

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young St., Halifax_

Minutes 13-07-02

1. **Open** Meeting was opened by Chair George with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. George welcomed all to the July meeting.
2. **Call For Items to be Added to the Agenda**
Chris asked to have MCYPAA added to new business items.
3. **12 Traditions** Arlene read 12 traditions.
4. **Roll Call**
George MacLean, Chair; Bill Powroz, Treasurer; Foster Lohnes, Co-Chair; Brenda Bruce, Secretary; Shawn McGrath, Keep it Simple; Dave Triff, West End Step; Bruce Brown, Atlantic Group; Jamie Quann; Murdo MacKay, Highland Park; Arlene Pratt, Cole Harbour; Garth MacAulay, Sunrise; Craig Maismar, Back To Basics; Betty Campbell, Mutual; Rick Hicks, Highland Park; Christopher Heckman, Back to Basics; Mary Lou Coolen, Mutual; Elaine Benson, Mutual; Tom Richard, West End Step; Steve Lutley, West End Step; Joe MacIntyre, Four Seasons; Jim Eisener, Cole Harbour; Donald Barnes, West End Step; Samaira Girard, 2nd Chance
5. **7th Tradition** \$43.70
6. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** *Acceptance recommended by Murdo, Accepted.*
7. **Reports:**

Secretary No report – absent

Treasurer

Bill circulated the treasurer's report. Current Operating Budget = \$5,422.29; Prudent Reserve = \$2,168.13; Total funds available = \$8,590.51; Literature Fund - Current Operating Balance = \$ 2,125.01. Foster suggested bringing the flipside of budget to the next meeting. The other side covers group contributions. This would enable groups to compare what they as a group have contributed against what is actually in the budget report. Elaine asked if we were the same as

district who don't report the group names that have contributed. She was informed that the Central Service does report names as it is its own entity, it has the right to choose to do this. *Acceptance recommended by Shawn, Accepted.*

Co-Chair

Central Service Co-Chair Report – July 2, 2013

This past month, with feedback from the Chair and two DCM's, I crafted a letter regarding the group insurance issue. The DCM's were asked to pass it along to all groups in Districts 1 and 2 and it was posted on the website for the membership to access. Comments to date have been positive and, while it is clear not all groups will, or need to, support this initiative comments received so far have been positive.

I represented the committee at the District 2 meeting on June 16th and spoke to the insurance issue. I was invited to the business meeting of the Colby Village Big Book Study Group where I also answered questions they had on this matter.

I met with George, Committee Chair to debrief the last Central Service meeting and discuss ongoing issues.

As Chair of the 2013 Assembly Committee I would encourage everyone to consider registering early. On-line registration is available via PayPal or committee members have receipt books.

Yours in service, Foster L
Co-Chair, Central Service Committee

Acceptance recommended by Samaira, Accepted

Chair Report

Greetings Folks,

The CSC executive is continuing to work on several fronts to streamline and enhance services – presently these areas include: the website, Districts 1 & 2 executive committees, committee chairs and the Newsletter.

I attended the District 1 meeting in June but was out of town for the District 2 meeting, thanks to Foster for covering that meeting. I facilitated a Traditions workshop at the Acceptance Group on June 8 and very much enjoyed the interaction.

I am looking forward to continuing our work with both District committees to take full advantage of the wealth of experience, strength and hope in this area.

As a general reminder, I appreciate that life happens and everyone cannot attend every meeting but if you are responsible for a committee or a Central Service position, please insure that your monthly report reaches the secretary in time for our meetings whether or not you will be in attendance.

I am very pleased with our website activity, including:

- our sign up registry which increased by 21% from May to June, this is very encouraging as we continue to promote the use of the site;
- I've said this before, but I again want to acknowledge the role Chris is playing in responding to requests for help, his replies are compassionate, patient and understanding;

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

Yours in Service, George

George will re-submit last months, May, report as he submitted it as District 1 report, rather than Central Service report.

Acceptance recommended by Jamie, Accepted

Newsletter

No report – Absent

Webmaster

Several people including Christopher reported that the website was down. Christopher has spoken with the people involved and they have ensured that it will be fixed within 24 hours. Murdo asked how often this happens. Chris assured it was out of our hands but it "shouldn't" happen again. Christopher added there has been a high volume of traffic on the website. Subscribers to receiving monthly updates have increased significantly. Several of the emails that Chris has received are related to questions on how to do the steps. Samaira brought up as a reminder that if a person is looking for information off the website and aren't able to find it, they can also call the AA phone line. Christopher informed those who might know other AA members from other districts who want information added to the website that he has no problem doing so; they need to realize that he is the

webmaster for District 1 & 2 only. If someone wants information placed on the website, he recommended that they contact Erin from Area first.
Acceptance recommended by Bruce, Accepted.

