

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 September CSC meeting.
- 2) **Call for Items to be added to the agenda:** New item to add – New Business – Interim Treasurer.
- 3) **Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Rob.
- 4) **Roll Call:**
Executive: Foster L. – Chair, Paul B. - Co-chair, and Arlene P. – Secretary.
Committees: Shawn McG. – Help Email Chair, Michael H. – Hospital Visitation Chair, Rob A. - Bluenose Bulletin Co-chair, Bill P. – Bluenose Bulletin Chair, and Leah C. – Phone Chair.
CSRs: David R. – Living in the Solution, Natalie C. – Circle of Sisters, Garry M. – Second Chance, Mary T. – West End Step, Gerry L. – Serenity, Doug MacD. – Highland Park, Alan M. – Sunrise, Deb W. – Downtown Dartmouth, and Ken C. – Keep It Simple.
Alternate CSRs: Doug P. – The Only Requirement
Double Duty: Heather L. – Web Admin / CSR Back to Basics, and Heather C. – Phones Co-chair / Alternate CSR Four Seasons,
Others: Fred DeM. - District 1 DCM, Trudy D. - District 2 DCM, John MacF. - District 1 Alternate DCM, Jacqueline K. – observer, and Mary W. – observer.
- 5) **7th Tradition:** \$ 73.40 collected, taken by Paul B.
- 6) **Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** No errors or omissions. Minutes motioned for approval by Bill P., Seconded by Michael H. 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, my apologies. I was unable to send out confirmation emails prior to the meeting. I will send them as I work on the minutes this time 'round. Thanks again for putting in the extra effort by getting your reports in before the meeting. I do appreciate it. I hope to have the first draft of the Resolutions Register with me tonight, but that is contingent on my being able to grab a printer cartridge on the way home today after work.

Yours in service, Arlene P., Secretary

No questions or comments.

Treasurer: (Absent, report sent in and read by Arlene.) To all those in service, I have decided to resign from my position as your Treasurer. I believe service is to be taken seriously and those in service need to be available to execute and perform their responsibilities of which they were voted in to represent. At this time, I am unable to with a recent career change. I thank you for your patience as I rambled/stumbled through many reports. Your patience was/is much appreciated.

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Yours in Service, Sincerely, Andrew P.

August's numbers: Opening Balance \$6,955.77, Credits \$0.00, Debits \$3,700.88, Closing Balance \$3,254.89, Outstanding Cheques \$214.63, Operating Balance \$3,040.26, and Prudent Reserve \$4,168.12. Total available funds \$7,208.38.

Comment – Thanks from the CS Committee for all of the work he has done.

Co-chair: Dear Central Service Committee, This month, I have made contact with the Insurance Company who has indicated that our Rates will stay the same. (Which I will explain in a separate report.) As well I had several phone conversations with the foster regarding our agenda and plan for the upcoming elections. During the month I worked on the Workshop agenda that will take place on Sept 11/2016 and encouraged all of the committee's members to attend and to bring a friend like your sponsee or sponsor, as well especially those from the sub-committees like Entertainment, Newsletter, Phones, and Help Email.

I also would like to take this time to say thanks to Foster for being our Chairperson of this committee for the past few years and look forward to working with him for the remainder of his term. Thank you, Foster.

Yours in service, Paul B., Co-chair, Central Service

No questions or comments.

Chair: Good evening, most of this past month has been dedicated to family illnesses, but I did manage to get to the District 2 meeting and find time to converse with Paul several times around the Group Insurance file. I contacted the two DCMs with a request to run the upcoming elections and after they accepted, I crafted a spreadsheet to assist them. As we enter this election period, I want to thank all of you for your work and wish those about to be elected all the best.

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

No questions or comments.

Committees:

Mid-winter Round Up: (Absent, report read by Arlene.) I won't be able to attend the C.S. Meeting this month, as I have a home group commitment. We have a proposal from the Westin to consider at our meeting on Sunday. We, as a committee, will have to re-work the numbers in order to make this work. The committee will make a decision on Sunday. The bank balance is \$2243.53 - Bill P. should have a bank statement with him for your records.

