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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: Old Business- Co- Chairs for Entertainment, Corrections, Phones (day)

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:** Heather C.- Telephone Chair/ CSR 4 Seasons, Rob A.- Newsletter Chair, Sheila C. -Literature Chair, Tom S.- Co-Chair Treatment Committee, Michael H. -Hospital Visitation, Beth P. -Help Email Coordinator/ CSR Downtown Dartmouth, Natalie C. – Entertainment Chair, Kelly D. - Corrections Chair, Chris R. -CPC Chair **CSR's:** Marianne S.-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, Alan M. -CSR Sunrise, Emily T. S.- CSR Acceptance, Perry B. -CSR Welcome, Shayne S. – Rep Fall River, Samaira G. – DCM District 1, Cathy M.-DCM District 2 **Observers:** Stephanie J., Jerry P., Bruce B.

7th Tradition: \$46.75 collected, taken by Jacqueline K.

Approval of the Agenda: Amended agenda approval motioned Shayne and seconded by Mike. All approved

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Michael H., seconded by Kelly D. - adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

Reports:

Chair: Dear Central Service Committee It goes to show that it doesn't matter how long you been sober there is still lots to learn. Alcoholics Anonymous is a process where the willing to learn and be open-minded is vital to growth in recovery. This month, I attended the phone committee workshop and it was well informative. From the conversation after the workshop people were still engaged which showed interest from a lot of members. Like to remind all CSR that Insurance Premiums are due, so Please contact Bill to make sure your premiums are paid. Please spread the word that all of our committees are looking for Volunteers.

Co-chair: There were 2 projects this past month. Collecting the Insurance premiums. As of this moment we are about half way to having the premium paid. The other thing was consolidating the amendments made at the last meeting to the Guidelines. That is still a work in progress. Hopefully it will be done for next meeting.

Treasurer: Opening balance- \$4,164.42, debits- \$690.30, credits- \$1292.75, Closing balance- \$4,686.95. Prudent Reserve- \$4,170.22

Secretary: Most got reports in on time. Thanks to all for the effort. Only 3 more sets of Minutes for me! Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

Bluenose Bulletin: The October 2017 Bluenose Bulletin had the usual amount of birthday celebrations. We always hope to see many of our AA members at these events. Our new co-chair, Eric L was again heavily involved in this edition, and as before, it is a pleasure to work with him. The vast 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 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 again 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 4551 views of the web site in June, up 8.5% compared to August. The top pages/posts visited continue to be: Meeting List: 2,041 Views, Newsletter: 636 Views, Contact Us: 185 Views, Service Meeting Minutes and Guidelines: 140 Views, Events Information and Schedule: 55 Views, Contacts for A.A. Members: 36 Views, Is AA for you? 22 Views. We have 596 subscribed members getting the monthly email, like previous month. This past month I worked on replacing the forms in all pages with a new one that is more secure and prevents Spam. This has been successful, getting rid of Spam, but I'm still working on the forwarding of messages to Hospital Visitation Gmail. Nothing is, or will be, missed as I confirm that all postings are reaching Webmaster Gmail account. I also worked with Kelly to fix access to Corrections Gmail account. 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: It was not a particularly busy month for emails. I replied to six - some of the inquiries were challenging and required some thought and a prayer, I am grateful that there are many organizations, help lines and other resources for people in this city for people affected by another's drinking.

Hospital Visitation: Hospital chair has nothing to report regarding visits.

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Telephone: Good Evening, the phone committee put on a workshop September 24th, with low attendance, members who showed for the workshop were very interested, looking at another date to put another phone workshop on as the picnic was at the same time as the one just held. Things are going better with the members that came on board to answer them, still need a few more people to do the night phone also still looking for someone to switch the lines, also need members to put their name on the 12-step list. THANKYOU

Entertainment: Good evening friends. The Entertainment Committee is pleased to bring you all up to date on what has been and what will be. The Annual AA Picnic was held Sunday September 24th from 1-4 pm at Point Pleasant Park. The combination of a beautiful day and about 50 members of the fellowship made for a great afternoon. There was lots of food and laughs. My apologies for scheduling it the same date and time as the GSR meeting and workshop. My bad, this will not happen again next year. AA Bowling is starting up again October 1st at the Bayer's Road Bowlerama, every second Sunday from 1-3 pm. Come out and strike up some fellowship in your spare time. Our New Years Eve celebration will take place at St. Theresa's Church on the corner of North and Dublin. I will have tickets available next month and hoping several CSR's will take a bundle back to their group. Thank you for past and future support. Please forward any suggestions or ideas to Natalie C. (902)219-7287.

Literature: A deposit of \$942.30 was made September 28, 2017 which brings balance of the literature account to \$2355.75. Inventory balance is \$6,440.75. Cash on hand is \$238.00 which consists of my regular \$35.00 float and \$203.00 which I will keep on hand for book sales moving forward. I set up at the Bedford/Sackville AA Days on September 23rd and sold 30 books for a total of \$203.00. I make a motion that some of the Grapevine books that are not moving be donated to committees for distribution to institutions we reach out to via CPC, PI, Treatment and Corrections.

