

# Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

November 6, 2012

## In attendance.

### CS Representatives for:

Living in the Solution	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance	Atlantic	West End Step	Colby Village
Downtown Dartmouth	Back to Basics	Keep it Simple	Serenity Sisters	Acceptance

(Members from Fresh Start, Highland Park, Mutual, Sunrise, 4 Seasons, and Cole Harbour groups were present, but had no group vote.)

### Positions/committees represented.

Acting Chair	CS Treasurer	CS Secretary	District 1 DCM	District 2 Alt DCM	
Hospital Visitation	Email	Phone	Webmaster	Literature	Newsletter

- Gary opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- Bruce read the 12 traditions.  
*5 copies of the minutes printed for groups.*
- Seventh Tradition was collected: \$38.75.
- 27 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 \$2,975.57.
- Revenue for the month was \$232.75.
- Expenses were \$244.56, plus a \$20.00 cheque that has not cleared.
- Operating balance of \$2,943.76, plus the prudent reserve of \$2,167.42, total: \$5,111.27.
- If CS Officers need reimbursement for receipts/committee costs, be prepared to bring them to Foster for the December meeting, because there may not be signing officers to sign cheques in January.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of the report.

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

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

## Newsletter

- Jeff reported that everything is going well.
  - The Only Requirement Group has been asking to have announcements in the newsletter, and given the group conscience taken earlier by CS, the announcements were not added to the newsletter. Jeff wanted to let the committee know that he believes that traditions 1, 3, and 4 are being broken by CS by not allowing this group to have announcements in the newsletter or have their meeting on the Districts 1 & 2 meeting list. (The vote taken earlier this year was to no longer allow groups that do not follow the steps as written in the Big Book to be included in the newsletter or meeting list.)
- Chris recommended acceptance of the report.

## Website

- Gary did a backup of the website last month, and will be doing another again soon.
  - Gary set up generic addresses for all of the CS Committee executive and subcommittees.
  - Gary reached out to the Districts 1 & 2 who may be looking at writing district guidelines to see if they may need generic email addresses as a part of the process of establishing guidelines.
  - The 2013 Assembly and Roundup is set up for PayPal.
- Anne recommended acceptance of the report.

## Website email

- Chris reported two emails came in this month from people looking for information. Both have been answered. Gary noted that Chris has been sending the CS Chair a summary of the calls and answers.
- Sean recommended acceptance of the report.

## Hospital Visitation Committee

- Wade reported that there were no problems, and not many visits other than folks in long-term care.
- Dave recommended acceptance of the report.

## Telephone

- Samaira asked CS if there is an existing 12 step pamphlet. She found one online created by an AA group, and questioned if the Phone Committee could use it. Gary suggested that she take the pamphlet to her committee to see if it is appropriate for our Central Service, and bring it back to next month's meeting for voting.
- Evening and overnight shifts are having no difficulties, but need more people.
- **Please note**: the phone is supposed to be on 24 hours a day. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please call Samaira. Some groups have been doing double weekends because a couple of groups, which were supposed to be picking up the weekend phone, have not been showing up.

- **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.**
- Bruce recommended acceptance of the report.

### Mid-Winter Roundup

- Murdo reported they are still looking for a secretary, co-treasurer and other co-chairs.
- 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.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth at 1.00 p.m. Much of the arrangements are already in place. The Program is pretty well established, and all else is falling into place. The early bird prize draw expires in January, so find a committee member with a receipt book and register early.
- Victor recommended acceptance of report.

### Entertainment

- Bruce noted that the Sunday bowling event had 20 people and was very successful.
- The next bowling event is December 2 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$7 for three strings with shoes included. Feel free to bring along some food.
- Bruce is selling tickets for the New Year's Eve dance. Look for him to get your ticket early.
- Jeff recommended acceptance of report.

### Literature

- Opening balance: \$1,589.90; Credits: \$533.50; Debits: 1,035.67; Service Charges: \$11.85; Closing balance: \$1,075.88.
- Parker received more than \$500.00 toward the literature bank balance since the above figures were compiled.
- Karen recommended acceptance of the report.

### District 1

- Tony reported that District 1 had a joint meeting with District 2, and filled the following positions: Treatment Chair and Co-Chair, and Public Information (PI) Chair.
- At the following District 1 meeting, they filled Chair and Co-Chair of both Corrections and Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC). Districts 1 & 2 are still looking for a PI Co-Chair.
- District 1 is looking for Alternate DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Christopher recommended acceptance of the report.

## District 2

- Barry reported that District 2 is still looking for Alternate DCM and Secretary.
- Workshop committee is going well.
- November 25 from 3-5 p.m. there will be a workshop on the Role of the GSR (see announcements below for more details).
- There will be no workshop in December. The Workshop Committee is still looking for groups to put on workshops at their group meetings.
- Judy recommended acceptance of the report.

## Old business

- CS Elections

All vacant positions were called and no one offered for any positions.

- CS Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary along with Webmaster, Hospital Visitation, Telephone Co-Chair, Entertainment, and Literature positions will be called again next month. (One Telephone Co-Chair has been elected, but a second is needed.)

**\*\* Central Service will be closed in January if no one offers for the executive next month. \*\***

## New business

- 2013 Assembly and Roundup has a PayPal account set up, however, there needed to be a live website to get this up and running. Gary, CS Webmaster, set up a page on the CS website. Because the Assembly Roundup is not a part of CS, Foster is looking for permission to make the link active. Murdo suggested that the page should be on the Area 82 website as well. Foster will check with the Area 82 webmaster. Foster still needs permission from the table to approve the link from the District website. A recommendation was made to have a link from the CS website to the 2013 Assembly and Roundup. All voted in favour.

## Group reports, miscellaneous announcements

- Marilyn R, the new Area 82 Delegate will be coming down for the workshop, as well as Don F, the outgoing Area 82 Delegate.
- Holiday cocktail party will be held in Sackville on Connolly Drive from 1-4 p.m. on December 24, 2012.

***The next Central Service meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on:  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Memorial United Church on Young Street.***

- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.