

**CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**St. Mark's Church  
5522 Russell Street, Halifax**

- 1) **Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by Foster L. at 7:00 pm with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. All were welcomed to the November CSC meeting.
- 2) **Call for Items to be added to the agenda:** No new items to add.
- 3) **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Ron H.
- 4) **Roll Call:**  
***Executive:*** Foster L. – Chair, Paul B. - Co-chair, and Arlene P. – Secretary.  
***Committees:*** Rob A. - Bluenose Bulletin Co-chair, Pedro GdeB. –Web Admin. (In-coming), and Shawn McG. – Help Email Chair.  
***CSRs:*** Ken C. – Keep It Simple, Terry B. – Welcome, Tracey W. – Fall River, Christine M. – Serenity Sisters, Gerry L. – Serenity, Ron H. – Colby Village BBS, Mary T. – West End Step, Hamish M. – Live for Today, Pamela M. – Acceptance, Deb W. – Downtown Dartmouth, Garry M. – Second Chance, Natalie C. – Circle of Sisters, David R. – Living in the Solution, Steve J. – Atlantic, and Alan M. – Sunrise,  
***Alternate CSRs:*** Lisa N. – Hubbards, Cathy K. – Welcome, Marni A. – Fresh Start, and Emily F. – Acceptance (Stand-in).  
***Double Duty:*** Bill P. – Bluenose Bulletin Chair / Interim Treasurer, and Heather L. – Web Admin / CSR Back to Basics.  
***Others:*** Trudy D. - District 2 DCM, Alan MacK. – Second Chance (In-coming CSR), Observers - Beth P., Donal B., Sarah S., Henrik, P., and Scott T.
- 5) **7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$54.30 collected, taken by Bill P.
- 6) **Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** No errors or omissions. Minutes motioned for approval by Heather, Seconded by Debbie. Vote taken – passed unanimously.
- 7) **Reports:**

***Executive:***

**Secretary:** Good evening. It took a little longer than usual to get the minutes completed, reviewed and on the website, due to illness and a crazy work schedule. I was able to send out confirmation emails prior to the meeting. My appreciation, as always, for those of you who sent your report by Monday evening. It allowed me the extra time to put things together as I was working until 5pm tonight.

I noticed while doing last month's minutes that not everyone signed in on the Attendance Sheet that was passed around. If you are missing in the attendance record for last month's meeting, now you know why. Please make sure that everyone has signed the sheet before handing it back to me.

I would just like to take a moment and say this again, as people are still under the impression that I am staying on for another term. I am not. I will complete my term of 2 years and I have already done 3 or 4 months more when I was CSR the term before. When the Secretary was absent due to work or illness, the Chair asked me to take and complete the minutes, which I

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did. I believe in rotation of leadership and I will not be putting my name in again for this position. So the position of Secretary needs to be filled for January 2017.

Yours in service, Arlene P., Secretary

No questions or comments.

**Treasurer:**

October's numbers: Opening Balance \$2,261.53, Credits \$736.25, Debits \$448.26, Closing Balance \$2,549.52, Outstanding Cheques \$180.00, Operating Balance \$2,369.52, and Prudent Reserve \$4,168.29. Total available funds \$6,537.81.

Financial Statements for September, October and November 2016 were handed out at the meeting.

No questions or comments.

**Co-chair:** Dear Central Representatives, just a reminder that the Insurance Premium of \$40.00 is due on November 1, 2016 and I would encourage anyone who has not received their invoices, please see me after the meeting. Anyone looking for a policy - please make sure that you contact me as well. I have also made several calls to groups' CSRs as a reminder that I will have these policies at this month's meeting. I have ordered a new mail box key which will be coming in the days ahead. I met with Foster for our usual update meeting. Please keep in mind that we have some positions open in Central Service, so please spread the word.

Thanks, Paul B., Co-chair, Central Service

No questions or comments.

