

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

13-04-02

1. **Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by Chair George M at 7:05 p.m. with a few moments silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; all were welcomed to the March CSC meeting.
2. **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Niall, Acceptance Group
3. **Roll Call:** The sign-in sheet circulated the room while roll call took place, the following people were present:
George M. Chair CSC; Foster L Co-Chair; Bill P Treasurer; Paula D Secretary Fresh Start; Samaira G Phone Chair; Bruce B Atlantic; Anne P Living in the Solution; Christopher H Back to Basics; Jamie Q Four Seasons; Coleen H Bedford; Karen G Downtown Dartmouth; Darla W Timberlea; Arlene P. Cole Harbour; Zeta B Colby Village Big Book; Ron I St. Margaret's Bay; Brenda B Cole Harbour; Niall S Acceptance; Jim E Cole Harbour; David T West End Step; Judee Johnson 2nd Chance group; Rick H Highland Park; Jo M Serenity Sisters; Chris A Serenity Sisters; Sandra D Sunrise; Matt S CA 4th Dimension, Christie M CA 4th Dimension; Barry H Sunrise; Murdo M Mid Winter Roundup Chair; Trudy D Back to Basics; Tom R Westend Step;
4. **7th Tradition:** \$41.80 Collected, taken by Bill P.
5. **Minutes from previous meeting:** Recommended for approval by Judee J - Approved
6. **Reports:**
Secretary: Paula D reported not much to tell. All is well. Any questions e-mail at ~~secretary.aahalifax@gmail.com~~. Recommended for approval by Jo M - Approved

Treasurer: Bill P. Opening Balance \$4,062.94, Credits \$493.00, cheques cleared \$300.46, bank total \$4255.48, cheques outstanding \$30.00, Operating balance \$4,225.48, Prudent reserve \$2,167.95, Total Available funds \$6,393.43
Recommended for approval by Zeta B – Approved

Chair Report - Greetings Folks, It was a bit of a slow month for me in March. I attended the Mid-Winter Roundup wrap-up meeting and helped everyone welcome Murdo as the incoming Chair for the 2014 Mid-Winter.

I met with Foster and Bill in a planning meeting for Central Service. I attended the District 1 and 2 GSR District meetings and am looking forward to working more closely with Tom and Barry as we move forward.

If you're looking for a couple of hours of exercise and fun I strongly recommend the Sunday afternoon bowling get-togethers, it was great fun.

Please connect with me if you have comments, questions and suggestions for me as your Chair.

Yours in Service

George M. Recommended for approval by Jamie - Approved

Co-Chair: Central Service Co-Chair Report – April 2, 2013. March has been a quiet month for the Co-Chair position. I was away for close to two weeks, enjoying the fruits of sobriety.

I met with the Chair and Treasurer early in the month to discuss the future vision for this committee and determine how Central Service will be represented at District 1 and 2 meetings. As a member of the Executive I will share in attending these meetings on your behalf.

I met with Bill to finalize the transfer of Treasurer duties, complete with mail box keys and all necessary spreadsheets. I am available as an ongoing resource to Bill if needed.

I have worked with the Chair and Literature Committee to develop a proposal that will come before you under new business. Yours in service, Foster L Co-Chair, Central Service Committee. Recommended for approval by Samaira – Approved

Committees:

Newsletter: Month went by fast. I didn't have time to fix the birthday list. Two updates were made to the newsletter. Insert birthdays on Thursday April 25th Jim G Gaston Road 14 years, and email for Samaira for the phone committee. Bruce B announced Wade H Back to Basics isn't celebrating. Karen announced on April 29th Brenda C Downtown Dartmouth is celebrating. Foster suggested that we should be using the cut off date of the 25th of the month for giving information to Colleen to make changes. That would avoid doing many emails with corrections. Niall suggested that we have the newsletter both ways by paper and email. When it is emailed it can be printed by the recipients therefore using less paper. There will be paper copies of the newsletter till July after that it will be sent electronically only. Recommended for approval by Judee - Approved

