

Central Service Committee Meeting

United Memorial Church

Young Street, Halifax

13-05-07

1. **Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by Co-Chair Foster at 7:00 p.m. with a few moments silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; all were welcomed to the May CS meeting.
2. **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Betty C, Mutual Group
3. **Roll Call:** The sign-in sheet circulated the room while roll call took place, the following people were present:
Co-Chair Foster L; Bill P Treasurer; Paula D Secretary Fresh Start; Samaira G Phone Chair; Betty C Mutual, 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; Arlene P. Cole Harbour; Zeta B Colby Village Big Book; Ron I St. Margaret's Bay; Brenda B Cole Harbour; David T West End Step; Judee J. 2nd Chance group; Rick H Highland Park; Sandra D Sunrise; Murdo M Mid Winter Roundup Chair; Craig M. Back to Basics; Valerie S. Porter's Lake; Robert R;; Fred D St. Margaret's Bay; Elaine B Mutual Group; Lisa M. Back to Basics; Jim E Cole Harbour; Alison H Back to Basics; David C West End Step;
4. **7th Tradition:** \$40.15 Collected, taken by Bill P.
5. **Minutes from previous meeting:** Recommended for approval by Jamie Q - Approved
6. **Reports:**
Secretary: Paula D reported all is well. I am getting reports by email, thank you everyone. Any questions e-mail to dicks@eastlink.ca Recommended for approval by Dave - Approved

Treasurer: Bill P. Opening Balance \$4,225.48, Credits \$2,760.32, cheques cleared \$466.30, bank total \$7015.80, cheques outstanding \$30.00, Operating balance \$6,519.50, Prudent reserve \$2,166.04, Total Available funds \$8,687.54
Recommended for approval by Chris H – Approved

Chair Report - Greetings Folks,

The 2014 Mid-Winter Round-up Committee is still filling positions, please watch for upcoming meetings. Hopefully we will have the last open position on our Central Service Committee (Telephone Committee co-Chair) filled at the May meeting. I am interested in making a few tweaks and edits on our website. I have discussed several of these with Chris already and will work with Chris and the executive in this regard. I enjoyed part of a Sunday in April at the Sunday Morning Breakfast Group in Truro where I gave a workshop on the Twelve Traditions.

I am very interested in our Central Service Committee 'reaching out' to alcoholics, either in recovery or hopefully soon to be. I believe we can do this either through our sub-committee structure, as a Central Service Committee itself or in conjunction with our Districts 1 and 2 Committees. Watch for more on this over the coming months but I would invite each of you to share your thoughts on how we might approach this important work.

I will be out of town for the May meeting; you will be in my thoughts.

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 Samaira G - Approved

Co-Chair: From a service perspective April was quiet as I was out of the country for two weeks. Other than offering some email feedback on the newsletter I attended the District 1 to represent Central Service. At that meeting I proposed that Central Service would like to work closer with the Districts, and specifically with their subcommittees, to explore opportunities to further carry the message. I suggested the CS Executive meet with the two DCMs and committee chairs to discuss how we may move forward. District 2 was represented at the meeting by the A/DCM and both Districts were in full agreement with this approach and believe full cooperation can only benefit. As Co-chair I will lead this initiative on behalf of the committee and hope to set up an initial meeting in May. Should anyone have suggestions on how we may work closer together I would appreciate hearing your views. Yours in service, Foster L. Co-Chair, Central Service Committee Recommended for approval by Anne – Approved.

Committees:

Newsletter: Coleen is pleased how it turned out this month. I liked the birthday list that way as it is easier to see. I would like to remind people I am not a graphic designer I am a secretary. I have been having complaints about lines and so forth. I received George's new email address today. Arlene P asked why there are so many copies of the Newsletter with corrections as it was mentioned at the last meeting that the cut off was the 25th of the month. It makes the members print many copies as there were changes made. Coleen advised that she only prints the newsletter the day of the CSR meeting so it isn't any trouble for her to make the changes. Foster reminded Coleen that, as noted in last month's minutes, there is a cut off of the 25th of the month for input and there should be only one copy of the newsletter sent from her at the beginning of the month. Any additional information received after the 25th should be sent to Chris, who will update the newsletter online. At no time should more than one copy be sent by her. Members can get the correct copy from there. Elaine Mutual Group advised Coleen she is doing an excellent job. Bob thanked Coleen as well. Recommended for approval by Judee - Approved

Webmaster/Website/E-mail: Good day everyone. The following is my report. Help Email: there is a cross Canadian movement to unite young people in AA using a secret Facebook group. If you are interested in joining this movement (which already includes members from every province) please send an email with your Facebook contact information to Christopher H at webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com stating that you would like to be added to the

group. No other help emails to report for the month of April.

