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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:** disbursement of excess funds; Co- Chairperson for C.P.C.

**Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Eric L.

**Roll Call: Executive:** Paul B. -Chairperson, Bill P. -Co- Chairperson/ PI Chair, Jacqueline K. -Treasurer, Trudy D. -Secretary  
**Committees:** Pedro G. -Webmaster, Heather C.- Telephone Chair/ CSR 4 Seasons, Rob A.- Newsletter Chair, Sheila C. -Literature Chair, Michael H. -Hospital Visitation, Natalie C. – Entertainment Chair, Chris R. -CPC Chair, Beth P. - Help Email/CSR Downtown Dartmouth  
**CSR's:** Ron H.- CSR Colby Village BBSG, Barry L.- Back to Basics, Andrew S.-CSR Atlantic, Sarah S. -CSR The Only Requirement, Alan M. -CSR Second Chance, Fred L.W.- CSR Cole Harbour, Alan M. - CSR Sunrise, Emily T. S.- CSR Acceptance, Gerry L. -CSR Sunday Night Serenity, Donnie B. -CSR West End Step, Jeff D. -CSR Fresh Start, David R. -CSR Living in the Solution, **Observers:** Eric L., Jerry P., Sue C., Samaira G. - DCM District 1, Cathy M. -DCM District 2

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$ 36.20 collected, taken by Jacqueline K.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approval motioned by Rob A. and seconded by Eric L. All approved.

**Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** Moved by Pedro G., seconded by Rob A. - adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

**Reports:**

**Chair:** "I don't thank God for opening the gates of Heaven and letting me in, I thank God for opening the gates of Hell and letting me out. We as a committee achieve and made some great strides in carrying the message. The year of 2017 was a very grateful and satisfying year. Here are a few of many ways we carried the message: We added Public Information, CPC, Corrections and treatment. Our telephone Committee has expanded their list of volunteers for the phones and seems improving monthly. The Newsletters added, a Printer friendly version, which seems to be very popular with AA members. Entertainment events were held with a lot of excellent ideas and participation from the AA fellowship, Plus many more. This committee, showed Dedication, honesty and commitment which reflects on why we achieved the ultimate goal of carrying the message. Thank you for all of your support in 2017 and hope it continues in 2018 and your everyday sobriety.

**Co-chair:** The main thing concerns the Insurance. Coming into tonight 7 outstanding groups left to pay the premiums. Received payments from 2 which leaves 5. I have promises of payment from 2 more groups which will leave 3 groups outstanding.

**Treasurer:** Opening balance- \$3967.17, debits- \$456.17, credits- \$1,545.35, Closing balance- \$5056.35. Prudent Reserve- \$4,170.75

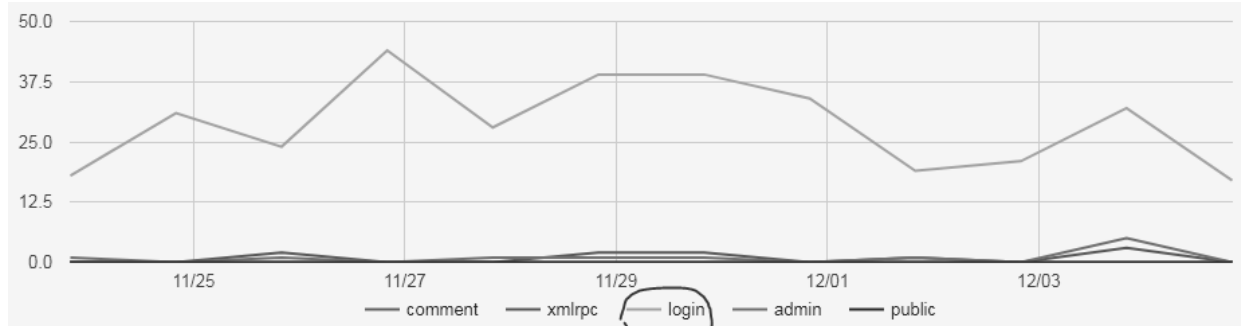
**Secretary:** There were quite a few reports I did not receive by email. I am hopeful to get the missing reports tonight. Thank you to those who did take the time to send them in. I will be meeting with Emily after this meeting to run through some things. I will be helping her sort through the different duties and setting up the email for her to access. I am sure she will get the hang of it fairly easily. Just a reminder to those who send their reports to my personal email that after this month I will not be the Secretary. All reports should be emailed to the secretary.aahalifax@gmail.com email so Emily can have them for the minutes. I hope this Holiday season brings much Joy to all. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Districts in this position.

