

## CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

**March 6, 2012**

### In attendance:

**CS Representatives for:** Keep it Simple; Back to Basics; Four Seasons; Fresh Start;

Colby Village BBSG; St. Margaret's Bay; Bedford; Living in the Solution; Atlantic; Downtown Dartmouth;

Sunday Night Serenity; Downtown Halifax; Highland Park; Welcome; Porter's Lake

Also members from Back to Basics, Living in the Solution, Acceptance and Mutual groups were present

### Positions/committees, others represented:

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

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In the absence of the CSR Secretary, Elaine B, Dist 1 Secretary agreed to record the minutes from this meeting

1/ Mike opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He welcomed all and then those present introduce themselves.

2/ Judy H. read the 12 Traditions.

3/ 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was collected: \$38.30

4/ Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed. One member commented that under New Business for the February meeting the following statement should have been included -- " CSRs were encouraged to bring these questions back to their groups." The member stated that during the meeting it was stated and agreed "Groups were to research and report back to this committee what their individual group conscience had decided."

Karen recommended acceptance of minutes as amended.

5/ Call for items from the floor to be discussed under New Business:

1/ Alex L. wanted to ask for another phone (5<sup>th</sup>) for the Phone Committee.

2/ Alex L. wanted to step down as the Email Coordinator.

3/ Alex L. wanted discussion re: An AA Group changing the 12 Steps and Traditions---**It was agreed that this item be moved to Old Business.**

## 6/ REPORTS:

**A/ Secretary** : Absent—no report

**B/ Treasurer**: Foster reported the opening balance for Feb 2012 was \$3,568.06. The Operating Balance was \$4,343.44. The Prudent Reserve remains at \$2,166.79. The Total Available funds are \$6,510.23. Foster asked the CSRs to ask their groups if there were any contribution discrepancies. Doug recommended the report.

**C/ Co-Chair**: Absent. No report.

**D/ Chair**: Mike reported that he missed the Mid-Winter Roundup due to health issues. Alex recommended the report.

**E/ Newsletter**: Jeff wants to remind the fellowship again, to get their birthdays and announcements in before the deadline, the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month (for the next month's publication). Bruce recommended the report.

**F/ Telephone**: Alex reports that they are doing their best to get phones moving, once things are running smoothly, they will set up a workshop sometime in the next few months. The committee is moving to enact all the interim committee's recommendations. One member asked how much sobriety a person should have to answer the phones. Alex answered "from the top of my head – 6 months. Tony asked will there be a time when you won't give someone the phone if they haven't done the training? Alex answered that they are working on a document for guidelines for what a person could come across. Another member asked whose responsibility is it to bring the phones to the following weekend group. Answer from Alex, was that it is the responsibility of the last week's group to bring the phones to the next weekend group. Rick recommended the report.

**G/ Webmaster**: Gary reports that after a lot of activity there are major changes. We are hosted by HostGator (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HostGator>). as a new website server. And the domain name is registered with GoDaddy.com. There have been some technical updates, and back up was done last week. Gary says he can now look at hosting other areas such as CPC, PI, and non AA professionals etc. He and Wade Hospital Chair will get together to see what help the website can be to that committee. Gary is also going to familiarize himself with GSO guidelines with respect to cooperation with the district PI and CPC committees. Parker, Literature Chair, also would like to make use of the website for listing literature. Jeff recommended the report.

**H/ Website Email**: Alex L. reported that he only received one email for the month of February. He also announced that he would like to step down from the position of Email Coordinator ( see new business). Victor recommended the report.

**I/ Hospital**: Wade reports that he was out a lot to hospitals, enjoyed the meetings, and wished to thank the AA Groups who have wheelchair accessibility . Mike and Wade met social workers at the Abbey Lane and they have expressed interest in having meeting lists and AA books available. Wade also expressed the need for a female Hospital Co-Chair to visit women in hospitals. Wade has also looked at AA across Canada and many hospitals have regular meetings setup at their facilities. A member asked if Wade had a budget. Foster replied that for this year the amount allocated as miscellaneous could be used for the Hospital Committee.

Wade indicated the need for more volunteers and he would like to know of anyone who would like to be included in the visitations. Tom recommended the report.

