

# Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

October 2, 2012

## In attendance.

### CS Representatives for:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance	Atlantic	Highland Park	West End Step
Downtown Dartmouth	Back to Basics	Keep it Simple	Serenity Sisters
Sunday Night Serenity	Mutual	Living in the Solution	

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

### Positions/committees represented.

Acting Chair	CS Treasurer	CS Secretary	District 1 DCM	Hospital Visitation
Email	Phone	Literature	Newsletter	

- Gary opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Shawn read the 12 traditions.  
*5 copies of the minutes printed for groups.*
- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$32.75.
- 23 members were in attendance.
- The committee waived the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the minutes as issued.

### Secretary's report

- Nothing to report.

### Treasurer's report

- Report was handed out with an opening balance of \$2,816.06.
- Revenue for the month was \$374.86.
- Expenses were \$215.35.73.
- Operating balance of \$2,975.57, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,167.33, total: \$5,142.90.
- Anne recommended acceptance of the report.

### Co-Chair's report - No report.

### Chair's report - Acting Chair present, no report.

## Newsletter

- Jeff reminded people to pick up copies of the newsletter for their groups. He reported that everything is going well.
- Dave recommended acceptance of the report.

## Website

- Absent, no report.

## Website email

- Chris had one call, and was able to connect the caller with an AA member who was looking to take someone through the steps.
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

## Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade reported that there was regular activity this month.
- Foster recommended acceptance of the report.

## Telephone

Telephone report for for Oct, 2012

The phones are always looking for members to help in lessening the load of the members that are volunteering. With that, we have adding a few more members for the day, evening shifts, and a new group for the weekend.

During Sackville/Bedford AA Days we had a table set up for information about the phone lines and a list for 12th step call list. We were able to add a few more members willing to be on the 12th step list, which is a great help.

We have had a few misunderstanding about the times of the weekend phone line since it had changed from when we had a Central Phone line. The new times are from Sat 9am to Mon 9am.

Thank you for all of your help and if you have any questions please feel free to call me at 476-3057

Samaira

- CSRs please go back to your groups before the next CS meeting and gather an updated 12 Step telephone list from your group to give to Samaira at the next CS meeting. The 12 Step list needs refreshing.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

## Mid-Winter Roundup

- Foster reported that they elected Jim H. as the Entertainment Chair, and there is a potential Entertainment Co-Chair. Friday night speaker is a gentleman from St. Margaret's Bay. Six years ago he was the recipient of the Big Book on the Sunday morning meeting.
- There are three prizes for the early bird draw: one night's free hotel stay during the roundup, one free registration, and one free banquet ticket.
- Christopher recommended acceptance of report.

## Entertainment

- Bruce noted that the next bowling events are Nov 4 and December 2. The cost is \$7 for three strings with shoes included. Feel free to bring along some food.
- There is a flyer for the New Year's Eve dance. Look for it at your group.
- Dave recommended acceptance of report.

## Literature

- Opening balance: \$1,462.20; Credits: \$137.00; Debits: nil; Service Charge: \$10.00; Closing balance: \$1,589.90.
- Jerry noted that the current inventory is approximately \$3,500.
- All of the books are currently held at the co-chair's house.
- Parker and Jerry will not be re-offering for the literature committee.
- Samaira recommended acceptance of the report.

## District 1

- Tony reported that District 1 GSRs are looking forward to the Assembly this weekend in NL.
- At their last meeting they elected one position for District 1 and are still looking for Alt DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- All four committees reporting to Districts 1 & 2 are looking for chairs and co-chairs. The next elections will be held after the District 2 meeting on October 21, 2012 at 3:30 at Club 24.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

## District 2

- Absent, no report.

## Old business

Mary from Back to Basics wanted to remind CS that there are guidelines that were recently passed at CS, that relate to electing people to positions. Many times people vote people in just because they offer to take a position. At times we put people in a very vulnerable position when we do that. The Guidelines include questions like: do you have a sponsor, how long have you been sober, have you done the 12 steps? What is your experience doing service work in AA? We ask these questions because some people are not aware when they first come into service that there are these requirements, and taking on service positions at committee levels can often be very overwhelming to newly sober people. It is better to have positions stay vacant for a time, than to vote in someone just to fill a position and ignoring their newness. We need to follow our traditions, and it is OK if positions do not get filled for a while. We have to be aware of what we are doing to a member when we vote them into a position if they are new to recovery.

- CS Elections
  - Christopher H had not filled a complete term as Email Coordinator. He reoffered and was elected to the position of **Email coordinator**.
  - CS positions other than Email Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and Telephone Chair, will be called again next month. (One Telephone Co-Chair has been elected, but a second is needed.)

## New business

- 2013 Assembly and Roundup still needs Entertainment and Transportation Chairs, as well as Co-Chairs for all sub-committees. The Holiday Inn at Wyse Road in Dartmouth has been booked for the event. The next meeting is Sunday Oct 14, 2012 at Club 24 at 1:00 pm.

## Group reports, miscellaneous announcements

- Living in the Solution Group will be holding its anniversary Monday, October 8 at 7:30 pm. For more information call Anne P. 453-1591.

***The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:  
November 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.