assembly. Districts 1 & 2 GSRs have been asked to take the question back to their groups and to attend the open meeting on February 12, 2012 at 1 pm at the George Dixon Centre on Brunswick Street. Those who may be interested in working on the Roundup, if it is voted in on February 12, are encouraged to attend the District meeting. Others are welcome to attend the meeting as well.
- John recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Barry reported that there will be a workshop on January 10, 2012 at 8:30 pm at the Sunrise Tuesday night group at the same time as their regular meeting in a separate room.
- District 2 is looking for a group to host a workshop in March of 2012.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

Old Business

- As Webmaster, Gary had been asked if our website was able to post Public Service Announcements from GSO using streaming video. He has not had time to investigate. This issue will be tabled until February 7, 2012.
- Call for Co-chair of Central Service was made 3 times. There were no volunteers. Co-Chair would need at least 3 years of sobriety to be elected.
- Call for Chair of the Telephone Committee was made 3 times. There were no volunteers.
- Call for two (2) Telephone Committee Co-chairs was not made.

New business

- The 2012 draft budget was presented. Foster will make adjustments based on the comments from tonight's meeting and bring a clean copy of the budget to next month's meeting. The adjusted copy will then be presented for acceptance by the CS committee.
- A CSR raised his group's concern that there should be a more secure place to store CS literature than in the home of whatever Literature Committee chair happened to be in office at any

particular time. In case of fire, flood, etc. CS could lose thousands of dollars in materials. Parker stated that he had looked into the possibility of insurance on the literature, but was informed that he would not be able to insure property that he did not own under his own insurance. Suggestions were discussed, including the expense of renting and insuring a storage unit. A member volunteered to investigate various insurance scenarios, along with the CS Chair, Mike, and Parker will call his insurance agent back and see if he can get a quote on CS insuring the literature in Parker's home. The matter was tabled until more information could be gathered.

Group Announcements

- Bedford group announced that it intends to put on a workshop on an undetermined date.

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

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.