

Date: September 4, 2018

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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:**

- Questions on the budget.

**Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Ron H.

**ROLL CALL:**

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Bill P-chair	Sharman M - Co-chair Telephones	Gerry L - CSR Sunday Night Serenity	Dave R - CSR Living in the Solutoin	
Emily S - Secretary, CSR Acceptance	Trudy D - Literature chair	Tim D - CSR Hubbards	Ron H - CSR Colby Village Big Book Study	
Bruce B - Treasurer	Jodie T, co-chair PI, alt CSR Serenity Sisters	Barry L - CSR Back to Basics	Donnie B - CSR West End Step	
Michael H - Co-chair	Eric L - co-chair Newsletter	Fred L - CSR Cole Harbour	Alan M. - CSR Sunrise	
	Rob A - Newsletter chair	Teddy A - Lion's Den	Samaira G - alt CSR Second Chance	
		Michael A - CSR Keep It Simple	John H - CSR Highland Park	

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$31.30 Collected, notated by Bruce B.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Bruce B and seconded by Samaira G.

**Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting:** Moved by Eric L and seconded by Davd R. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

**REPORTS**

**Secretary:**

Hello everyone, it has been a quiet month of August for me regarding secretarial duties. I once again remind everyone to send in their reports by the Monday before the meeting. This saves me trying to find reports within my emails and making everyone wait while I scroll through my phone. If reports are sent in on time, I can organize them and read them aloud to the group when necessary. Regarding upcoming elections, I am making an effort to encourage members one-on-one at meetings to stand for Central Service positions. Thank you, Emily S.

**Treasurer:**

Opening balance: \$4481.66

Closing balance: \$4608.87

Debits: \$436.14

Credits: \$563.15

Prudent account: \$4889.09. Literature: \$2411.01

**Co-chair:**

It's been a great month. A reminder: insurance for groups is due in October. Central Service pays \$1284 invoice and then we collect \$40 from each of the groups as reimbursement. CS takes care of extra charge on top of the \$40 from each group (\$84). Please make cheques payable to Central Service. Yours in service, Michael H

**Chair:**

I don't have much to report this month. I attended District 1 & 2 meetings. The CPC committee meeting which was planned fizzled out and now a new committee must be re-established. This will be addressed during elections. I will not be attending the October Central Service meeting.

**CPC:**

Nothing to report.

**Corrections:**

Good evening all. Unfortunately, due to work I am unable to attend tonight's meeting.

The month of Aug has been relatively quiet. As most of you are probably aware the prison in Burnside has been partaking in a peaceful protest. As a result of this there hasn't been any meetings the last couple of weeks in Aug.

I have received several calls concerning the clearance requirements to enter the prison. As of Jul 18 a vulnerable sector check must be completed for all people seeking approval to enter the prison. This consists of a police information check plus a check to see if a person has a record suspension (pardon) for sexual offences. There are no additional costs associated with this check. We are still in need of volunteers to put on meetings in the prison on Wed evenings. Kelly D

**Entertainment:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Help Email:**

The help email received 5 requests for information about the AA program in August. I responded with a meeting list, encouragement to attend a meeting and assurances based on my own experience that the program works.

Yours in service Beth P.

**Hospital Visitation:**

No report at this time.

**Literature:**

Good evening, I have a deposit of \$609.00 to go in the CUA account this week. I will be placing a new order tomorrow. I was invited to the Bedford/Sackville AA Day to offer literature for sale there. I have printed a statement from both accounts if anyone would like to see these. Yours in service, Trudy D.

CUA account balance is \$2411.01

Scotia account balance is \$1231.54

Inventory balance is now \$4928.35

**Bluenose Bulletin:**

This month's edition of the Bluenose Bulletin had a good amount of AA birthday, and had plenty of meeting notices and AA events, including the Bedford / Sackville AA Days, the Area 82 NS and NL Assembly and Round Up and the 40th Annual - Lighthouse Round-up in Yarmouth, NS.

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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Feedback is always welcome too.

Yours in Service, Rob A.

**2018 Mid-Winter Round Up:**

I have nothing new to report this month for the 2019 Mid-Winter Round Up.

