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CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
St. Mark's Church, 5522 Russell Street, Halifax

Welcome and Open: Meeting opened by Trudy D. at 7:00 pm with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Call for Items to be added to the agenda: Heathers Weekend Phones contact list went missing at the last meeting. Does anyone know where they went? Please check your CSR note books to see if it turns up. Tim M. has agreed to take the minutes for me so I can chair the meeting. Thanks Tim!!

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Gig M.

Roll Call:

Executive: Jacqueline K. -Treasurer and Trudy D. – Secretary. **Committees:** Heather C. – Phone Chair/ CSR Four Seasons, Rob A. - Bluenose Bulletin Chair, Sheila C. -Literature Chair, Natalie C. -Entertainment Chair, **CSRs & Alt's-** Alan M. -Sunrise, Andrew S. – Atlantic, Margaret S. – Acceptance, David R. – Living in the Solution, Sarah S. – The Only Requirement, Donnie B.- West End Step, Gig M.- Early Risers, Ron H. -Colby Village, Tracy W. -Fall River, Gerry L. -Sunday Night Serenity, Emily F. – Alt. CSR Acceptance **Others:** Racquel R. - District 1 Alt. DCM, Tim M. -General Service Delegate Panel 67 Policies and Admissions Committee

7th Tradition: \$32.35 collected, taken by Jacqueline K.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Only error was the addition of 1 name who was not at the meeting. Minutes recommended for approval by Alan M., Vote taken – passed unanimously.

Reports:

Chair: As the phrase says” As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” During the month of Feb, I attended the District 2 meeting and it was a very active, informative meeting. One of the highlights of the meeting that I would like to bring to everyone attention, is that there is a discussion at both districts tables to bring the four sub committees, which are Public information, Corrections, CPC and Treatment, to join the Central Service Table. This presently is in the early stages of district and I wanted to inform you all of something that might be coming to our table for discussion. More information at the next meeting. Also, this month I performed my monthly phone calls and was lucky to see that everyone was either working, sleeping or carrying the message, good job to you all. Thank you to Bill for Chairing this meeting and you all for attending. As you noticed I am not here for the meeting however I still have you all in my heart and mind. If you do need me for any reason, please email or text me. **Help Email report:** There were 2 emails sent to help email coordinator. One email was in reference to where a meeting was located in Dartmouth and the other was for someone looking for help. Each email contained a meeting list and a pamphlet about AA and contact number of AA. I noticed that one of these emails were answered by someone other than myself and the information given was also incorrect. So immediately, I had the web Admin change the password.

Co-chair: Bill was sick and Trudy sent him home.

Treasurer: The opening balance on February 1 was \$3933.62. Debits= \$60.00. Credits= \$94.15. Closing balance= \$3967.77. Prudent Account balance is \$4169.18. The Revenues and Disbursements sheet is provided for the groups on the last page of these minutes. Alan commended Jacqueline for getting us \$0.05 more a month interest on our account! Good job!

Secretary: I am Alcoholic named Trudy. This month was pretty quiet. I got the minutes out quickly and really didn't have much to do besides trying to update the contact list for CSC. I believe I have most of the groups covered with CSRs. I sent out a reminder for this meeting and received most of the reports ahead of time. Thanks to those who continue to make the effort!

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Bluenose Bulletin: The March 2017 Bluenose Bulletin, as before had its fair share of birthday celebrations. We always hope to see many of our AA members at these events. Again, most people, in the Districts were kind enough to get their Emails to the Committee on time, including self-corrections and the like. I would like to again take this opportunity to remind everybody that the deadline for announcements to be included is the 25th of each month. It is also important that Birthday Announcements be sent to the Committee via Email, and not by phone or texting. The Committee is still looking for a new newsletter co-chair so we ask that the word be spread to the various groups. Good knowledge of MS Word is a requirement. As before, the Committee is looking forward to maintaining the quality, readability and integrity of the Bluenose Bulletin as a tool to be used to spread accurate information to the AA community at large. **Comment:** Thanks for adding the Contact page. It is important for people to be able to access the people in Service.

