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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:

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

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, Kelly D. -Corrections Chair, Chris R. -CPC Chair
CSR's: Sharman M. -Alt. CSR Serenity Sisters, 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, Garth M. -Alt. CSR Sunrise, Emily T. S.- CSR Acceptance, Perry B. -CSR Welcome, Clare L. -CSR Live for Today, Gerry L. -CSR Sunday Night Serenity, Donnie B. -CSR West End Step, Jeff D. -CSR Fresh Start
Observers: Eric P., Jerry P., Samaira G. -DCM District 1

7th Tradition: \$35.35 collected, taken by Jacqueline K.

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approval motioned by Rob A. and seconded by Heather C. All approved.

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

Reports:

Chair: The month of Oct was full of a lot of events. It started by have a phone meeting with Sara Digbon from 211, which is a referral Service used by the Province of NS. In this meeting. we updated the AA contact info, that consist of Our Primary Purpose, Web addresses for Area 82 and AA Halifax, hospital visitation and General Inquiries Line plus an AA meeting list. They get a variety of referrals and AA is really common on their referral list. Had a meeting with Mark DCM From District 3, in which we exchange some ideas and one of them was for the PI committee. The examples, he mailed me have been given to the PI committee. Met with a professor from Dal, in which we set up a CPC presentation. Reviews from the professor of this presentation, were that it was extremely informative, and she cannot wait until her next semester to have them back. She is also going to spread the word to other Professors. Good job CPC committee. Was in contact with the Correction Chair from GSO in which we discussed the correction correspondence. Copies of the forms needed are available on the website. Just a reminder that Insurance money is still needed from some groups, make this a priority to cover the insurance cost. Any questions please see Bill P. There is only one month left we did the time fly, having fun makes service all worthwhile.

Co-chair: We are past the half way mark with groups who have paid for Insurance. I will have a more accurate list of the remaining groups that still need to pay next meeting.

Treasurer: Opening balance- \$4766.87, debits- \$1,736.45, credits- \$936.75, Closing balance- \$3,967.17. Prudent Reserve- \$4,170.58

Secretary: Thanks to all who got their reports in on time. 2 more months and then Emily will be taking over!! Thanks for all the support and help I have received.

Bluenose Bulletin: The November 2017 Bluenose Bulletin was full of birthday celebrations this time. We always hope to see many of our AA members at these events. Some last-minute birthdays were sent in by Email, but we just managed to get them in. Most people in the area sent 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 online as per the norm now, 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 4194 views of the web site in June. The top pages/posts visited continue to be: Meeting List: 1863 Views; Newsletter: 519 Views; Contact Us: 180 Views; Service Meeting Minutes and Guidelines: 79 Views. We have 593 subscribed members getting the monthly email, like previous month. This past month I executed an upgrade of our WordPress template (this is what makes the web look like it does). This time was a major upgrade and as expected it broke a few things across the site. I spend half a day fixing things and as a result there's a slight different look. On a separate topic, I set up a page for the coming Mid Winter Roundup where AA, Alanon and Alateen can register. I also helped fix the settings and new prices in our PayPal account. It has been brought up to me that the new security question incorporated in the forms

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can be difficult to go through. I do understand this, but the alternative is an unsecure web site exposed to malicious activities. We must start having a stricter approach to security in our Web Site. And I do know we have plenty of contact emails and phone numbers in the site that anyone having problems will reach out to us. Other routine tasks I performed during August 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: October has been a very quiet month for the emails. I have received only three requests for information and meeting locations. My replies have been to urge those who are seeking advise and help from AA to attend a meeting and I have provided current meeting lists in my responses. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to give back what has been so freely given to me.

Hospital Visitation: Hospital Visitation was and is busy with visitation. There was 2 this month. Continuing visitation until about the 20th of November for one member.

Telephone: Good evening, the phone committee is doing much better with members stepping up and doing their part in spreading the message, I am now looking at reviewing our 12 step lists, there is a need for members to come forward and put their names on the list. The phone committee is holding another workshop at the end of the month before the District 1 meeting. Thanks

Entertainment: Good evening friends, Happy Autumn from the Entertainment Committee. Since we last met we hosted a last-minute Halloween party. Although attendance was not what we had hoped for, the approximately 35 who came had great costumes and lots of fun. We did find ourselves a fantastic new DJ who we will be also using for New Years. Speaking of which, I have with me tonight New Years Eve Dance posters and tickets. It would be wonderful if CSR's and Executive here tonight were willing to take a bundle of 10 tickets to sell among their respective groups and friends. I am not accustomed to begging, but please, please, please help me out. This year our New Years celebration is at St Theresa's Church on the corner of North St and Dublin. There will be a hot and cold buffet with a potluck dessert. Tickets are 10.00. Even if you are unable to attend, support would still be very much appreciated. I am still looking for an Entertainment Co-chair. Please forward any ideas or comments to Natalie C at 902-219-7287.