**Chair:** Good evening, much of October was spent on personal matters. I was able to meet with Paul briefly and together we facilitated getting Bill on the bank account as a Signing Officer. I have had several discussions with Jim H. regarding the Mid-Winter Roundup and was invited to attend their meeting last Sunday in my capacity of Chair of Central Service. Details of the meeting will be discussed under old business.

We are still in need of a Secretary, Literature Chair and several Subcommittee Co-Chairs. I would ask everyone to assist in encouraging others who may qualify to consider accepting a nomination for whatever role they believe they could fill. Of primary importance is Literature as we want this to be available without interruption in January.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all who offered condolences on the recent passing of my mother and a special thanks to Paul for being there when I couldn't.

Yours in service, Foster L., Chair, Central Service Committee

No questions or comments.

**Committees:**

**Mid-winter Round Up:** The 2017 Round-up Committee met on October 30, 2016 to determine whether we would pursue a 2017 Mid-Winter Round-up in service to the AA community. A motion was placed on the floor that due to time restraints, venue and financial issues, the 2017 Round-up committee would refrain from attempting to pursue an event in February 2017. Further discussion resulted in a vote of seven in favour and three against. After the minority voice was expressed, none of the majority were willing to change their vote, so the motion was declared passed.

It was also suggested that putting aside the February dead-line, there was an opportunity for a group to form to plan an AA event of a smaller nature later in the year. This was left open to anyone interested in pursuing it. The 2017 Mid-Winter Round-up committee was disbanded at this point.

Past Chair of the 2017 Mid-Winter Round-up, yours in service, Jim H.

**Webmaster/Website/Email:** There were 4,349 visits to the web site in October. The Meeting List page continues to be the most visited page followed by the Newsletter page. We have 574 people subscribed to the monthly email list (up by 2 people this month). It's been a quiet month but I can report that Pedro and I have had our "training session" and Pedro will take over the Web Administrator tasks in December so that he can have some more hands-on experience before January. I'm so pleased to be handing this position over to him as he has much expertise and will be a great addition to the Central Service committee!

Yours in service, Heather L., Web Administrator

**Help Email Coordinator:** Dear Central Service, for the month of October 2016, there was only two requests for help and meeting information. I have nothing else to report at this time.

In service, Shawn M., Help Email Chair

No questions or comments.

**Hospital Visitation:** It gives me great pleasure to announce the unfortunate information that we do indeed have a patient that is in long term care. As all know I take my position very seriously, and if it appears that I am excited, well, I am. There is nothing more gratifying than giving a little bit of empathy AA style to those in need indeed. Mr. John B. will be there for quite a while re-cooping. He is on the 7th floor, Room 10 of the Rehab Centre University Ave. I and another member went to see him Friday night past, and he was in good spirits. He has indicated he takes his anonymity seriously and has given self-disclosure to only a few nursing staff. (So future visitors - please be cognitive of this fact).

As Arlene is reading this and you take look around, it's because I'm not there. (In spirit for sure). On Tuesdays, his home group from the Valley comes up and puts on a meeting. (Now that's what it's all about.) I had said I would host this at the hospital this Tuesday with the Hospital Visit Hat. This is the reason for skipping out of CS Meeting.

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Lastly, I took the opportunity to talk with the Rehab Nursing Staff, educating them of the AA Website, where the Hospital tab was, and what it initiates when selected, in case there are those who are alone, lonely, and want a friend in AA.. All were keen to learn.

Love you all, Dedicated to service, Michael H., Hospital Visitation Chair

**Telephone:** Good evening everyone, I am not able to attend the meeting tonight as I have to work and both co-chairs are not able to attend due to work and sickness. As reported last month, things are going well with the phones other than we could always use more members to volunteer, especially for the overnight shift from 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

I have mentioned in my reports a few times and even last month that we are having problems with the weekend phones in respect to the transfer between the groups. I had suggested that each group keep the contact name and number of the group that passes the phone to them and the contact name and number of the group they pass the phone to as it is the same group schedule at all times, other than when a new group is added. This does not seem to be working.