Yours in service, Tim M., Mid-Winter Round-up Chair

Webmaster/Website/Email: There were 4,979 visits to the web site in August. The Meeting List page continues to be the most visited page followed by the Newsletter and Contact Us pages. We have 567 people subscribed to the monthly email list. We had one member submit a Volunteer form from the web and the person's information was forwarded to the applicable chairs.

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A new page was added to the web site. The menu link is called Group Donations and the page summarizes the various levels of AA that a group can send a donation to. It includes who the cheque can be made out to and the mailing address, where available, where it can be sent. In the case of both Districts, the web page recommends that the cheque be sent in with the group GSR, as there is no mailing address. I have an email out to Area 82 asking who the cheques can be made out to and where to send them. I'm waiting for answers on this one, but Central Service, District and GSO are included on this web page, as of now. I'd like to thank the AA group member who made this suggestion for the web site. I received another group photo to add to our web front page slide show. Early Risers picture has been added.

Yours in service, Heather L., Web Administrator

Question – If someone is in the hospital and makes a request for a visit, is this request shown on-line or just by whom is it sent to? Only the Web Admin would see the request, then she would forward it onto the Hospital Visitation Chair.

Help Email Coordinator: Dear Central Service, August has been a quiet month. There were only three requests for help. We also had an e-mail from someone that we helped a few months back, who was coming here from Scotland. I managed to run into this person at my meeting. It was a great experience.

I wish to inform everyone that I will not be excepting the nomination for Email Help Chair for the next term. I've been given a teaching position for Tuesday evenings. The position means that I'll be un-able to attend the monthly Central Service meeting. I have enjoyed being of service to A.A. I plan to finish off this term as Help Email Chair until the new chair takes over in January, 2017.

In service, Shawn M., Help Email Chair

No questions or comments.

Hospital Visitation: There has been nil activity regarding hospital visits.

Yours in service, Michael H., Hospital Visitation Chair

No questions or comments.

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

No questions or comments.

Newsletter:

1. The final version of the Bulletin is now posted on the Website.
2. The Ladies Book Study Group, now known as Sober Ladies Group, at a new location, will come out, as of October. The listing is now in the Meeting List.
3. Please note that the Acceptance Group is now at a new location at Coburg Road and Robie Street for the Saturday morning meeting, but no Wednesday meeting, as of yet.
4. This month, Rob was the primary compiler of the Bulletin with the Chair standing back as proof-reader. If elected, Rob will be more than ready to take over the Chair position in January.
5. A Bluenose Bulletin Workbook was prepared on the Mandate of the Committee and the how-to's of putting the Bulletin together each month. This should be an aid to Rob in the interim and

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any future Committee and Chair.

6. Groups were diligent in getting their announcements in on time, for which the Committee is grateful.

7. With the elections, there will be major changes to the Contact Sheet of A.A. positions, which will be compiled for either the January or February meeting with hand-outs at that time.

8. The Committee ask the forbearance of groups, but please let us know if there is a special time of the month that birthdays are celebrated. The members of your group may know, but the Committee does not.

9. Believe it or not, the work is fun.

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

No questions or comments.

Entertainment: (Absent, report read by Arlene.) The AA Picnic at the Park has a wonderful turn out again this year. Again, I would love to thanks Dwight for barbequing for us again this year. Total cost was \$161.71, \$59.50 for the park, and \$102.20 for food. We collected \$43.25 in the 7th, bringing the total cost for the Picnic at \$118.45. Thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed the great weather and fellowship.

The Halloween Party is on October 29 at 8:00 pm at Club 24, 3 Dundas Street in Dartmouth.

Yours in Service, Samaira, Entertainment Chair

Literature: (Absent, report sent in for publishing in the minutes.) My apologizes for missing the meeting. There was nothing to report for the minutes. At the next meeting, I'll have some information to pass along.