**J/ Mid-Winter RU:** Foster reports that the Mid-Winter RU was a financial success only because of a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collection at the end of the Round Up on Sunday. Central Service Committee was repaid \$1500, \$500 was retained as seed money for the 2013 Mid-Winter RU and the remaining \$659 was divided by between Al-Anon(\$138) and AA (\$521).

Mike read a letter from Bill P. (Chairperson 2013 mid winter round up) re: organizational meeting April 1, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Dartmouth, 1pm, see Kenny recommended the report.

**K/ Entertainment:** Peter reports that 22 people attended the bowling in March and the next bowling is April 1<sup>st</sup>. He would also like to have a dance in May 2012. He reported the Serenity Café went great at the Mid-Winter RU. Bruce recommended the report.

**L/ Literature:** Parker the distributed the Literature Inventory and Financial Report. Operating balance is \$997.40. He also thanked his Co Chair Gerry L. for all his support. Report recommended and accepted.

**M/ District 1 DCM:** Tony D. reports things are going well, both districts are looking for a Co Chair for PI. The CPC Chairperson has suggested that Central Service, PI, and CPC rent a common office where the Central Service phones could be staffed, literature stored, and space provided for AA and professional visitation. District will continue to investigate this suggestion. Tony reported that the meeting held Feb 12, 2012 to decide on a Roundup at the 2013 Assembly was a positive response with 10 groups in favour and 7 voting against. A meeting for the 2013 Assembly will be held at club 24 after the District 2 GSR meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for form an Assembly Roundup Committee. Recommendation for this report was Ann.

**N/ District 2 ADCM:** Barry H. reports that the District 2 meeting for Feb was cancelled due to the Mid-Winter RU. He advised that the workshop steering committee was holding a workshop March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm club 24 to learn the requirements of submitting articles to the Grapevine. He also advised that there would be a service workshop April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 put on by the West End Step Group meeting 8pm. Finally, Alex L. telephone Chair has indicated that he is thinking of a Telephone workshop in May or June 2012. Judy recommended the report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1/ Alex L. introduced a recommendation with respect AA groups changing AA's 12 steps and AA's 12 Traditions He handed out a copy of his recommendation along with a supporting article from the AA Newsletter for the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) Intergroup. The CS Chairperson advised the committee that Roberts Rules allows for two x 10 minute discussions by each voting member on such a recommendation. The Chairperson suggested one 3 minute discussion per person in view of the time constraint and this received a consensus approval by voting members.

Each committee member then took his/her allotted time to indicate their group's conscience although some members passed. A vote, by show of hands, resulted in 12 in favour, 2 opposed and 4 abstentions. Recommendation passed.

2/ Gary L. was asked for an update on the progress of the sub- committee dealing with The Procedure and Guideline document for Central Service. Gary indicated that due to the website problems the committee has fallen behind in its time schedule and he asked for an extension to the May CS meeting. Granted.

3/ Alex L., Telephone Chair, requested the committee purchase a fifth cell phone. He was asked “why”, and Alex indicated that in order to have all three shifts functioning properly on a weekly basis, the fifth phone was needed for the overnight shift. So, there are now five (5) cell phones---- #1. The main cell phone; #2. For weekend groups, #3 the daily nine to six shift; #4 Evening six to eleven shift; #5 and overnight shift.

NEW BUSINESS:

1/ The Chair called for nominations from the floor for the position of Website Email Coordinator. Chris H. (Back to Basics Group) and David S. (Acceptance Group) put their names forward. The Chair called for a secret paper ballot with Tony D. acting as a scrutinizer. There were 17 votes cast: 10 for Chris, 7 for David. Foster recommended the ballots be destroyed. Recommendation passed. Thank you Chris and David

2/ The Chair asked for nominations from the floor for a Hospital Committee Co – Chair. Karen MacD. volunteered. The chair repeated the request for nomination 2 additional times & as no further names came forward, the committee voted in favour of Karen by acclamation.

Next meeting April 3, 2012

The meeting closed with The Responsibility Pledge.

Yours in Love and Service

Elaine B.

District 1 Secretary