

**Date: August 1, 2017**

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

**Welcome and Open:** Meeting opened by Paul B. at 7:00 pm with a few moments of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Call for Items to be added to the agenda:** none

**Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Rob A.

**Roll Call: Executive:** Paul B. -Chairperson, Bill P. -Co- Chairperson, **Committees:** Mike H.- Chair Hospital Visitation, Heather C.- Telephone Chair/ CSR 4 Seasons, Rob A.- Newsletter Chair, Sheila C. -Literature Chair, John H.- Co-Chair C.P.C. Committee  
**CSR's:** Marianne S.-CSR Serenity Sisters, Ron H.- CSR Colby Village BBSG, Gig M.- CSR Early Risers, Barry L.- Back to Basics, Andrew S.-CSR Atlantic, Dave R.-CSR Living in the Solution, Donald B.- CSR West End Step, Barry L.-CSR Back to Basics, Jeff D.- CSR Fresh Start, Scott K.- Alt. CSR Downtown Dartmouth, Gerry L.- CSR Sunday Night Serenity, Fred L.W.- CSR Cole Harbour, Margaret S.- CSR Acceptance, Samaira G.-DCM District 1, Cathy M.-DCM District 2, Observer- Eric L.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$ collected, taken by Jacqueline K.

**Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** Moved by Marianne S., seconded by Heather- adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

**Reports:**

**Chair:** This month was a slow month in service, however I was able to attend the districts meetings. I am planning to setup another presentation about Service in September, stay tune for the topic. I also would like to welcome the new Committees that are present at our meeting tonight.

**Co-chair:** no report

**Treasurer:** Opening balance- \$4,280.27, debits- \$301.65, credits- \$686.00, Closing balance- \$4,664.62. Prudent Reserve- \$4,170.01

**Secretary:** I am continuing to get the reports from Committee Chairs early and I would like to say a huge TY for that. Things are going fine on the Secretary end of things.

**Bluenose Bulletin:** The August 2017 Bluenose Bulletin had a smaller amount of birthday celebrations than were previously included. Must be an August thing. We always hope to see many of our AA members at these events. The majority of people in the area 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 again remind everybody that the deadline for announcements to be included is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. It is very also important that Birthday Announcements be sent to the Committee via Email, and not by phone, texting or in person. The printer friendly version of the Bluenose Bulletin is now online, and that should meet the requirements of those who require less ink when printing out the newsletter. 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.

**Webmaster/Website:** no report

**Email:** I am out of the city on holidays this week and won't be in attendance tonight. July wasn't a particularly busy month for emails. I responded to nine requests for meeting information - a few of these requests were from people visiting Nova Scotia. Meeting lists for districts outside of HRM are easily found online and I attach those to my reply. I have also responded to a couple of folks this month who had never attended a meeting and were asking for details about the program and how to join. My reply is typically a meeting list, a little detail about the different types of meetings i.e. speaker or discussion, and a few words of encouragement and reassurance that they will be welcomed at any meeting.

**Hospital Visitation:** No hospital visits but numerous and constant Russian spam infiltrating our website firewall. Pedro has been informed and looking for a backdoor fix.

**Telephone:** The phones have been a struggle this month finding members to take them, we have lost a member on the day list also the night list, this leaves only two members doing night phones and only five members doing day phones, we have to have more members doing this if we want to continue, please bring this concern back to your business meeting, we are in a state of emergency.

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**Entertainment:** Good evening from the Entertainment Committee. Apologies for not being in attendance this evening. The AA Camping weekend is upon us. August 4th, 5th and 6th at Dollar Lake Provincial Park. Interest has been growing and a great turn out is expected. If you can't join us for camping there will be a potluck supper Saturday evening at 6 followed by a meeting under the stars. The Entertainment Co-chair has stepped down so the position is available. Watch the September edition of the Bluenose Bulletin for information on our annual picnic and other entertainment events coming up.

**Literature:** Good evening, the balance of the literature account as of July 25, 2017 is \$3488.84. A deposit of \$691.60 was made July 25, 2017. The inventory value to date is \$5475.20 and cash on hand is a \$35.00 float.

**2018 Mid-Winter Round Up:** no report

**CPC:** We did not meet in July but did a presentation. We will make sure to have our Secretary forward a report from now on to the CS Secretary. I look forward to serving with this CS Committee.

**Public Information:** We did not meet in July due to schedules and vacations. We are attempting to set up meetings with several different agencies at the moment, one of which is the school board. Our committee is trying to make sure that AA is not anonymous in the community and let it be known that AA has a solution for dealing with Alcoholism. General strategy is Public media, Doctors offices, community billboards, a Yahoo account, arrangements with RCMP in HRM, Health line. A lot of brainstorming to get our message out.

**Treatment:** no report

**Corrections:** no report

**District 1:** Our last business meeting was this past Sunday. Workshops are held before the District meeting. Our last meeting was taken up with discussion on the Agenda topics coming up in October at the Assembly and also the new Safety Yellow card available from GSO.

**District 2:** At our last meeting, we followed through with questions for the groups to discuss for the Agenda at the Assembly. Our next workshop is August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Club 24. The topic is Safety in AA. We will be discussing in depth about the new Yellow card and other topics pertaining to Safety in AA. Peter L. from District 17 will be the facilitator.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Rob A. Seconded by Fred L.W. Vote taken - passed unanimously.

**Old Business: Elections -**

1. Literature Co- Chair- none
2. Entertainment Co- Chair- none
3. New Committees vote from last month- Paul apologized for not following the CS Guidelines last month with voting. To make it fair we can either debate this again or to ratify the motion with just taking another vote. Bill suggested just a revote. Motion to ratify the previous motion made by Bill. Seconded by Heather. All in favor. Voted again- All in favor. No opposed, no abstentions
4. Paul officially welcomed the new committees to the CS table

**Announcements:** Julia D. 4 years, Craig R. 6 years at West End Step, Jamie Q. 7 years at Four Seasons. Camp out at Dollar Lake this weekend.

**The next CS Meeting is September 5, 2017.** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

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