Webmaster/Website/Email: We had 4532 views of the web site in February, almost identical to last month. The top pages/posts were: Meeting List, Newsletter and Service minutes' page. We have 581 subscribed members getting the monthly email. On this topic, with a work-related trip to Europe I was unable to compose the monthly email letter on time. I still plan to do so before the end of this week. I continued supporting Gmail accounts and providing support to the people in Central Service Executive and Committees. Other tasks are ongoing backups, forwarding messages to Newsletter and updating WordPress and plugins. I recently noticed that Gmail has updated their security measures and it could prevent some users from accessing the accounts. Google consider login in from multiple computers and different places (IP addresses) as a suspicious activity. As webmaster, I must access all Gmail accounts (set up forwarding, troubleshooting, etc.) which aggravates the situation. If this becomes a problem we will have to look for a different method to keep control on all Gmail accounts that won't run into Google restricting access. On the things to do I have: Add security question to all forms (to prevent spam), Re-work contact info which is scattered on several places.

Hospital Visitation: We have one long term member in the VG. He is visited weekly by a Hospital Visit member and has family that he talks of, but I've never met. Other than that, its been a very uneventful month.

Telephone: Good evening, it's been a slow month for the phones, still looking for members to man the day phones, also still looking for members for the 12 step lists. We need members to come forward and help in these areas of our committee. Please bring our concerns back to your home groups. We need help. The Phones and 12 Step list are crucial and we are a big Area. We should not be having troubles meeting our obligation. Trudy will make sure Heather gets a copy of the online contact list for each group. **Comment:** I will bring it back to my group and we will see if I can find someone to take it. Suggested to the CSR to take the phone tonight so he doesn't have to go to Sackville to get it. The CSR was shocked that it was an actual physical phone. Heather commented we need people to take the day phone. If you can't answer right away and a message is left, we call them back. One week shifts are the norm, some take for 2 weeks.

Entertainment: Good evening friends, the Entertainment committee is pleased to let you know what we have planned for March and April. Starting March 19th and on a bi-weekly schedule AA Bowling is up and running. Use your spare time to strike up some fellowship. Cost is \$7 for 3 Strings and rental of cool shoes. The time is 1- 3 pm. On March 25 is the first Pop Up AA Days, being held at Club 24 from 12- 6pm. Cost is 7th Tradition. Come on out for some fellowship and fun. Meetings every hour and light lunch available all day. Last but not least join us for the AA Beach Party, indoor Beach Party that is, Saturday April 1 from 7-11pm at Trinity Church on 321 Main Ave in Fairview (Back to Basics meeting location). Tickets are \$5.00 and includes snacks and refreshments, door prizes, spot dances and lots of fun. Get your flip flops, sunglasses and favorite summer gear on and come join us. We have posters available thanks to Rob A., chair of the Bluenose Bulletin. Please take one back to your group, post it if your group has a bulletin board. It would be great if any CSR's here this evening would like to take some tickets back to their groups to encourage ticket sales. Please bring any suggestions for events to either myself or Cassy D. or email them to entertainment.aahalifax@gmail.com. **Question:** Is there a limit to amount of people who can attend? **Answer:** No

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Literature: A deposit of \$820.85 was made February 27, 2017. The bank balance of the literature account as of March 5, 2017, is \$3,416.38. The inventory value to date is \$6,869.10 and cash on hand is \$35.40 which includes a \$35.00 float. On February 22nd, I placed a literature order of \$731.75 US. **Discussion:** Some discussion around how to best sell the overstock Grapevine inventory. Sheila has some ideas and will be letting us know soon what is available and how to go about getting it.