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up: Hi everyone, things are coming along nicely with the plans for the 2018 Mid Winter. Flyers are available with attached registration information, early registration gives a chance for a room at the hotel, please sign up, there are committee members with receipts out there for those looking to get in early. PayPal is also available with the ability to register on line. Speakers are arranged, the program will be available shortly for viewing. We still require members for the committee and volunteers signed up for various tasks at the event, registration, hospitality, etc. Please consider helping out. Hotel has special rates for this event and please indicate that you are booking for the 2018 Mid Winter. Thanks for your support.

CPC: We had a committee meeting September 16, attendance was 4. The committee members gave an update of their contacts for potential presentations. We have one-member resigning from the committee. The committee has 4 members. Our next meeting will be October 21, 2017.

Public Information: no report for this meeting. The committee will meet on Saturday Oct. 7, 2017. **Question-** Is Public Information looking at putting info into the schools? **Answer-** We are attempting to set up a meeting with Guidance councillors for all the schools. That is the route we are taking with that. **Question-** Are meeting lists distributed to Community Mental Health locations? **Answer-** Not to our knowledge. It would be helpful to look at that.

Treatment: This past month the Detox meetings have been going well with group's participation. Having an attendance from participants of over 10 attending from Detox. New literature has been ordered and I will make sure that the literature is distributed and pamphlets are re-stocked. **FORENSICS-** This past month the Forensic meetings have been going well with group's participation. Average attendance is about 4. Tina has new literature and I will make sure that the literature is distributed and pamphlets are re-stocked. I am still looking for new members of the fellowship to step up and join the forensic teams. **Question-** Can we look at having the groups participate again? **Answer-** More flexible doing it this way. **Question-** Could a group come on as a team? **Answer-** It is possible to have members from each group added to the already existing teams.

Corrections: At present only one new volunteer have come forward to chair meetings within the prison. Currently there are 7 men and 5 women volunteers. Nor, do we have a co-chair at this time. An announcement has gone into the latest bulletin looking for volunteers. It would be great if you all could pass this onto your home groups. The meetings that have gone on have been well received. Unfortunately, twice this month a volunteer did not show up to co-chair the meeting. It was especially unfortunate, as it was the same volunteer that got stood up. I am working on ways to eliminate this type of problem. New binders with meeting material have been made for both men and women as well as a new briefcase for the women.

District 1: This month was quite busy. I visited many group business meetings and it was wonderful to hear questions and concerns about AA as a whole. Since AA works for us through GSO, we are the ones that have the final say, so it is really nice to see people who are active in the process. I attended District 1 business meeting and their decisions on the Guidelines. I am looking forward to attending the Assembly. If there are any members who have any questions on the Assembly please see myself or Cathy and I would like to make a suggestion that if you or your GSR is attending please print off a copy of last years minutes for the Saturday.

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District 2: District 2 has spent last several meetings discussing the various items on the agenda for the Assembly this coming weekend. We have also set up an Adhoc committee to revise or do away with guidelines for the district after the move to CSC of the 4 subcommittees. 6 groups at least are attending the assembly and we are pretty pleased about those numbers. Groups not attending are either very small or have no funds for travel. The KIS Group has withdrawn as a formal registered group in GSO but still remains a meeting with meetings being held Monday- Friday at noon. I will be reporting on Bluenose Bulletin, Email Coordinator, Entertainment, Hospital Visitation, Literature and Mid-Winter Round up at the Assembly. Samaira will report on Phones, Webmaster, CPC, PI, Treatment and Corrections.

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

Old Business: Elections -

1. Corrections Co- Chair- none
2. Entertainment Co- Chair- none
3. Literature Co- Chair- none
4. Phone Co- Chair (Days)- Stephanie J. nominated- accepted, qualified. Vote unanimous. Welcome Stephanie!

New Business:

1. Chairperson- none (bring to the groups)
2. Co- Chairperson- none (bring to the groups)
3. Treasurer- Bruce B. nominated- accepted, qualified. Vote unanimous. Welcome Bruce!
4. Secretary- Emily T.S. nominated- accepted, qualified. Vote unanimous. Welcome Emily!
5. Discussion on visiting people in Detox- a member received an email request for AA people to visit the Detox clients. Much discussion on which committee would this fall under. 8 think it would fall under the 12-step list from the phones committee, 9 think it would fall under Treatment committee and 1 thinks it should fall under Hospital Visitation. 2 Abstentions. Discussion on whether we are going into this commitment trying to make people well, alert them to AA or just a friendly face who can talk with them about getting and being sober. Paul will find out more about what the Detox wants and then we can discuss it again next month.
6. Grapevine Books- Sheila motioned that that some of the Grapevine books that are not moving be donated to committees for distribution to institutions we reach out to via CPC, PI, Treatment and Corrections. Seconded by Alan. Discussion on what that meant. Sheila clarified that it is books from the Grapevine publication and not the Grapevine magazines. Vote was taken- All in favor, passed unanimously.
7. Contact information in the Bluenose Bulletin regarding upcoming events- Mike wanted there to be more contact information included with each event in the Bulletin. Discussion on what is given to the BB and what the committee adds on its own. Some events would not be in the BB due to not sending in. Rob said he will make sure from now on there is contact information with all events.

Announcements: The Only Requirement Group is moving day and time November 2nd at 7 pm. It will be at Needham Community Centre; The Mid Winter Round Up Committee has receipt books out now to start taking Pre- registrations. Please support our local Round Up. Back to Basics October 11 at 8 pm- Matt H. 2 years and Mary W. 16 years.

The next CS Meeting is November 7, 2017. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

