

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

June 5th, 2012

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

St. Margaret's Bay	2 nd Chance	Atlantic	Colby Village BBSG
Welcome	Living in the Solution	Cole Harbour	Back to Basics
4 Seasons			

(Members from Sunday Night Serenity, Live for Today, West End Step, Downtown Halifax, and Fresh Start groups were present, but had no group vote.)

Positions/committees represented.

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

- Mike opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Introduction of group members took place.
- Craig read the 12 traditions.
5 copies of the minutes printed for groups.
- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$30.71.
- 23 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Sue recommended acceptance of the minutes.

Secretary's report

- A request that errors or omissions in the minutes be brought to the following meeting and not emailed to the secretary. Thank you.

Treasurer's report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$6,975.86.
- Revenue for the month was \$146.12.
- Expenses were \$867.99.
- Operating balance of \$6,253.99, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,167.06, total: \$8,421.05.
- Sunday Breakfast meeting at Club 24 has pledged to give the proceeds of their breakfast to CS.

- Grapevine subscription mailed in February has not been processed, and our subscription got cancelled. The money order has never been cashed, and the missing money order may have fallen into the wrong hands. We will be on the hook for it if that is the case (around \$83).
- Will be holding elections for CS positions in October. If anyone is interested in CS Treasurer, Foster will not be re-offering, and is happy to answer any questions of interested parties.
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-Chair's report

- Absent, no report.

Chair's report

- I had a busy month and attended 4 more District 1 & 2 meetings I had not been to before—2nd Chance in Sackville, Enfield, Fall River and the Mt Uniacke groups
 - I also attended both District 1 and District 2 meetings including the 2013 Assembly Round-Up Organizational meeting.
 - Yesterday, I attended a meeting at the NS Forensic Hospital and met the Hospital's Social Worker, Anita Graham. I was accompanied by Wade H. and Karen McD. from our Hospital committee. We were given a complete tour of the facility.
 - This past weekend I attended the NS Area 82, 2012 Service Weekend in Truro. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, I got a lot out of the weekend and I wish to thank the members of the Central Service Committee for giving me the opportunity. With the exception of a 1 hour workshop on Saturday night, I attended all meetings on the busy agenda. I will be in receipt of the minutes from the Weekend and will be pleased to make them available to any member of this committee. Some of the agenda items (such as a 1-800 AA number for Area 82 and Video Conferencing for Annual Assemblies will be put on this year's Assembly agenda in St. John's in October)
 - I believe that future CSR Chairpersons should be sent to this Service Weekend in the first year of their 2 year term and that the cost should be budgeted in the 2013 annual CSR Committee budget
- Respectfully submitted,
Mike Chute, CSR Chairperson
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

Newsletter

- Jeff reported that everything is going great.
- Reminder for everyone to grab newsletters to distribute to their groups.
- A member mentioned that the tone of the letter accompanying the Early Risers AA Day flyer was off. Jeff had asked if the group wanted it printed word for word, and they insisted that it be published as submitted.
- A question was brought up about getting the newsletter on the Area 82 website. Jeff will add the area website contact to his distribution list.

- Saturday, at the Lost and Found group, Lucy L will be celebrating 4 years, at 10 am in Tantallon on St Margaret's Bay Rd.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

Website

- Gary noted that the new literature order form is available on the website.
- The webpage for the 2013 Mid-Winter Roundup is up and running, with functioning PayPal. Right now the PayPal page from the link is showing old year prices. The Mid-Winter Roundup committee is working on correcting this issue.
- Gary had requested a list of the groups doing the weekend phone coverage so he can post it on the website. He has not yet received it. He would like to have the information 6 months in advance, if possible. Jeff will be included in this information distribution to make sure the website and the newsletter match.
- Murdo requested that AA Public Service Announcements be posted on our website. Gary made attempts to link to the PSAs, but was not successful. He will email GSO.
- Live for Today meeting will be in the online meeting list soon. They are currently on the printed meeting list.
- There has been a spike in visits to the website. 927 unique visitors in the last month. There were around 100 visitors from both Ontario and Quebec. Visitors from Brazil and Australia also visited this month.
- The treasurer and CS committee thanked Gary for his work getting the literature order form on the website. It was a great deal of work.
- Gary will be sending the meeting list to the Area 82 website.
- Gary will be working on adding service commitment descriptions to the website soon.
- Anne recommended acceptance of the report.