**Bluenose Bulletin:** The December 2017 Bluenose Bulletin is in many ways, a brand-new item in that it has been redesigned from the ground up. It looks very similar to the recent versions but has been re-engineered to be easier to read and produce. A big shout out to team newsletter team members Eric L and Trudy D for helping to make this December edition possible. Unfortunately, we missed some announcements this issue, the human aspect is alive and well with the newsletter committee. We would suggest that multiple announcements be sent in separately so that we do not miss any items. As before most people in the area sent their Emails to the Committee on time. 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 has been re-designed and re-engineered as wee and is online too, and that should meet the requirements of those who require less ink when printing out the newsletter. 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.

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**Webmaster/Website:** We had 4467 views of the web site in June. The top pages/posts visited continue to be: Meeting List: 1914 Views; Newsletter: 535 Views; Contact Us: 206 Views; 39th Annual Mid-Winter Roundup (Districts 1 & 2), 67 Views. We have 593 subscribed members getting the monthly email, like previous month. This past month I installed and activated some extra security functionality in WordPress. We are now better protected as indicated by these stats: Total number of IP Geo-blocked: 367 (number of unique locations attempting to access our site) IN, India (44). PH, Philippines (26). PK, Pakistan (15). MY, Malaysia (14). GB (9). SE (7). IT (7). NL (7). LK (6). RU (5) Access areas: Admin login (221) and non-pages (18)



The above shows that we have quite significant and continuous attempts to break into our WordPress site. Some are login attempts, possibly using brute force method. And other are attempting to exploit known SW vulnerabilities. For these the best protection is to keep the site up-to-date with the latest SW. Other routine tasks I performed during November were: Web site maintenance (backups, clean up), Posted announcements as received from Groups and/or Districts, Once again, I appreciate the help and support I receive from everyone.

**Email:** We have received seven emails this month. Most were the usual request for meeting details. Two were requests for speakers and these were forwarded to the Central Service Chairperson for response.

**Hospital Visitation:** My final input as Chairperson of Hospital Visitation. There were people ill. We were able to visit all. I would like to extend out a very big thank you to my Co-Chair Michael, who tirelessly visited all whom entered the hospital. He truly has what it takes to be in service with those whom are ill and in need of another alcoholic to convey that everything is going to be alright. Furthermore, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the new incoming Chair of Hospital Visit this month. Ms. Sue C will be nominated by myself. She is highly qualified for the position, and a great fit-in with the Central Service family. I have had a great 3 years, and am looking forward to my next adventure. Life is truly a journey....

**Telephone:** Held a phone work shop in November with success, added a few more numbers to the phone list along with the 12-step list, there is still a huge need for members to add their names to this list, so if you could bring this concern back to your groups. We are responsible when ever anyone reaches out for help.

**Entertainment:** The Entertainment Committee wishes everyone the Happiest of Holidays, Merriest of Christmas and a best New Year ever. The preparations for the New Years Eve gala are underway. Ticket sales are ramping up. Those here with tickets or cash can please speak with me after the meeting. We are looking for donations for door prizes. The more the merrier. Short report this month. Thank you and please forward any suggestions or ideas to entertainment.aahalifax@gmail.com or Natalie C (902)219-7287

**Literature:** A deposit of \$964.80 was made on Nov 21, a deposit of \$214.50 on Nov 24 and a deposit of \$1,280.90 on Dec 5, which brings the balance of the Literature account to \$3,958.57. A total of \$270.00 in orders have been removed from the inventory of which payment has not been collected to date. I placed an order totalling \$472.84 on Nov 26 which has been received and paid for. I will be reimbursed for that at the Dec 5 CS meeting. There are some items on backorder that will be charged as it is shipped, separate from this payment. Inventory balance is \$4,155.75. Cash on hand is a \$35.00 float and \$203.00 which I will keep on hand for book sales moving forward.