Literature: A deposit of \$825.10 was made November 6, 2017 which brings the balance of the literature account to \$3,180.85. A total of \$1,342.80 in orders have been removed from inventory and payment is not collected to date. I placed an order of approximately \$1,165.06 on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 which will be reimbursed to me tonight. Inventory balance is \$4,246.90. This inventory balance is with the new \$8.00 price on the Grapevine books still in stock. Cash on hand is my \$35.00 float and \$203.00 which I will keep on hand for book sales moving forward. I have not donated Grapevine books to the committees yet. I have had enquiries since last month's Central Service meeting and have sold two large orders of the Grapevine books. I have a couple more enquiries to follow up on to see if I can sell some more before donating.

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up: All seems to be on track with program almost completed, chairs in place all committees. Flyers have been sent to all districts, and posted on websites, take the time to check out. Notices are in newsletter, please read this at your meetings. Looking for co chair entertainment. And anyone willing to support the event in any capacity is asked to contact committee members. Receipt books are with committee members for those wishing to register for the bonus items available with early registration. Please promote this event, we need the attendance to justify the costs involved in hosting this very special AA/Al-Anon function within our fellowships.

CPC: The committee had one presentation on October 27, 2017 for The Dalhousie School of Social Work. There were about thirty-five students present, the presentation was well received based on the comment cards and lots of literature was given out.

Public Information: There will be an Information Sharing session with the HRSB in December for the Guidance Councillors. Nothing new from the RCMP, we met with one member and will be meeting with another to explain that we are out there, and they have agreed to take our business cards, as they deal with Alcoholics on a personal basis everyday. **Question:** Is this with C.P.C. Committee as well? **Answer:** No because it is not the whole group of Professionals, they are meeting one on one due to RCMP schedules. It would be very hard for them to get a group together.

Treatment: Detox - no change from previous month. Meetings going smoothly. Forensics - Same issues keep arising from attendance from A.A. One meeting was cancelled due to no - shows who had confirmed, otherwise meetings are appreciated by those attending from the units. Am also trying to recruit more for the team's.

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Corrections: Meetings for both men and women have been well attended. Four new women have been cleared to chair meetings bringing a total of nine women. There are seven men volunteers as no new men come forward to chair meetings. All volunteers have been very supportive and committed to ensure meetings are put on every week. It is requested that you take back to your groups that both men and women are required to chair meetings. A criminal records check is needed to chair meetings in the prison. No particular length of sobriety is required. The committee is still looking for a co-chair. Three emails have gone out to the Treasurer of District 1 looking for an update on this committee's budget. Request guidance as to whom can provide me with this information. Also, what procedure is in place to submit expenses for this committee with District 1 still managing the budget?

District 1: This has been an exciting month for service work. Many of us are back from an amazing time in Newfoundland for the Area Assembly. Learning from others is after all how we got well. We had a wonderful discussion about the Assembly, a little twist on the question people thought I would ask, and that was, what is one thing extra you learned from the Assembly that has nothing to do with the agenda items? We had a very long discussion. Feel free to read their answers in our monthly minutes that are on our website. In December, we will start discussing the pre-agenda items in the District meetings. Also, as soon as the final agenda items are sent, we will be sending them to each group and will have an chance to review before the General Conference. As a District, it was decided that we wanted a pre-conference to have our voice given to our New York Delegate and since it was voted down at the Assembly, we as a District have decided to have our own, shortly before the General Conference. It will be a whole day event, chosen at a later day. Starting in January, the District will be reviewing our new General Service Conference Report, "Supporting Our Future" over that year. It is filled with information that we as AA should be aware of what is going on at World Service.

District 2: District 2 is reviewing its guidelines and following up with any business that may come at the general conference next year. We are hosting a workshop on the 12 Concepts on Sunday December 10 at Club 24 at 1:00. Foster and Mike will be facilitating. They have many handouts and was reported in October to have been extremely informative with a lot of historical stuff. Everyone is welcome, and we encourage anyone in service to attend. We are also having a pot luck at our December meeting (3rd Sunday). Please come celebrate with us if you have time during this busy season.

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

Old Business: Elections -

1. Corrections Co- Chair- none
2. Entertainment Co- Chair- none
3. Literature Co- Chair- none
4. Central Service Chair- Emily nominated Bill P.- Bill P. accepted the nomination. He qualified. Vote- All in favor. Welcome Bill!!
5. Central Service Co- Chair- Barry L. nominated Mike H.- Mike accepted the nomination. He qualified. **Question:** Will he be stepping down as Hospital Visitation Chair in January? **Answer:** Yes. Vote- All in favor. Welcome Mike!!

New Business:

1. Cocktail Party- Early Risers will be hosting this year's party. More details will be in the Decembers Bulletin.
2. Difference between C.P.C. and P.I.- There is an overlap really between the 2 committees. One covers Professionals and one covers potential alcoholics. Sometimes they help each other out at presentations. They have in the past and will continue to work closely.

Announcements: The Only Requirement Group has moved day and time. It is now at Needham Community Centre at 7pm; The Mid Winter Round Up Committee has receipt books out now to start taking Pre- registrations. Please support our local Round Up. Early Risers has a 16 year group anniversary on Nov 30th at 7AM; Nov 18th starting at 9AM there is a 12 Step Study in Sackville at 45 Connelly Road; Sunrise Nov 28 has 4 birthdays including our General Service Delegate Tim M.

The next CS Meeting is December 3, 2017. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