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up: Hotel booked for Mar 23,24,25 2018. The Holiday Inn will reopen as a Doubletree Hilton Same cost for roundup as quoted last year. Room rate for guests to go from \$125-\$130. Banquet cost to be determined after contact with catering will likely be same cost as previously. We had initial committee meeting Mar.5th and elected chairs and Co chairs for four committees Treasurer, Entertainment, Registration, Program. Next meeting scheduled for April 2nd. Please join us as we move forward. **Correction: The report has a typo- it should read Feb 23, 24, 25, 2018**

District 1: Our district meeting was held on February 26 at which we were able to pass our budget for 2017. Also, we introduced several conference agenda items for feedback from the groups. An email with background information has been sent to the GSR's for discussion at the group meetings. We will be looking for groups feedback at our March 26 district meeting. I called for members to form a workshop committee and five members have stepped up. I hope to have our first workshop committee meeting later this month. Our first workshop for district one will be held in May 28 at the Dixon Centre. Tentative workshop dates for 2017 will be May 28, July 30, September 24 and November 26. Our DCM recently attended CERAASA and we look forward to the details of her report at our next district meeting.

District 2: Not in attendance. No report.

Area 82: Tim M. our General Service Delegate, Panel 67 let us know he is sitting on the Policies and Admissions Committee. He is busy getting ready for the Conference and would like to thank everyone in the Area for the help he has received. He sent out 6 Agenda items for the Districts and Groups to send some feedback on to him. You should be hearing about these from your GSR's. Please ask if you do not hear about it at your business meetings.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Ron H. Seconded by Rob A. Vote taken - passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Elections -

1. **Literature Co-chair** - no nominations
2. **Newsletter Co-Chair**- no nominations
3. **Telephone Co-Chair**- no nominations
4. **Help Email Coordinator** – no nominations

New Business:

1. Detox- a question came up about who provides Meeting lists for the Detox. I believe it might be Treatment Committee through the Districts. Heather will print some off to bring Sunday as her group does it and then we can let the Committee know.
2. Detox- is there still an issue around people who are putting on the meeting smelling like smoke attending the meetings? The best place to get an answer about this is at the District tables. The contact list at the back of the Bluenose Bulletin has the contact information of the Treatment Committee. You can call or email them and ask as well if you do not want to wait for the District meeting dates.

Announcements: No announcements

The next CS Meeting is April 4, 2017. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Central Service Committee
Revenues and Disbursements

2016 Approved Budget

2017 Approved Central Service Budget		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals	Variance
Revenues															
Group Contributions		\$7,000.00	\$367.00	\$60.00											
7th Tradition		\$400.00	\$26.00	\$34.15											
Insurance premium		\$1,200.00	40												
Entertainment Comm.															
Transfer from Literature			\$36.25												
Miscellaneous															
Business Account Totals		\$8,600.00													
Expenses															
Rent - Church Hall		\$600.00	\$60.00	\$60.00											
Telephone Committee		\$2,800.00	\$187.97												
P.O. Box Rental		\$220.00													
Insurance Premium		\$1,200.00													
Area 82 Contribution		\$1,000.00													
GSO Contribution		\$800.00													
December Social 2017		\$400.00													
Bluenose Bulletin		\$300.00													
Entertainment Committee		\$700.00													
Webmaster Expense		\$150.00													
Treasurer Expense		\$50.00													
Secretary Expense		\$100.00													
Chair Expense		\$100.00													
Co-Chair Expense		\$100.00													
Miscellaneous		\$80.00	45.03												
Business Account Totals		\$8,600.00													
2017 Net	Revenues minus Expenses														
Literature Opening Balance															
Literature Credits		\$1,782.03	\$469.00												
Literature Debits		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00												
Literature Closing Balance		\$2,251.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prudent Account															
Interest		\$4,168.82	\$4,169.00												
Balance		\$4,169.00	\$4,169.18												
Equity Share		\$5.00													
Surplus Shares		\$45.00													
	Totals													\$469.00	\$0.00
	Net 2017													\$0.00	