Cheers, Evan McF., Literature Chair

District 1: District # 1 is doing quite well and coming up to their election of Executive officers for the next year. This election will be held at the end of the month or on the 25 of September by Nominations. Then in the month of October, we will hold our Committee Election for the Chairs and Co-chairs of the four committees. At our last meeting, we had the Chair and Co-Chair of Treatment step down from their positions, yet we had a vote at the district, but could not come to a decision to let them go. Then this was put over until next month in hopes that we can come to a decision. Both members are willing to keep helping with Treatment until we find new Chairs. Our treasurer has informed us that we are doing very well with finance at the district. We are coming up to the Assembly soon and the Assembly committee is looking for some members to help. Now I have very little more to say in hopes that we meet all our commitments at the District. Just short notes - Easy Does - it help this Alcoholic when it comes to these meetings and Keeping it Simple.

Yours in Love and Service, Fred DeM., District 1 DCM

No questions or comments.

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 Allan M. Seconded by Heather L. Vote taken - passed unanimously.

Old Business:

All agenda items under this category are being carried over until October, to allow for elections.

New Business:

- a) **2016-2017 Group Insurance – Paul** – The costs for the Group Insurance Policy have not changed since last year, so the amount for the groups has not changed. Each group on the policy is responsible to pay \$40.00 to CS to cover their part for the year. There are 31 groups involved in this policy. The invoices have been sent out. This policy also includes a \$10,000 rider clause for covering the Literature. Please submit your group's payment, if you haven't already.
- b) **Interim Treasurer – Foster** – Because of the resignation of our Treasurer, we are in need of an Interim Treasurer until the end of the year. Foster nominated Bill P. for that position. Heather put a motion on the floor that Bill P. would be the Treasurer for the rest of the year and be appointed co-signer on the Central Service bank Account at the Credit Union Atlantic." This motion was seconded by Gerry L. No further discussion. A vote was taken. Passed unanimously.
- c) **2016 Elections – Trudy, Fred & John** – after reading each guideline outlining the responsibilities of each position, the nomination process would take place. After acceptance of such nomination, questions would be posed of the nominee(s) for qualifications for said position and time would be given for these to be answered. After that, a vote would be taken. All positions start January 1, 2017. And the results tallied as follows:
 1. *Committee Chair* – Foster L. nominated Paul B. for this position. Paul accepted the nomination. Voting: For – 16, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. Welcome to the position, Paul!
 2. *Committee Co-chair* – Gerry L. nominated Bill P. for this position. Bill accepted the nomination. Voting: For – 16, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. Welcome to the position, Bill!
 3. *Committee Treasurer* – Foster L. nominated Jacqueline K. for this position. Jacqueline accepted the nomination. Voting: For – 16, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. Welcome to the position, Jacqueline!
 4. *Committee Secretary* – No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.

5. *Bluenose Bulletin – Chair* – Bill P. nominated Rob A. for this position. Rob accepted the nomination. Voting: For – 16, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. Welcome to the position, Rob!
6. *Bluenose Bulletin – Co-chair* - No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.
7. *Telephone – Chair* – Heather C. nominated Leah for this position. Leah accepted the nomination. Voting: For – 16, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. Welcome to the position, Leah!
8. *Telephones – Co-Chair* – No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.
9. *Telephones – Co-Chair* – No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.
10. *Webmaster – Chair* - No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.
11. *Entertainment – Chair* - Foster L. nominated Natalie for this position. Natalie accepted the nomination. Voting: For – 16, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. Welcome to the position, Natalie!
12. *Entertainment – Co-chair* - No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.
13. *Literature – Chair* - No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.
14. *Literature – Co-chair* - No nominations for this position since there isn't a Chair yet voted in. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.
15. *Hospital Visitation – Chair* – Mary W. nominated Michael H. for this position. Michael accepted the nomination. Voting: For – 16, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 0. Welcome back to the position, Michael!
16. *Hospital Visitation – Co-chair* - No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.
17. *Help Email Coordinator* - No nominations for this position. This position will be carried over to the October meeting.

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

There wasn't any this month.

The next CS Meeting is October 4, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.