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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, Jacqueline K. -Treasurer and Trudy D. - Secretary.

Committees: Beth P.- Help Email Coordinator/CSR Downtown Dartmouth, Mike H.- Chair Hospital Visitation, Heather C.- Telephone Chair/ CSR 4 Seasons, Rob A.- Newsletter Chair, Pedro G.- Webmaster. **CSR's:** Marianne S.-CSR Serenity Sisters, Ron H.- CSR Colby Village BBSG, Claire L.- Live for Today, Barry L.- Back to Basics, Alan M.-CSR Sunrise, Andrew S.-CSR Atlantic, Dave R.-CSR Living in the Solution, Emily T.S.-Alt. CSR Acceptance, Donald B.- CSR West End Step, Gig M.-CSR Early Risers, Barry L.-CSR Back to Basics, Sarah S.-CSR Only Requirement, Jeff D.-CSR Fresh Start, Racquel R.-Alt DCM District 1, Cathy M.- DCM District 2, Jerry P. -observer (Phone co-chair), Mary W. -observer.

7th Tradition: \$26.00 collected, taken by Jacqueline K.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Mike H., seconded by Heather - adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

Reports:

Chair: During the month of June, I attended the NS Provincial roundup. It was really good to see other members from different districts come out to lend their support. After some delay, I was able to get the phone cases for the telephone committee so now all of their phones are complete with cases. This month, I received a call from Samaria DCM District 1 Chair She indicated that district 1 has now voted in favor of the 4 committees been transferred to Central Service. I explained that I will mentioned this to the central service committee.

Co-chair: Went to Districts 1 and 2 meetings, spoke with CS Chair. Nothing else to report.

Treasurer: Opening balance- \$4,756.57, debits- \$633.80, credits- \$157.50, Closing balance- \$4280.27. Prudent Reserve- \$4,169.85

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. I have not received the amendments binder yet but I will work on getting that this month and get it up to date if needed. Thanks for all the continued support.

Bluenose Bulletin: The July 2017 Bluenose Bulletin had its share of birthday celebrations. As always, we always hope to see many of our AA members at these events. Most 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 25th 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: We had 5311 views of the web site in June, up 8% compared to April. The top pages/posts visited continue to be: Meeting List, Newsletter and Contact Us pages. We have 597 subscribed members getting the monthly email, up by 4. This month I worked towards completing two large pending tasks, to add the "What's New" section and to include an updated and improved online meeting list (to complement the PDF print version). I also started adding sections for the coming Mid Winter Roundup 2018. We have some posts and a widget on the left side of the template. A dedicated page to host the registration is on the works. You also might have noticed that since June we are publishing two versions of the Bluenose Bulletin, the usual one and a second optimized to save ink. Other routine tasks I performed during June were: Web site maintenance (backups, clean up); Posted announcements as received from Groups. Once again, I appreciate the help and support I receive from everyone.

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Email: It was a rather quiet month for emails. I responded to four inquiries - all were looking for meeting information so the responses included a copy of the meeting list. The AA Help Email also received a request to have a name removed from service literature and this was forwarded to the Chair.

Hospital Visitation: This month has been eventless regarding hospital visitation.

Telephone: Not much to report for this month, phone cases for the phones have been purchased and I will disburse them this week. Still looking for members to man the day phones as well as the night phones, could you please bring this back to your groups. Evening phones are doing well, as is the weekend phones. THANKYOU

Entertainment: Good evening friends. The Entertainment Committee is pleased to share the details of our upcoming events. Come join us for our next Karaoke night being held again at Club 24 on Saturday July 15th from 8 - 12. This is a great opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and have a great time doing it. Friends, family welcome. Cost is the 7th Tradition. This year's AA Camping weekend is August 4th 5th and 6th at Dollar Lake Provincial Park. Come for the weekend or just for a day. Fun and fellowship with friends and family. Saturday there will be a potluck from 6 to 8pm then a meeting under the stars. For more details on either event please contact Natalie at 902-219-7287 or Cassy at 902-402-9649.

Literature: Good evening, I send my regrets. I am not able to attend the July 4th Central Service meeting. The balance of the literature account as of June 28, 2017 is \$2,797.24. A deposit of \$365.00 was made June 28, 2017. The inventory value to date is \$6,352.15 and cash on hand is a \$35.00 float as well as a cheque for deposit of \$32.00.

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up: Nothing new from last month's report, no committee meeting since. Early bird flyer now available. Please distribute. Next meeting July 9th 1:00pm Club24.

District 1: The District One workshop committee will be hosting its second workshop for 2017 on Sunday July 30th at 1pm at the George Dixon Centre. The subject will be the seventh tradition. I'm looking forward to attending the District 6 mid summer round up in Truro on July 29.

District 2: In June one half of our GSR's attended the NS Service Weekend and we learned a lot since most were newly elected this year. I was unable to attend the District meetings this month, however the ALT has reported that there was "spirited" discussion about proposed changes to the Area guidelines which will be brought forward to the Assembly in the fall. Many items were sent to groups for discussion and information: for example - the AA guidelines about safety and accessibility (along with a questionnaire for groups about accessibility), area inventory form, preconference proposal to replace the service weekend, amendment to guidelines that states the guidelines do supersede the service manual, putting the provincial on a rotation list with groups, vote on excess area funds. About our committees: Corrections chair has stepped down for personal reasons and the co-chair Kelly, is acting as chair until our July meetings at which time, both positions will be open for election. please pass this on to your groups. Treatment - another group did not attend detox this month after confirming they would attend, please speak to your groups. It is a terrible thing not to show up for these meetings. Forensics is looking for more members to become part of their teams. PI is in desperate need for volunteers from groups in both Halifax and Dartmouth to assist with the medical offices and distribution of literature. once again please talk to your groups. CPC is doing a 90-minute presentation tomorrow at the Atlantic School of Theology.

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

Old Business: Elections -

1. Literature Co- Chair- none

New Business:

1. Mid- year budget review- Jacqueline presented the mid- year review. Attached to the end of these minutes.
2. Presentation from Mary W. on Service work. Great job Mary
3. Four Committee proposal- Districts voted to send the 4 Committees over to the CS table. Motion made by Heather to accept the 4 Committees to our table, seconded by Rob A. Discussion on finances and length of our meeting. Vote was 9 yes- 3 opposed-3 abstentions. Minority voice spoke. No one in the majority changed their vote. Motion passed.

Announcements: Acceptance group is splitting into 2 separate groups soon. The Wednesday group will be a new group.

The next CS Meeting is August 1, 2017. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm with the Serenity Prayer.

