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

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

Call for Items to be added to the agenda:

-Forensics meetings and the PAL device.

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Sue C.

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Bill P-chair	Trudy D. - Literature chair	Alan M - CSR Second Chance	Sarah S - CSR Only Requirement	Steve A - alt DCM Dist 1
Michael H -Co- Chair/ Alt CSR Acceptance	Shawn M - Mid-Winter Round Up	Tim D - CSR Hubbards	Ron H - CSR Colby Village Big Book Study	Cathy M - DCM Dist 2
Bruce B - Treasurer	Sue C - Hospital Visitation	John H - CSR Highland Park	David R. -CSR Living in the Solution	Fred D - GSR Hubbards Gr
Emily S - Secretary, CSR Acceptance	Stephanie J - co-chair Telephones & PI	Fred L - CSR Cole Harbour	Alan M. - CSR Sunrise	Howard M - Colby Village
	Sharman M - co-chair Telephones & alt CSR Serenity Sisters	Barry L - CSR Back to Basics	Jeff D - CSR Fresh Start	Tony C - New Hope
		Kent S - alt CSR Live for Today	Brian B - CSR Atlantic	

7th Tradition: \$37.65 Collected, taken by Bruce B.

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approval motioned by Alan M. and seconded by Ron H. Motion Carried.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Sue C. and seconded by Dave R. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary:

Hi everyone. I had quite an experience last month transcribing the eventful meeting from the digital recording. Thank you all for being understanding with respect to my absence, and thank you again to our co-chair for recording the meeting and taking care of the roll call. I'm working on the second ink cartridge paid for by the committee in January, and will be putting in a receipt for more probably in June. Many thanks, Emily S.

Treasurer: Opening balance: \$6444.42. Closing balance: \$5562.57 Debits: \$2731.60 Credits: \$1839.75 Prudent account: \$4171.44 Literature: \$2488.93

Comments:

-The expense listed at Literature was actually a Corrections expense.
-Your bank balance looks great - District 2 could always use support.

Co-chair:

Co-Chair report for April 2008: Forensics - It was brought to my attention from a member that Forensics does not use the PAL (security call device) while carrying out AA meetings in the Psychiatric Facility. Apparently they used to, and this is no longer required. This past month, a pregnant nurse was attacked by a patient, which talked about the PAL device where Hospital Staff

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Union require it to be used. This queued our AA member to request its mandatory use. Request we put on the table for future business, the requirement that PAL device is used for all members who volunteer their service in Forensics.

Insurance- The following groups require to pick up their Insurance Policies for 2017/2018

Early Risers Group
Fall River Group
Gaston Road Group
Hubbard's Group
Keep It Simple Group
Live and Let Live Group
Lost and Found Big Book
St. Margaret's Bay Group
Sunday Night Serenity Group
Tallahassee Group
The Only Requirement's Group
Welcome Group

Thank you, Yours in Service, Michael H Co-Chair

Chair:

1. Greetings to fellow travellers in service.
2. In the past month, a monthly report was submitted to both Districts 1&2. I attended District 1 meeting but due to a mix-up failed to attend District 2.
3. I attended the meetings of the PI and Mid-Winter Round Up committees. Both very active and enthusiastic. I was to attend a meeting of the CPC Committee but was rescheduled for next Saturday.
4. A matter was brought to my attention concerning the length of time a new group needs to function before listing in the Meeting list. This is on the Agenda for discussion and exploration.
5. It was brought to my attention that at the Forensics Unit, patients under assessment have no access to the A.A. Meeting by policy. This matter was referred to the Treatment Committee for their consideration and investigation.
6. Last month I mentioned the concern about our outreach to Seniors in our community who may be suffering alcoholics or members unable to attend meeting in such homes. This is being explored and a couple more agencies have been added to my list to contact. I hope to report on my findings at a future meeting.
7. I have had conversations with members of different groups, just not in the past month but it raised the concern of the difficulty of recruiting group members standing for group positions which includes the GSR position. Attendance at meetings may be healthy; but the persons who take the responsibility for insuring the meetings take place and supporting the common services, are few in number – Our fellowship may not be as strong as the number of meetings implies. Appreciating our Traditions, are there actions on the part of Central Service, Districts or Area 82, can do to keep our fellowship active and inspiring to present and future members?

CPC:

No report at this time.

