

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

May 1st, 2012

In attendance.

CS Representatives for:

St. Margaret's Bay	2 nd Chance	Atlantic	Sunrise
Keep it Simple	Sunday Night Serenity	Highland Park	Welcome
Living in the Solution	Cole Harbour	Downtown Dartmouth	
Back to Basics	Live for Today		

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

Positions/committees represented.

CS Chair	CS Co-Chair	Treasurer	Secretary CS
District 1 DCM	District 2 DCM	Newsletter	Literature
Email Coordinator	Phone Chair		

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

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

- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$31.12.
- 27 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - On page 6, the Mount Uniacke Group meets on "Etter" Road, not "Enter" Road.
- Sue recommended acceptance of the minutes as amended.

Secretary's report

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$6,260.84.
- Revenue for the month was \$929.75.

- Expenses were \$214.73.
- Operating balance of \$6,975.86, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,166.97, total: \$9,142.83.
- Prudent reserve is held in a separate account.
- Next meeting we'll be in a position to see how much money we should disperse.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

Co-Chair's report

- Nothing to report.

Chair's report

- Mike was out of the province for the month. He attended District 1 meeting on April 29, plus one more local meeting that he had not attended previously. He also attended a 25th anniversary, birthday meetings, and the Porters Lake AA Day.
- Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

Newsletter

- Jeff reported that everything is status quo. Although there were a couple of revisions, Jeff was able to catch the changes before they went to the printer, so the printed newsletter is up to date.
- A member asked why there is no Public Information contact information in the newsletter. The omission had been carried over from previous newsletter editors. Elaine will email the appropriate information to Jeff.
- Another member suggested that the Area 82 Treasurer's address be included in the newsletter.
- A submission was removed from the first issue of May's newsletter when it was brought to Jeff's attention that the notice was from a private business, and was not an AA announcement.
- Trailer Park 12 & 12 meeting is still listed on the detox list, but it looks like the meeting might be closed, and if so, would need to be removed from the rotation list.
- Treatment facility coordinator email address in the newsletter is incorrect.
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

Website

- Gary was absent, but submitted a written report.
- Note: Please send announcements to both Gary and Jeff if you want your announcements in

both the website and the newsletter.

- See the webmaster's report as an attachment at the end of the minutes.

Website email

- Chris had four emails: one individual went to a meeting, another was looking for information to a relative, one went to a meeting, and one was a 12 step call.
 - Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

Hospital Visitation Committee

- Karen reported that she takes care of women requesting visitation in the hospital. The committee needs a few more women and men for the list of people willing to make visits. Please go back to your groups and ask for names.
- Wade will update us on holding meetings in the forensic unit at the hospital at a future date.
 - Kenny recommended acceptance of the report.

Telephone report

- Alex reported that he had overlooked the weekend phone rotation list, and the committee is sorting out whose responsibility it is to maintain the list.
- Things appear to be running smoothly; Alex has had no reports of troubles.
- The committee has been asked to create a number of lists (i.e. drivers, etc.), but the number of lists is becoming unwieldy, so no promises.
- Phone charger cords have been disappearing. The committee may have to get more.
- A member noted that a weekend switch from one phone to another was problematic. The person with the complaint told the District 1 chair, who then reported it to Alex at the CS meeting.
- A suggestion was made that the weekend phone portfolio be checked by the committee periodically to ensure all elements are still present.
- The notice in the newsletter from the telephone committee looking for drivers is to be removed. People are encouraged to educate fellow members that AA does not have a driving service.
 - Sam recommended acceptance of the report.

Mid-Winter Roundup

- Absent, no report.

Entertainment

- Absent, no report.

Literature

- Gary is going to add a form to the newsletter to create an online option to order literature from Parker.
- Foster will include lines for the literature balances in his Treasurer's report, and Parker can do a detailed inventory report a couple of times a year. This will save money in printouts.
- Opening bank balance: \$1,173.25.
- Credits: \$1,333.25.
- Operating balance: \$1,291.55.
- Expenditures: \$41.70.
- Inventory balance: \$3,298.50.
- Alex recommended acceptance of the report.

District 1

- Tony reported that all of the GSRs are looking forward to the service weekend coming up in June.
- A workshop will take place the second or third weekend in June at the Welcome Group. No further details are available at this time
- Karen recommended acceptance of the report.

District 2

- Tim reported that all is well in District 2.
- A week ago there was a meeting to form the 2013 Assembly / Roundup Committee. There was a dismal response. The committee needs around 12-14 people to pull this off. Please bring this back to your groups.
- The next meeting of the 2013 Assembly / Roundup Committee will be May 27 at 12:30 at the George Dixon Centre. In the meantime, if anyone has questions concerning positions, feel free

to contact Tony or Tim.

- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

New business

- **Service page:** Tim, chair of District 2, noted that there are 27 service positions currently vacant in Districts 1 and 2. Another AA website that Tim saw had a service page. This page had a fairly detailed description of each of these positions. It might be helpful to people considering service. CSRs can take this idea back to their groups and see if there is a positive response.
- **Meeting list:** Inquire at your group, whether a member(s) would allow their name to stand as main contact for each group on the meeting list. This may be especially helpful for 12 step calls. Other districts in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador list contact numbers on their meeting lists.

Group reports, miscellaneous announcements

- West End Step Group: Mary and Georgina both celebrating eight years this month.
- Four Seasons Group in Sackville, along with other Sackville groups, would like to put on the December cocktail party.
- 39th Anniversary with an early start time of 7:30 will be taking place this month at the St. Margaret's Bay Group.
- St. Catharines, Ontario will be hosting this year's Eastern Canada Regional Forum.

The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on: June 5th, 2012 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Appendix A – Webmaster’s Report

General Comments

Just a reminder that any items people want posted to the web site - events, meeting updates, etc. - should be emailed to the Webmaster. Most of the information posted is still gathered from the Newsletter and the Area 82 web site. Thank you to those who have sent me information directly.

Web Site Back Up

The most recent one was done on May 1, saving the recent Meeting List and Upcoming events updates in particular

Meeting List - A new revision for May has been published. It includes several updates to group meeting times and locations. The online list map links for Club 24 were changed to Bing Maps because the landing point was more accurate than Google Maps. Formatting updates were also done to the online list. The Tuesday Living for Today meeting will be added in July as it has been announced 4 of the 6 required times in the Newsletter.

Guidelines and Procedures

I take full responsibility for the delay in completing this project. I’ve had distractions starting with the web site crash that have pulled my attention away from this. One of the committee members offered to complete the draft and I will be working with them.

AA Videos

The AA public service announcements and videos for professionals are located at <http://www.aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=421>, There is no obvious way to download copies. The link to each video pops up a window that shows the video on the GSO web site, but the links are structured in a way that a link to each video cannot be applied to our web site.

Literature Online Order Form

I did a rough draft of an order form and sent it to Parker.

P.I. and C.P.C

I still want to build information about AA for the public and professionals. I would like to catch up on other items first so I can focus on this. I am thinking about combining GSO information, local contact information and a list of services and activities available from the local AA such as literature distribution, public speaking, participation at professional events, hospital visitations, etc.

Weekend Phone Schedule

Is now up to date for May only. I emailed Alex a request for an extended schedule to post on the web site.

Web Site Traffic

There were 899 unique visitors this past month which is up from the roughly 700 we’ve getting in the past. Most of the traffic is to the home page then the Meeting List. Contacts and pages for newcomers saw some activity. It appears the web site is being used increasingly over time. We still get visited from all over the world, such as Bermuda and Hong Kong, but the majority is local.

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Yours in service,
Gary L
Webmaster - AAHalifax