We did not have an August meeting. Our next committee meeting is Sunday Sept. 9th, at 1pm - 3 Dundas Street, Dartmouth.

We are still in need for a Treasurer Co-chair, and a Second Program Co-Chair.

In service, Shawn M.

**Public Information:**

Good evening everyone, I am not able to attend the meeting tonight; co-chair Jodie is attending tonight.

The Public Information Committee will be busy in September as we have been invited to put on a workshop on September 16, 2018 at the District 17 monthly meeting. We have also been invited to a community fair at Mount St. Vincent on September 20, 2018. We are excited about both.

The next PI Meeting will be held on September 8, 2018 at 10:00 at 45 Connolly Road, Sackville. We will continue to work on various ideas and ways to carry the AA message. Yours in service. Leah

**Question:** Will you have a booth at the Mount?

**Answer:** Yes, it will be like the guidance counsellor event we participated in.

**Comment:** If you need literature for the event, just let the literature committee know and we can help.

**Telephone:**

Things are going well with the AA phones. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the phones, especially the Monday - Friday 6pm to 11 pm shift, to direct people to meetings and to talk with newcomers about their problem with alcohol.

Yours in service, Sharman M

**Treatment:**

The Detox & Forensic meetings are running as scheduled. Forensics is always looking for additional members to add to its teams. We appreciate all members who continue their efforts with service work, its benefits us all.

Tina M. &  
Treatment Chair.

Tom S.  
Co. Treatment Chair

**Webmaster/Website:**

No report at this time.

**Question:** The minutes from Area 82 and the service guidelines need to be updated on the website. The last minutes from Area are from 2014.

**Answer:** (CS chair) The new Central Service guidelines including the addition of the new committees has been sent to the webmaster and will be up soon. Please contact him regarding the minutes to be updated.

**District 1:**

Elections are coming up on Sept 30. The NY delegate is leading a workshop on the role of GSR. Please remind your groups that it's very important to support each level of service. Support your groups first, by sending representatives from your groups to assembly and service weekends. Check out the new button on the [AA.Org](#) website, and keep an eye out for a new pamphlet being released soon on "The God Word" and a new poster about AA in the digital age.

**Question:** I enjoy your workshops. Would you consider having them earlier in the day? They feel rushed and there is no time for Q&A.

**District 2:**

No report at this time.

**Area 82:**

No report at this time.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Freddy L And Seconded by Samaira G. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Questions about the budget.

**Comments:** District decided not to send a member to assembly due to financial concerns and this causes concern about sending a Central Service member to an Intergroup event in Montreal when we have no guarantees that we will have enough in the budget to cover the trip. If the trip is financed by the committee, it looks like we will be \$2000 short and this will have to come out of the prudent reserve. It seems that donations this year are smaller than normal. No donations came in from groups tonight - what if nothing comes in next month? Groups are generally slow to pay their insurance fees and if they don't come in quickly, what will we have in the bank in the meantime?

**Answer:** Expenses to date are \$6700 of the budgeted \$11,000, and based on this it looks like the committee will likely be underspent by the end of the year.

**Question:** How much will the trip to Montreal cost?

**Answer:** Roughly \$1500.

**Trudy D made a motion that the Central Service funded trip to the 33rd Annual Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/AAGV Seminar in Montreal be cancelled.**

**Seconded by Samaira G.**

**In favour: 10**

**Opposed: 5**

**Abstain: 4**

Opposition voice:

- We trust the chair and the treasurer on their faith in the budget and our ability to fund the trip. We must consider what can be gained by the trip, what learning we may bring back to strengthen our table.
- In our group we struggle every year to find the money to send a member to the service weekend, but we always find the money and make sure it happens. Our group would be sure to send money to help cover this trip if the committee was struggling to find the funds.
- If the district is not sending someone to assembly this year, we might consider this opportunity in place of this lost trip.

**No change in vote,  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**Announcements from Groups :**

Teddy A will be celebrating 1 year at the Lion's Den on Sept 25.

Steve L will celebrate 8 years at West End Step on Sept 27.

**Adjournment:**

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tuesday, October 2 2018 at 7:00 pm (St. Mark's Church).

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