Website email

- Christopher had one email. That person was referred to an AA member and has begun to get help. There has been one email so far in June asking for help for a family member.
- Currently there are four people with access to the AA email address: The Email Coordinator, previous Email Coordinator, CS Chair and Webmaster. Is there a problem with privacy of the individual? The email address will now only be accessed by the Email Coordinator.
- Karen recommended acceptance of the report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade reported there were 8 people who requested visits in May. Wade has been getting out to various groups to let them know that the service is available.
- The East Coast Forensic Hospital would like a weekly meeting, starting with 2 meetings a month; Halifax Infirmary and the VG Site would like regular meetings as well. No police checks are required at the forensic hospital, as the meetings would not be in the correctional area of the facility, meetings would be in the public interface area. Corrections Committee stopped going to the Forensics Corrections facility in Burnside due to security issues, but the hospital portion of the facility operates differently. Treatment Facilities would be the appropriate committee to take on meetings at the hospital locations looking to have meetings; Wade will pass on contact and other information to the Treatment Chair.
- Generic email addresses for committee members would be helpful. Gary is working on this.
- Christopher recommended acceptance of the report.

Telephone report, via email

- Things running smoothly with no complaints directed to me
- Weekend phone schedule updated
- 12 step call list remains as is for the moment, person updating it has been busy working on updated training package and other documents.
- Phone forwarding is moving towards a rotation to prevent fatigue and hopefully minimize any possible errors.
- Phone committee will be working with the area towards possible area wide phone system, more information to come.
- Please read all questions or concerns into minutes, except those involving issues already addressed.

Yours in service, Alex L

- Webmaster is requesting the updated weekend phone list.
- 12 step list – one person getting “constant calls” and wants to know “what’s happening with the 12 call list”.
- When will the next workshop for the telephones take place?
- A concern was brought up that phones were not being answered, getting voicemail, and calls not being returned. The CS Chair mentioned that there may be an issue with calls when the phones are transferred, or if there is a delay in transferring the phones.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- May 13 was the last committee meeting. Still need Committee Co-Chair, Registration Chair and Entertainment Chair.

- Contract with Holiday Inn in Dartmouth signed. Same deal as last year.
- Committee raised registration to \$25.00. Costs increase every year, as registration and hotel registration has decrease somewhat the past few years, and the committee cannot count on the discounts that it was able to get in some years past.
- Banquet tickets are \$35.00 this year. This is around 25¢ more per meal than the hotel is charging.
- The prize draw has changed. There will now be three prizes. 1st prize: free night stay at Holiday Inn during the roundup; 2nd prize: free banquet ticket; and 3rd prize: free registration.
- MWR Committee is looking for \$1,500.00 start-up money from CS tonight.
- Dave recommended acceptance of report.

Entertainment

- Had 8 people at bowling this weekend. (22 people at previous weekend.) Will look at a Point Pleasant Park outing when the weather gets warmer.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of report.

Literature

- Parker reported that the literature balances will be included in the next treasurer's report.
- Literature is now stored at Co-chair's home.
- AA business cards will be 12 for a dollar; when a new batch gets printed, the toll free number for AA in New York will replace the long distance number that the card currently shows.
- Parker's new phone number is 453-9262.
- Two books in Spanish are on order.
- Brenda recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that the Welcome Group will be holding a workshop on June 19.
- The provincial Roundup in Bridgewater is fast approaching.
- Sunday, June 17 at Club 24 is the next meeting of the 2013 Roundup Committee at 1:00 p.m.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Workshop for June, should be in the newsletter
- We are looking to see if someone would like to put a workshop on in July or August.
- Please contact myself or Wayne if interested.
- We are having a workshop in September hosted by District 2 ...Details to follow

- Wayne and Tom from District 1 helped put on a workshop at the Service weekend and it was well attended. A big thanks for all of the work they did to make it a success.
- All is well in District 2
Yours in Service, Barry H
- Karen recommended acceptance of the report.

Old business

- Procedures & Guidelines document – with all of the additional work getting the website back up to snuff, along with special projects, there has been no committee meeting. They will report back next month.
- Contact phone numbers on Meeting List – most groups were in favour of adding phone numbers to their group meeting info on the meeting list. Those groups who were in favour should submit phone numbers for the meeting list, and those groups who were not in favour, do not submit phone numbers.
- Website Service Positions page – deferred until next meeting.

New business

- Foster recommended sending \$1000.00 each to Area 82 and GSO as CS Committee contributions. Motion not needed as this was approved in the budget. That will leave CS with around \$3,650.00 less June expenses, plus prudent reserve. The recommendation passed.
- \$6.00 per AA member would make GSO self-sufficient. GSO now relies on literature sales to keep afloat. Please pass along to your groups that groups and individual AA members should consider starting or increasing contributions to GSO.

Group reports, miscellaneous announcements

- A member requests that the letter that accompanied the free AA Day flyer not be put in future newsletters, as it is opinion. The newsletter editor will deal with the situation if it arises again.

The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on: July 3rd, 2012 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.