Foster has offered to circulate a group list around for me tonight in order to make sure all of the group contact name and numbers are up to date. I would like to put this sheet in the weekend phone binder so that groups will know who to contact when it is their turn. This is the only other way I can think of. I understand that this list may have to be updated in the new year as contacts may change.

Thank you, Leah C., Phone Chair

**Newsletter:**

1. The Bulletin was posted Friday October 28 with no hiccups reported to date.
2. A new member joined our team, Scott, of the Only Requirement Group. He has a background in computer mysteries and will be an asset to the further development of the Bulletin. He is a candidate for a higher position with the Bulletin in the coming month or two.
3. Rob is now adept at the ins and outs of putting the Bluenose together and will be introduced to the mysteries of the monthly report writing.

Best Regards in Service, Bill P., Chair, Bluenose Bulletin

No questions or comments.

**Entertainment:** The AA Halloween Dance was a success. 71 out of 120 tickets were sold with an attendance of 52. The revenue from the dance was \$355.00. The expenses from the dance were \$193.07 for food and decorations, \$115.00 for Club rental and Prizes. (Secretary's note: As this report was passed in, hand-written, there was an additional \$25.00 noted as an expense, but no notation as to what it was for.) All together, the committee has \$46.93 left over.

The AA New Year's Eve Dance is being held December 31, 2016 at Club 24. (Address is 3 Dundas Street in Dartmouth.) It is a Potluck and Dance. There are only 110 tickets available at \$5.00 per person.

Games Night is November 26, 2016 at Club 24. An old fashion game night of Fellowship. (No time listed.)

Fliers are on the back table – please talk them up at your meetings. Thanks you for your support in the past and future.

Yours in Service, Natalie, Entertainment Co-chair.

**Literature:** (Absent, but sent this in for report.) Nothing to report.

Thanks, Evan McF., Literature Chair

**District 1:** (Absent, no report sent in for the minutes.)

**District 2:** (Present at meeting, but no report sent in for publishing in the minutes.)

**Area 82:** no report tonight

**Other:** no report tonight

All Reports were motioned for approval by Lisa. Seconded by Ron. Vote taken - passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- a) **Hand-over Procedures – Foster** – If after reviewing the Guidelines and you find there are missing pieces for your job description, please forward them to the Secretary and the next committee will add them into the Guidelines.
- b) **December 24<sup>th</sup> Social (Cocktail Party)** – The four groups that meet at 45 Connelly Road in Sackville have volunteered to host the gathering. Allan put a motion on the floor that the four Sackville Groups co-host the Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Social. Seconded by Heather. A vote was taken and it was passed unanimously. Thanks so much for coming forward!
- c) **Group Insurance Update – Paul** – All the invoices and policies have been passed. Monies are now due. Please see him if there are any questions.
- d) **2017 Mid-Winter Round-up – Foster** – A review of the previous report from the committee. A question came up about the bank account. Foster said that even though the committee has disbanded, two of the signing officers on the bank account are the in-coming CS Treasurer, Jacqueline and the in-coming Co-chair of CS, Bill P. They are willing to stay on until the next committee is formed.
- e) **Elections – Foster** –
  - 1. **Secretary** – Three calls - no nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the December meeting.
  - 2. **Literature – Chair** - Three calls - no nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the December meeting.

3. **Telephones – Co-chair** - (There is need of two Co-chairs. ) Three calls - no nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the December meeting.
4. **Entertainment – Co-chair** - Three calls - no nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the December meeting.
5. **Bluenose Bulletin – Co-chair** - Rob A. nominated Scott T. for this position. Scott accepted the nomination. Voting: For – 24, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. Welcome to the position, Scott!
6. **Hospital Visitation – Co-chair** - Three calls - no nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the December meeting.

**New Business:**

There were no New Business items for this meeting.

**Announcements:** (that didn't make it into the Bluenose Bulletin)

There wasn't any this month.

**The next CS Meeting is December 6, 2016.**

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:55 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.