**2018 Mid-Winter Round Up:** We met on Sunday and we now have every position filled on our committees. We are looking for membership support in pre-registration. We have our registration page up and running now on the AA Website for Districts 1 & 2. Please help get the message out there. Also, if your groups would like to sponsor some registrations for people who may not be otherwise able to afford to attend, please contact anyone on the flyer and we can help you help someone else. Thank you for helping us provide a weekend of great fellowship, meetings and workshops at our Mid Winter round up.

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**CPC:** The committee Co-Chair resigned from his position. We had joint meeting with PI November 25 to discuss presentation with the Guidance Counsellors for the Halifax Regional School Board. We also had a quick meeting after to discuss the appointing a new Co Chair. The presentation with the Guidance Counsellors was well received by both The School Board and the Counsellors themselves. Thanks to the Chair of PI and the committee It was a pleasure to have worked with the PI Committee on this project! There will be a meeting with Success College this Thursday.

**Public Information:** Presentation was made to the HRSB with PI/CPC participation. It was held in an auditorium with different tables set up. Every 15 minutes a different group of Guidance councillors were at our tables. We collected email addresses, distributed pamphlets, meeting lists, referred some to Al-Anon and so forth. We had face to face discussions on various levels of alcoholism, some personal, and even a mini 12 step discussion going on in a corner for some of the councillors directly affected by alcoholism. It was uplifting for all of us involved. We felt we had certainly carried the message and that meeting, and our discussions will produce results in us receiving requests for presentations across the HRM at all levels of schools from elementary to high school. **Question:** How many Guidance Councillors attended this event? **Answer:** at least 40, maybe even more. We had people at our table all day.

**Treatment:** I am forwarded you our report, I apologize for being absent for the Central Service meeting, however when I signed up for this position it was on Sundays and not Tues evening.... I have and had prior commitments on Tues eve, I had hoped moving forward that I would be able to participate but it seems my Tues eve prior commitments have been ongoing and will be for some time. My co- chair is available sometimes; however, it has been challenging for him on Tues nights as well. This past month the Detox meetings have been going well with group's participation and all meetings scheduled members have maintained their commitments. I appreciate the on – going support and recognizing the support required when individuals are trying to get sober, while maintaining your own sobriety through recovery unity and service. This past month the Forensic meetings have not been going well. Many Team members are moving onto other service positions and it seems the word is not being spread by all groups of the necessity of having meetings here once per week. I encourage all groups GSR's to try and get their group members to step up and try service work in Treatment – Forensics. Average attendance is about 5. I am still looking for new members of the fellowship to step up and join the forensic teams. Wishing you all the best over the holidays and in the new year.

**Corrections:** Meetings were well attended at the prison. The Chairs reported that sharing was meaningful. A meeting had to be cancelled once due to a lockdown. We are still looking for men to chair meetings in the prison. A criminal records check is required, but no particular length of sobriety is needed. An order for literature went in this month. We will be having a committee meeting in Jan. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**District 1:** It has been a quiet month, with many new things coming in the New Year. District 1 will be having a Pre-Conference in the New Year. Will a full day of discussions on the agenda items from New York. I've spoken to many members about our Pre-Conference and seems like we'll have a lot of input. Which is exactly the whole point of having our conscience heard at the Conference. Our NYD was very excited to hear that here in District 1, we wanted to be a part of the greater whole. The date for the Pre-conference will be picked in the New Year. We have passed our new Guidelines and will be posted on our website shortly. The old guidelines will stay up for review, but are not valid as soon as the new are posted. I would like to know if you wanted to have a potluck this month for the Holiday, all are welcome. Because of the holiday, our meeting will be on Dec. 17 at 1pm.

**District 2:** Correction to the December 10<sup>th</sup> workshop. It will be on all 12 concepts. A good one to attend since next year we will be reviewing them at our meetings. This workshop is reported to be deep in history and extremely interesting. The District 2 guidelines have already gone to the groups and will be back for district discussion in January and then back to groups for final review. District 2 will be emailing the preliminary agenda items when received from Tim (first of Feb) to all GSR's to take to their groups. We will devote both the February and March district meetings to discussion of same and send notes to Tim for his information. We have a pot luck at 1:30 before our December meeting. At that meeting we will be finalizing our 2018 budget (already gone to groups for approval).

All Reports were motioned for approval by Heather C., Seconded by Sarah S. Vote taken - passed unanimously.