Corrections: One new woman has been cleared to enter the prison this month. It would be great to have an additional couple of men to volunteer. Please take back to your group that Corrections is still in need of men to volunteer to chair meetings on Wed evening in the prison. This is a unique way of giving back. Meetings have been well attended and feedback has been positive. I have also been asked to attend a full day Community Fair at the prison on 15 May 18 to highlight the resources available to inmates when they are released. At District 17's request on 24 Jun I will be putting on a Correction's Workshop.

Entertainment:

No report at this time.

Help Email:

This month I responded to eight emails - all from folks looking for meeting information. I replied with the most recent meeting list and a few word of encouragement.

Thank you, Beth P

Hospital Visitation:

The past month has been quiet from the point of view of the hospital visitations committee. There have been no requests for visitations this month. Best to you, Sue

Literature:

Literature Report – April 2018 Good evening, A deposit of \$239.00 was made May 1, 2018. The cheque that was “in the mail” last month still has yet to find it's way to me. I resent my mailing information and hope this spurs the memory! I have been

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contacted by a few people in Antigonish about bringing literature to the Provincial round up. Nothing has been finalized and it will not cost this committee anything.

CUA account balance is \$2,727.83

Scotia account balance is \$307.19

Inventory balance is now \$5,759.30

I have not been able to pin down a time that works for the bank rep and myself. This month will be quite a bit lighter and I will get a date for Bruce and me to make the account happen this month. I have printed a statement from both accounts if anyone would like to see these. I also have a copy to pass along to the Secretary to keep with the original minutes. Yours in service, Trudy D.

Bluenose Bulletin:

This month's edition of the Bluenose Bulletin had fewer birthdays than before, but was rich with meeting notices and AA events, including the upcoming Area 82 Nova Scotia service weekend in Truro, the 53rd Nova Scotia provincial roundup in Antigonish, the AA Spring Fling Dance in Halifax and Bridgewater Mayday 2018. Announcements are being sent in separately now, which is very helpful so that we do not miss any items, as we have missed a few in the past. What we would ask though, is that Email to the newsletter be sent to the newsletter Email address only when on the newsletter website rather than the webmaster Email address, which is happening now. For clarity this should be fixed as we don't always receive the Email sent to the webmaster. As always 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 the newsletter Email, and not by phone, texting or in person, although exceptions are sometimes allowed for members without access to Email. For the most part we are receiving them correctly now.

It continues to be a pleasure working on this newsletter with the committee. Feedback is always welcome too. Yours in Service, Rob A. *Newsletter Chair*

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up:

I'm the new in coming 2019 Mid-Winter Round up Committee Chair and this is my report. I attended the meeting on April 22, 2018. Trudy D. (2018 Committee Co-Chair) chaired the meeting.

Elections were held. Voted in were:

Mid-Winter Round Up Chair: Shawn M.

Treasurer: Andrew S.

Co-Treasurer: Bruce B.

Program Chair: Heather L.

Program Co-Chair 1: Lisa N.

Registration Chair: Alan M.

Registration Co-Chair 1: Rick

Entertainment Chair: Sebastian

The positions still to be filled are:

Mid-Winter Round Up Co-Chair:

Program Co-Chair 2:

Registration Co-Chair 2:

Hospitality Chair:

Hospitality Co-Chair 1:

Hospitality Co-Chair 2:

Entertainment Co-Chair:

Our next meeting is Sunday May 6, 2018. I look forward to serving. Sincerely, Shawn M. 2019 Mid-Winter Round Up Chair

Public Information:

Good Evening Everyone, The Public Information Committee has not met since our last meeting on March 31st so there is not much to report. The committee members have continued to contact groups in District 1 and 2 who currently do not have any clinics they are responsible to for providing pamphlets. We have attended one group meeting as requested to explain the process with positive results. Hopefully we will make contact with all groups within the next few weeks. Yours in service, Jodie, Co-Chair Public Information

Telephone:

Good Evening, Sorry that I'm not attending the meeting, I'm away at this time, the phone Committee is looking for some groups to take on the weekend phones there are many groups in District 1 and 2 that we should not be struggling on the weekend, could you please bring this matter up at your next business meeting if your group is not participating, we are responsible, spoke

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with Pedro last meeting with regards to the weekend phone list so hope it is up to date as the newsletter just cut and paste what is on the website. All is well with the day, evening and night phones. THANK YOU. YOURS IN SERVICE, Heather C

Treatment:

No report at this time.

Webmaster/Website:

No report at this time.