Website Admin: there were 1843 page visits during the past 30 days, with most members visiting two different pages while there. The most frequently accessed pages are the meeting list and newsletter page. Of note however, the events page and 2013 Area assembly pages had 84 unique views each, indicating that people are beginning to access the website for more than only the meeting list and to download the newsletter. The electronic Mailing list now has 135 subscribers receiving new information on a monthly basis. Please encourage your groups to sign up for the service, which will ensure that information about temporary meeting closures, events and new initiatives (all of which this service has been used for) will reach the maximum amount of people in a timely manner. If anyone has further ideas for the website please let me know, otherwise please do not forget to send me any new information you have so I can share it with the rest of the Fellowship :) That's about it for now, have a great night all. Christopher H AA Halifax Website Administrator Recommended for approval by Bruce - Approved

Hospital: Betty advised not much to report. Men visited men. Ede not well went to Northwood. Recommended for Approval by Ron - Approved

Telephone: Samaira advised she spoke to Mary and she wants to be the Co-Chair. She was unable to make it to the meeting. Nothing to report but advised they are really in need of volunteers. Jamie asked how the 12 step list is doing. She advised the list always needs to be updated. It takes a long time to reach someone for a 12 step call. In need of 12 step volunteers as well. Recommended for approval by Chris H – Approved.

Mid-Winter Round-up: Murdo advised some more positions have been filled. Treasurer and Co-Treasurer. CS now has a mailing address set up for the Mid-Winter round up. Al Anon is involved. Pay pal account has been passed over to registrations. It was brought up about putting the registration up. It has been an ongoing issue for years. Haven't determined yet if it will go up or down. Still need a program chair and a co-chair. Next meeting is June 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth at 1pm. Recommended for approval by Betty – Approved.

Entertainment: April 7 – Pot Luck Bowling had a low attendance it had to be booked on the first Sunday as opposed to the second Sunday of the month, the 12th, which is Mother's Day. There were three in attendance.

Upcoming Events

June 9th is the next and final **Pot Luck Bowling** due to low attendance through the summer months. There will be a dance in Dartmouth to kick off summer in mid July. More information to follow! Brenda, Ron (co-chair) and others have been discussing ideas for future entertainment activities! Recommended for approval by Murdo – Approved.

Literature Committee – Literature Fund – Opening Balance \$1821.14, Credits \$790.45, Debits \$486.58, Balance \$2,125.01. Recommended for approval by Dave – Approved.

District 1: Fred Alternate DCM reported that they reached the Halifax Police Department regarding no fee for criminal checks. Can't get it for no cost but can get it discounted. He also advised that it was told to him if you get it done in a small town it is free. He advised it is the best year he has seen since he has been back to Halifax. They need a Secretary asap. Recommended for approval by Jamie – Approved.

District 2: Bob Alternate DCM reported that they need groups to put on workshops for July, October, and November. Take back to groups to see if they are interested. There will be no workshop in December as too many events and it is Christmas. Recommended for approval by Karen – Approved.

Other: No report

7. **Old Business:**

- a) A/DCMs called for Co-Chair of the telephone committee. No takers. Will check again next month.
- b) New Groups and Meeting lists- Find out from your groups to see what they think about updating meeting lists every 6 months, as is the current policy. It is a new electronic age where changes can be made quickly. Take back to groups and will discuss next month.
- c) Is there a need to have copies of the newsletter at the CS meeting? Some older members don't have computers or printers and can't get copies. They rely on the copies from the CSR members. A vote was taken and it was decided that there will continue to be hard copies of the newsletter at the CSR meeting after July. It was suggested we start with 40 copies and adjust to needs monthly.
- d) Central Service Proposal for Sobriety Medallions. A vote was taken, 13 for, 8 against the literature Committee supplying medallions to the groups. Minority voice was heard and it was stated the Medallions are not AA approved and such a move would be in violation of the Traditions. A new vote was called after the minority voice and the proposal was defeated 18-3. The Literature committee will not supply the medallions.

8. **No New Business**

9. **Announcements from Groups**

Jamie announced their will be 3 birthdays on the last Thursday of the month for the Four Seasons: Robert, Dave, and Peter.

St. Margaret's Bay Group will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on May 26th where there will also be 3 Birthdays

10. **Next meeting:**

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11. **Adjournment with Responsibility Pledge** - Adjourned by Foster at 8:35pm.