Hospital

Betty reported that things are going well with her committee. She reported that she did get a call from Brenda B. regarding Peter J. being in the hospital and apologized for not responding to that call with a confirmation that she received it. She said she would confirm any future calls/voicemails. Foster informed her that he was giving out her phone number to those requesting hospital visitations. Elaine asked if home visits were a part of her mandate. She was answered yes.

Acceptance recommended by Ann, Accepted

Telephone

Samaira feels there is no need for a co-chair, although, she feels her committee requires more volunteers to answer phones. Rick also mentioned that many people go on vacation in the summer so the committee would need extra volunteers for that as well. Foster suggested that if the committee wanted to change how many co-chairs are required on the phone committee, it could be looked at in the future and if changed the guidelines would need to reflect this. Chris asked what happened to the 1-800 number inclusion for this area. Samaira reported that it was basically squashed at the service weekend in Truro. Jamie suggested that the CS reps go back to their groups and inform them that the phone committee needs volunteers. Tom brought up the concern that he had difficulties when passing over the phones once he finished his duty on phones. It was suggested that he contact the committee chair or co-chair if he had problems. George suggested that the topic of the committee needing another co-chair to be left alone for three months and to revisit the topic again in the fall.

Acceptance recommended by Dave, Accepted.

Mid-Winter Round-Up

Murdo reported that his committee still has a few vacancies to be filled. They are as follows: Co-Chair of committee, Entertainment chair and co-chair. Everything is going well otherwise.

Acceptance recommended by Betty, Accepted.

Entertainment

Brenda reported that bowling was finished for the summer and would reconvene in the fall at Bowlarama. Dave asked if the Bowlarama had plans of closing its doors. Brenda informed him that the bowling alley is not closing its doors. It was suggested that there be a reminder in the August newsletter of the September bowling. Bruce expressed his concern that the

picnic/campout that is planned for August 23, 24, and 25th may be too far for some to travel. Brenda informed him that Dollar Lake is the closest campground that offers group camping in the area. Brenda reminded the committee that years ago the picnic was held every year at Oakfield Park where the attendance was high. It was decided that the picnic wouldn't be held at last years' location, Point Pleasant Park, because swimming in the harbour wouldn't be ideal for those who wanted to swim. Samaira suggested contacting the NA contact responsible for the successful annual camping that is organized in Blomidon every year.
Acceptance recommended by Arlene, Accepted.

Literature

It was voted around the table that the PI committee be given the excess cd library collection. Jamie reported that he plans to attend some different groups so that he can promote the AA book collection and the new one that has just come out. He also said he is considering a "Book of the Month" of which would be listed on the AA website.
Acceptance recommended by Samaira, Accepted.

District 1

Tom said he would email report to George or Paula
Acceptance recommended by Murdo, Accepted

District 2

No report – Absent

Other

Assembly report – Foster emailed to Paula
Acceptance recommended by Shawn, Accepted

Old Business

- A) Election of Telephone Co-Chair – this was already dealt with under Telephone committee report. It was decided that it would be held off until the fall.
- B) Group Insurance – Foster reported that he has been attending groups giving presentations on the insurance issue. It was suggested that the CSR's continue to bring this back to their groups to discuss what their group would like to do, then please let Foster know. Foster asked how many groups that were present at the meeting had responses from their groups. Several replied that their groups were in favor of the insurance. Shawn, Keep it Simple said they would be in favor if they weren't covered under Club 24 insurance. Dave, West End supported. Bruce, Atlantic would support however, are checking with the church to see if they are covered. Jamie, Four Seasons will support. He also said that they share the meeting hall with four other groups. Betty,

Mutual Group will support. George, Second Chance will support, and Murdo, Highland Group would not support it. Foster will continue to look into the Insurance issue. *Acceptance recommended by Arlene, Accepted.*

- c) Proposed Budget – Treasurer Bill put a motion on the floor and moved that the approved 2013 Budget be amended in the following manner: the current budget allows for \$1,000 each to go to GSO and Area 82; the motion is to delete the Area contribution and increase the GSO contribution to \$2,000; the motion was seconded by Jamie, the vote was taken, motion passed.

New Business

MCYPAA – Christopher reported that he will be the chairperson for the upcoming MCYPAA conference being held May 2, 3 and 4th 2014. This new item will now be included in any further agenda's for the CS committee meetings. He is looking for volunteers and for people who have served on any previous MCYPAA conference committee's to gather information.

Announcements from Groups

July 20, 2013 – A Workshop given by Elaine and Joe Mac on the topic of "Talking with Kids in High School". It will be held at 45 Connolly Road, Lower Sackville, from 1-3.

September 21, 2013 – Bedford-Sackville AA Day

Jim E brought up concerns about the Newsletter and the issue of receiving confirmation when sending in birthday requests. George suggested that this issue will be addressed.

Meeting was adjourned with responsibility pledge. **Next meeting will be held August 6, 2013.**