District 1:

Alternate DCM, District 1, Area 82

Report to Central Service Committee – May 2018 Submitted 1 May 2018 Good evening, my name is Steve and I am the Alternate DCM for District 1. I am also a member of the Back to Basics Group here in Halifax. I am here this evening on behalf of Samaira G., the DCM for District 1. I have four topics to report to you on this evening. They are:

1st Annual District 1 Pre-Conference The 1st Annual District 1 Pre-Conference was held on Saturday, April 7th. A total of 10 selected agenda items for the 68th General Service Conference in New York were discussed. There was a good turnout of District 1 GSRs, District Committee members, and guests. The Area 82 Delegate, Tim M., was also present. The discussion was, I believe, a good learning experience for all present, and it provided information and ideas for our Area 82 Delegate to take with him to the General Service Conference in New York held last week. A synopsis of the Pre-Conference discussion is available from Sharon N., the Secretary for District 1.

Nova Scotia Service Weekend The Nova Scotia Service Weekend will take place June 1st to 3rd in Bible Hill. The theme of the service weekend is *A.A. – A Solution for all Generations*, the same theme as last week's General Service Conference in New York. If your group has an agenda item or items to suggest for the Service Weekend, please provide them to your group's GSR or email them to Samaira G. Samaira's contact information is in the Bluenose Bulletin.

Upcoming District 1 Workshops The District 1 Workshop Committee, consisting of Lisa N., Sharon N., and me, has finalized the topics for the remaining four workshops to be held in District 1 during 2018. The upcoming Sunday, May 27th workshop is entitled, *Questions and Answers on Sponsorship*. Flyers for this workshop have been produced and are available on the HRM A.A. website, or they can be picked up from me after the meeting. On Sunday, July 29th, a workshop will be held on *Crosstalk*. This workshop will include tips for the A.A. meeting chairperson on handling crosstalk. *The Role of the GSR* is the subject of the Sunday, September 30th workshop. This workshop may also include (1) the role of the DCM and, (2) the role of the District regarding the groups and the Area. The final District 1 workshop for 2018 will be *The Three Legacies and How They Fit Together*, and will be held on Sunday, November 25th.

The A.A. Grapevine

I am the A.A. Grapevine representative for District 1 at the District level. If you don't already have one, I encourage each of your groups to think about having group Grapevine representative (otherwise known as a GVR). The Grapevine Representative Handbook states: "GVRs are engaged in practical, hands-on work. Your basic job is to make Grapevine information and the magazine available to the group, and to encourage AAs to read it, write for it, record for it, subscribe to it, and use it in Twelfth Step work. And, if you read and enjoy Grapevine in print and/or online yourself, it's likely that you'll communicate your enthusiasm to others." To download the Grapevine Representative Handbook, visit:

<http://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/fileuploads/isovera/drupal6core/GVR%20Handbook01-2016.pdf>

To register to become a Grapevine representative, visit:

<http://www.aagrapevine.org/content/registration-or-change-address>

I also encourage you to visit www.aagrapevine.org for information on the Grapevine, and how to order the print, online, or app versions (for Android, iPhone, and iPad). The AA Grapevine Store sells books, eBooks, CDs, Grapevine back issues, and other publications such as facsimiles of the magazines honoring Dr. Bob and Bill W (visit grapevine.espstores.com). There is an opportunity to submit your story on any of the following topics for upcoming issues (for more information and to submit visit www.aagrapevine.org/contribute) Sober Holidays (due June 5) Remote Communities (due June 5) Your (or your group's) experience on any Tradition (due anytime) Grapevine Current Issue Spotlight

The May issue's special section is "The Steps Turn 80!". The Grapevine celebrates the Steps 80th year with stories by members about how the Steps have changed their lives. Peace and love in service,
Steve A. Alternate DCM District 1

District 2:

We have been focusing on the items that will be coming up at the Nova Scotia Service Weekend in June. Items coming up are as follows: 1. Proposals to amend Area guidelines: Allow all DCM's, past or present, unless they have held the position previously, to let their names stand for election to Area Officer positions. (This was previously discussed at the Area Table at the 2017 Assembly and was sent back for more background.) 2. Proposal to amend Area Guidelines: Elect our Delegate and Alternate Delegate from the Sitting Area Officers and Sitting DCM's (must have held DCM position for at least six months). Elect the following Area Officers from sitting DCM's (must have held DCM position for at least six months) who let their name stand, and accept nominations from the floor. Those nominees will be past DCM's and past Area Officers who have not held the position previously. (Past Delegates may not stand for any position.) Those nominees will give a brief update on the Service Activities since their time in Service to Area. We will use the Third Legacy Procedure for our elections. (This is an entirely new proposal and does not take the place of the first motion.) 3. Proposal to discuss and maybe amend Area Guidelines: To change the fiscal year end of Area 82 to October 15 from December 31. (This is a new item.) 4. Proposal to have NS Provincial Round up held on a rotational basis for all districts. (This is from 2017 NSSW.) All of the above have been sent out to GSRs in District 2 and discussed at the meeting in April. Please go back to your groups and talk to your GSRs about these items prior to the NSSW. District 2 will be hosting a Speaker Meeting at the NS provincial Round up in Antigonish on June 9. If there is anyone who would like to assist with this, or if you have a recommendation for a speaker, please let me know. I received a twelve step call from an inmate on the assessment side of the Forensics Unit who was asking for literature and a possibility of meetings in the future and I passed that request along to both the Treatment chair and CS chair. I would also like to remind CS that District 2 GSR meetings are held every third Sunday of the month and we would appreciate it if either the Chair or CoChair could make it a point to attend. Yours in service, Cathy M