**Old Business: Elections -**

1. Corrections Co- Chair- none
2. Entertainment Co- Chair- none
3. Literature Co- Chair- none
4. Insurance payment- Already discussed in the Co- Chair report

**New Business:**

1. Hand over procedures- each out-going person needs to get together with the new incoming person this month and go over the requirements for that position.
2. Elections-  
**PI Chair-** none  
**Hospital visitation chair-** Michael nominated Sue C.- she accepted the nomination, qualified. Vote taken, passed unanimously. Welcome Sue!!  
**C.P.C. Co- Chair-** Chris nominated Natalie C.- she accepted, qualified. Question was asked if she would be staying on as Entertainment Chair. Answer was yes. Vote taken, all in favor.
3. 2018 Jan meeting rescheduled to Jan 09/18- Motion made by Ron H. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff D. to reschedule meeting to Jan 9/18. Discussion as to why- A few members will not be available to be there to start on Jan 2. The Pastor was talked to and the church is available to us on the 9<sup>th</sup>. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. Disbursement of excess funds- Motion was made by Trudy D. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris R. to wait until March to see what extra will be in the account after the new budget comes in with the 4 new Committees. Discussion of maybe waiting 6 months. The table felt that 6 months was too long to hold onto any excess funds. They will be able to determine what the new figures should be for the committee budgets by March. Each CSR should let their groups know that the 4 Committees have moved to the Central Service Committee and maybe the groups can look at how they distribute any funds. Vote taken. 1 abstention- the rest in favor. Motion passed.

**Announcements:** Gene A. already celebrated in Dec, not Jan as stated in the newsletter. Many Candlelight and Gratitude meetings this month, check the newsletter. Living in the Solution will be having their meetings on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. They will be Gratitude meetings. The Christmas Eve social is always a great time, this year at Club 24 between 1-4 pm. Early Risers has a new meeting starting Wednesday morning 7 am. That will be 2 meetings a week Wednesday and Thursday at 7 am.

**The next CS Meeting is January 9th, 2018.** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

2017 Approved Central Service Budget														
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals	Variance
<b>Revenues</b>														
Group Contributions	\$7,000.00													
7th Tradition	\$400.00													
Insurance premium	\$1,200.00													
Transfer from Literature														
Miscellaneous	\$8,600.00													
Business Account Totals														
<b>Expenses</b>														
Rent - Church Hall	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$7,200.00	
Telephone Committee	\$2,800.00													
P.O. Box Rental	\$720.00													
Insurance Premium	\$1,200.00													
Area 82 Contribution	\$1,000.00													
GSO Contribution	\$800.00													
December Social 2017	\$400.00													
Bluenose Bulletin	\$900.00													
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													
Business Account Totals														
2017 Net Revenue minus Expenses	\$1,933.62	\$3,967.77	\$5,091.83	\$4,877.77	\$4,756.57	\$4,280.72	\$4,665.07	\$4,164.42	\$4,766.87	\$3,967.17	\$5,056.35			
Literature Opening Balance														
Literature Credits	\$1,782.03	\$2,251.03	\$3,416.38	\$2,564.78	\$2,817.78	\$2,432.24	\$2,797.15	\$3,488.84	\$2,511.50	\$2,355.75	\$2,455.20			
Literature Debits	\$469.00	1,165.35	\$1,060.00	253	\$385.54	\$365.00	\$691.69	\$1,569.95	\$942.30	\$716.16	\$2,455.20			
Literature Closing Balance	\$2,251.03	\$3,416.38	\$2,564.78	\$2,817.78	\$2,432.24	\$2,797.15	\$3,488.84	\$2,511.50	\$2,355.75	\$3,071.91	\$3,953.57	\$0.00		
Prudent Account	\$4,168.82	\$4,169.00	\$4,169.18	\$4,169.34	\$4,169.51	\$4,169.68	\$4,169.86	\$4,170.04	\$4,170.22	\$4,170.40	\$4,170.58	\$4,170.75		
Interest	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.17		
Balance	\$4,169.00	\$4,169.18	\$4,169.34	\$4,169.51	\$4,169.68	\$4,169.86	\$4,170.04	\$4,170.22	\$4,170.40	\$4,170.58	\$4,170.75			
Equity Share														
Surplus Shares														

Totals

Net 2017