Webmaster/Website/E-mail: Website Admin CS Meeting report

1. There have been a total of 100 members sign up for the monthly E-Mailing list.
2. Goal is to have Districts 1 and 2 send Website Admin monthly GS meeting minutes which will then be distributed using the E-Mailing list. Need to ensure that D1 and D2 secretaries are aware of this and send a copy of their monthly minutes to webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com.
3. Over 2100 site visits in March 2013, with 50% of the visits being new visits. Help email Meeting report

1. There were 5 emails received and all were responded to immediately. Christopher H. Niall suggested that we promote the website to the groups. The more visits to the site the better. Tom asked if his secretary is to send the minutes of the GSR meeting to Paula. It was decided yes and Paula is to send it

George and Chris for the website. Recommended for approval by Bruce - Approved

Hospital: Betty was absent due to illness but did contact George to advise that there were two visits. Recommended for Approval by Anna - Approved

Telephone: Samaira said phone is going well. She advised that she needs volunteers for the phones. She stated it takes a lot of people to keep the phones running and a lot of volunteers. Pamphlet is finished and passed out copies. Ron I. advised some of his groups' suggestions weren't in the corrections to the pamphlet and asked why. Samaira advised she was absent the night the suggestions were made and apologized for the error. She will be meeting with Ron to discuss what was missed. Zeta suggested that when changes are made to the pamphlet that the date should be printed somewhere on it so we know that the changes were made. Recommended for approval by Zeta - Approved.

Mid-Winter Round-up: Bill advised he has the final numbers from the Round up. There is \$2000.00 start up for the next committee in the bank. They took in \$1448.52 at the round up. New Chair Murdo advised they will be having their first meeting on Sunday April 7th 1 pm. They need volunteers if anyone would like to go to the meeting. Chris suggested if they need volunteers that he will put it on the website for them. Hopefully it will help him get some volunteers. Arlene asked why there is \$2000.00 in the account when it was approved for \$1500.00. Bill advised that \$500.00 has always been there as start up funds. Recommended for approval by Chris - Approved.

Entertainment: March 10 - Pot Luck Bowling went off without a hitch. Approximately 17 people were in attendance.

Upcoming Events - April 14 is the **Pot Luck Bowling**.

I will be planning a dance in Dartmouth to kick off summer. More information to follow!

Brenda, Ron (co-chair) and others have been discussing ideas for future entertainment activities! Recommended for approval by Dave - Approved.

Literature Committee - Literature Fund - Opening Balance \$2,374.06, Credits \$733.70, Debits \$2,286.62, Balance \$1,821.14. Jamie also reported that the service charges for January and February have been refunded. Darla asked about meeting lists. Chris advised it is on the website and can be printed by anyone. Recommended for approval by Craig - Approved.

District 1: Tom reported the elections have finally been completed and positions have been filled. They have a great team. They are in the midst of getting signing authority for the committee. He advised there were 4 or 5 observers at the meeting and great to see. Tom advised that he would sit in at business meetings at groups if groups wanted him to. He advised to just ask him and he would be happy to sit in. Recommended for approval by Rick - Approved.

District 2: Workshop was held at Sunrise Group in March on treatment put on by Alex. It was well received and a thank you goes out to all involved. Contact team leaders if you are interested in participating. Volunteers needed.

New meeting in District 2, Circle of Friends, Saturday evening 7:30 – 8:30, North Dartmouth Community Centre, 105 Highfield Park.

All else is going well in District 2, we are having great turn outs at our monthly meeting. It was asked if the new group Circle of Friends should be on the meeting list as it is in our guidelines that a new group should be running for six months before being listed. The executive will review this and come back with a comment for the May meeting. Arlene stated that the reason that it was passed was because at that time the meeting lists were paper copies and not on the website. They would have to re-copy every time there was a group change. They were wasting too many copies by throwing away and copying new ones. They were trying to reduce paper and time. Recommended for approval by Chris – Approved.