Area 82:

No report at this time.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Fred L. And Seconded by Jeff D. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Elections:

Corrections co-chair: none

Entertainment co-chair: none

CPC Chair: none

There was discussion around a nomination for Corrections co-chair which was tabled for next meeting.

Central Service chair and co-chair have taken on the job of active recruitment of nominees for the vacant CPC committee chair position.

New Business:

PAL devices at Forensics meetings:

Recently a pregnant nurse was attacked in the Forensics unit. It has been brought to the co-chair's attention that the safety PAL devices (panic buttons) have not been made available for the AA members attending meetings at Forensics.

Comments:

-A few years ago, each meeting had a PAL device and also was positioned across the hall from the guards.

-Some have heard the PAL devices were old and not in working order. Recent meetings have not been held close to the guards' area.

The Treatment/Forensics committee will be contacted and asked to arrange that one PAL device per meeting/AA group be made available.

Update restrictions on the Meeting List:

A new group recently asked to be listed on the meeting list (printed and web version) and were told there was a waiting period of 6 months until this could take place. They will be included in the newsletter until this waiting period is up. This rule is possibly more than 10 years old, and based on the days when the Literature chair was in charge of printing meeting lists and bringing them to CSR meetings for distribution.

Comments:

-If this has been the policy, it does not seem to have been practiced.

-The newest group in question is the Lion's Den, 2222 Brunswick St.

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- The rule was partially based on experience when groups would try to open but would close within a few months. Groups were asked to show themselves stable and fiscally responsible before being listed.
- Are there requirements to register with NY before being listed? NY has name requirements.
- NY can only suggest name changes, and there are groups listed in the meeting list who are not registered with NY.
- Most of the people reading the meeting list are newcomers and visitors - they may not know that a group is just down the street from them because that new group is only listed in the newsletter. The Telephone committee doesn't have the newsletter on hand when they suggest meetings to newcomers.
- We must be conscious of sending newcomers to meetings which are poorly established or have closed unexpectedly. We have known groups who have been on the meeting list but more often than not they are not opening the doors.
- It is very difficult for the webmaster to keep up to date with all the time changes, group address changes and new meeting listings, and to update them on the day specified, and to keep synced with the newsletter.
- It seems the nature of keeping a meeting list updated is a difficult task because of the constant flux -we are probably doing much better than we did years ago without a website.

These are all practical reasons to reinforce the 6 month rule. Please take this back to your groups for discussion.

Announcements from Groups :

Bruce B will be celebrating 7 years and Alex 1 year at the end of May at the Atlantic Group. The Spring Fling dance will take place immediately afterwards at the same location.

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm (St. Mark's Church).

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

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Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Financial Statement for April 2018

Opening Balance April 2018 \$6444.42

DEBITS:

Rent	\$60.00	
Phone	\$492.15	
#670 GSO Contribution	\$800.00	
#671 Area 82 Contribution	\$1000.00	
#672 Bluenose Bulletin	\$11.50	
#673 Chair Expenses	\$17.25	
#674 Phone Chair Sim Card	\$11.50	
#675 Public Info Leah C	\$49.20	
#664 Literature	\$290.00	** this was a Corrections expense.

CREDITS:

Four Seasons	\$382.40	
Midwinter Round Up	\$1134.00	
Highland Park	\$300.00	
7 th Tradition	\$33.35	

Closing Balance Apr 30, 2018, 2018 \$5562.57

Prudent account: opening balance	\$4171.26	
interest	\$0.18	
closing balance	\$4171.44	\$2000 of prudent is For Insurance

Literature Committee: opening balance \$2198.83 Closing \$2488.93