Other: No report

7. **Old Business:**

- a) Chair George M thanked the chair of the committee's for sending Secretary Paula member reports even before the meeting.
- b) Tom and Barry again asked for a Co-Chair for the Telephone committee. No takers. Will try again next meeting.
- c) Central Service Proposal from the Literature Committee to provide Area 82 and District 1 & 2 with chips and sobriety medallions

Over the past months the Literature Committee and Executive have been approached about the possibility of Central Service providing medallions to groups within Area 82. We randomly asked a number of AA members their thoughts on this matter. Most members responded that with the recent closing of suppliers there is a real need for another supplier and it would be beneficial if the supplier were local. Some groups are scrambling to get what they need within very tight time lines, which can be very costly and at times impossible to achieve. Overall there has been an overwhelming opinion that this service would be of great benefit.

The committee has researched the wholesale supply of medallions (it is suggested we limit ourselves to medallions only at this time) and found two in the United States that will fit our needs. No Canadian wholesalers were identified.

We offer below information on the two that offer the best value. This information is provided simply to let groups see wholesale costs (in US dollars) and any final retail pricing will need to reflect monetary exchange rates as well as shipping costs. We are not limited to or committed to any supplier so if your group has a supplier not listed that offers you better prices please forward this info to CS Literature Chair.

These medallions would be sold under the Literature umbrella via the chair and co-chair. Groups could order them by email or phone. The groups' CSR

would be supplied with order forms (to be developed). Medallions would also be sold before and after the monthly CS meeting.

	Desire/24 Hour	1 – 11 months	Bronze 1 – 50 Years plus
Recovery World USA	\$0.39	\$0.39 BUY 300 PRICE \$0.31	\$ 1.09
	\$0.32 PER 1000		
<u>Shipping and Handling Rates</u> \$50.00			
THE SOBER CAMEL USA	\$0.39	\$0.47 each	\$1.39
	25 FOR \$8.95	\$11.75 roll of 25	
\$19.95 for each \$150.00 using flat rate international mailers			

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- e)
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While initial indications are this service would be welcome we are asking CSRs to take this proposal back to their groups and seek their support for the initiative. **Would they use it if it was available? Approximately what number of Medallions and what type will your group use each year? Do groups want oval medallions as well (for engraving)?**

If your group has any questions prior to the CS meeting please do not hesitate to contact the literature chair or co chair.

Each CSR should be prepared to vote on this proposal at the May CS meeting.

If this proposal is approved the Literature Committee will purchase an initial order, from the best priced supplier, sufficient to get started. Group needs will dictate what and how much we order. Our goal is to not have too much money tied up in inventory so it will not be possible to have everything available immediately.

Below is an example of what groups currently pay for medallions. It would be our intent to offer the service at a lower net price as the goal is not to make a huge profit, but rather to offer a service.

COMPARATIVE PRICING	DESIRE/24 HR	1 – 11 MONTHS	BRONZE 1 50 YEARS PLUS
	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$3.75
Discount applies to the total dollar value of the order, a roll of 25 is \$25 if the order goes over \$50 dollars 10% and over \$100 15%			

Murdo asked why we are selling medallions. They are not AA approved. Jamie advised it was asked for him to bring a proposal and he did. Chair George said it will be discussed at the next meeting after the groups have decided.

8. New Business

A. Central Service meeting format, roles, members, observers. The main tables are for CSR group members, the chairs behind are for observers. Agenda topics are firstly to be discussed by CS representatives, observers may then be offered the chance to speak or ask questions, if they so request, although they do not have a vote. Murdo asked if he as Chair of the Mid Winter Round up could vote. Chair George M advised yes he is a chair of a committee. Brenda Entertainment chair asked if she had the right to vote as she is the chair of the Entertainment committee and was told she was not supposed to vote. Chair George M advised yes she has the right to vote.

9. Announcements from Groups

Foster announced that Sunday in Cole Harbour Group there are 98 years of sobriety including Arlene P. 20 years.

10. Next meeting:

2013-05-07

11. Adjournment with Responsibility Pledge - at 8:25pm.