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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:

- Insurance policy
- Distribution of monies to GSO and other committees
- Detox committee performance

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

ROLL CALL:

| Executive | Committees | CSR | CSR | Observers |
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| Bill P-chair | Heather C -Telephone chair | Scott K - alt CSR Downtown Dartmouth | Donnie B. -CSR West End Step | Jerry P - Downtown Dartmouth |
| Michael H -Co- Chair/ Alt CSR Acceptance | Paul B. -Colby Village Big Book Study/Lit Co-chair | Marianne S - CSR Serenity Sisters | Ron H - CSR Colby Village Big Book Study | Chrissy B - alt CSR Back to Basics |
| Emily S- Secretary/CSR Acceptance | Rob A. - Newsletter Chair | Andrew S. -CSR Atlantic | David R. -CSR Living in the Solution | Samaira G - DCM Dist 1 |
| | Kelly D -Corrections chair | Sarah S. -CSR The Only Requirement | Alan M. - CSR Sunrise | Rod M. - alt DCM Dist 2 |
| | Beth P. - Help Email/ CSR Downtown Dartmouth | Barry L - CSR Back to Basics | Kent S - Live for Today rep for CSR | |
| | Natalie C. - Entertainment Chair | Fred L - CSR Cole Harbour | | |
| | Chris R. -CPC Chair | | | |
| | Trudy D. - Literature chair/ Dist 82 rep | | | |
| | Leah C. -PI chair | | | |
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7th Tradition: \$40.85 Collected, taken by Michael H.

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

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Natalie C. and seconded by Sarah S. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary:

Hello everybody. Thank you to all committee chairs who sent reports on time. Just a note: if you have nothing to report, please just send me a short email to let me know so that I don't hound you to death. Next month I am going to NB to help my mom for a few days, so I have made arrangements with our trusted co-chair to record the meeting and read out any reports as necessary. Thank you Michael. I will still be taking care of meeting reminder emails and the minutes for next month. Thank you everyone. sincerely, Emily S.

Treasurer:

Opening balance- \$5442.97 Debits- \$522.74 credits- \$1067.10 Closing balance- \$5986.33 Prudent Reserve- \$4170.26 Literature - \$2198.83 -Bruce B Treasurer

Co-chair: Nothing to report at this time. Yours in service, Michael H

Chair:

1. This was a busy month with the culmination of the Mid- Winter Round Up and my participation on the committee and chairing a workshop.
2. Reports were submitted to the District 1 and District 2 for their monthly meetings. Neither myself or the Co- Chair were able to attend. This will be repaired for this month meeting and the following months.
3. Our Treasurer is still in recovery from surgery and personal matters. We remain in consultation and he has prepared this month's monthly report. I am looking after the regular deposits to our bank. He will return to all duties this coming Monday.
4. For future discussion, the attendance at the Mid-Winter Round Up continues the trend of a slow decline from our fellowship in HRM. We had attendance from all parts of Nova Scotia and some from New Brunswick, PEI and Newfoundland. The Round Up this year, in content and speakers, was about the best I've attended. Perhaps we should consider further discussion and an inventory on the round up in the future.
5. This is in line with the level of participation in A.A. events beyond the group, developing new leadership, and passing on the general knowledge on how A.A. works and how A.A. carries the message to the individual alcoholic. It may be time to discuss and arrange for an organizational inventory as to how well in the present and how best in the future to organize ourselves to carry the message.
6. Overall the Mid-Winter Round Up was a morale booster and a re-focus to the basics we are about to carry the message. Best Regards in Service Bill Powroz

CPC:

The next CPC meeting will March 10, 2018. There are currently three members in the committee. We have a presentation with the caseworkers Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program on March 21, 9:30am. Budget remaining \$300.

Corrections: This month has been relatively quiet. Literature has been topped up for both the men and women. As well an order for literature has been submitted to Trudy. We have one new woman cleared to enter the prison this month. I have a receipt for her criminal record check to be reimbursed with me tonight. There was also two men going through the clearance process and have been denied access to the prison. I am uncertain as to why one of the men was denied access and am following up with the prison to obtain some insight. The other man who was denied access wants his criminal record check fee reimbursed. 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 and rewarding way of giving back what was so freely given to us. Due to the road conditions one meeting had to be cancelled. Although meetings are very important I wouldn't want someone on the road in conditions they were not comfortable with. Meetings have been well attended and feedback has been positive. - Kelly D.

Question: Bill asked if we could add a discussion on the reimbursement of the gentleman's application to new business?

Answer: Yes.

Entertainment: Good evening friends. Spring is just around the corner and so is our St Patrick's Day Dance. GSRs have been busy selling tickets. Approximately 65 tickets have been sold to date. To break even we need to reach 120 tickets in sales. Please continue to announce at your groups and your help is very gratefully appreciated. The dance is Saturday Mar 17 at St Theresa's church on the corner of North and Dublin from 9pm - 12am. Cost is \$5.00 before and \$10.00 at the door. Thank you for the anticipated support and looking forward to more entertaining evens in the future. Please forward and ideas or comments to entertainment.aahalifax@gmail.com or to myself at 902 219 7287.

Question: Is the 120 ticket break even point based on the \$5 sales? **Answer:** Yes.

Help Email:

There were only two inquiries in February. I responded to a student looking to attend a meeting as a requirement of a course she is taking. I sent her a meeting list and highlighted the open meetings. The second request was for information on procuring an AA gift item. Thank you - yours in service, Beth Peters

Hospital Visitation:

I am home with the flu from hell. The hospital visitation committee did receive a request for visits and both my cochair and I conducted hospital visits and we were glad we could be there when someone reached out. Have a good meeting, sorry I can't be there. Sue

Literature:

Good evening, A deposit of \$1,375.70 was made Feb. 27, 2018, which brings the balance of the literature account to \$2,198.83. A total of \$535.65 in orders has been removed from inventory before the Round up and a total of \$840.05 was sold at the Round up. We did a book draw every hour on Saturday to remove 11 75th Edition reprint of the 1st Edition Big Books (11 x 17.00 = \$187.00) that have been in the Inventory for over a year. We had a lot of fun with it and made a total of \$270.00 (\$83.00 extra)! A big Thank You to Gerry L., Rob A. and Tim M. who helped me man the table all weekend and bringing the boxes to and from the room each day. There is 1 order I am delivering this evening for Corrections totalling \$290.00. Inventory balance when I took

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over for Sheila was \$6,394.00. It is currently \$5,018.30. I will be making an order for GSO in the next few weeks. Under the direction and guidance of Bill P. and Bruce B. I set up a Scotiabank Visa debit account with \$1,000 deposited from the Literature account in it to order Literature. Past Chairs have used their personal credit cards to order literature from GSO. I do not believe anyone should use personal funds for AA business, so we set up the Visa Debit account because it has the lowest per month fee of \$3.95 for 12 transactions a month, plus no interest charged for the use of the card, unlike a prepaid credit card. We only order literature maybe once every 2 months, so this is more than sufficient. The Treasurer has access to view this account online. I took possession of the Literature from Sheila on Feb 10th and the insurance has been transferred over to my home address. The Insurance person we deal with said he will send out new policies that reflect this change. I have to thank the co-chair Paul B., Al Mac., Rob A. and Gerry L. for helping me load and unload the boxes. Sheila also turned over a float of \$230.00 which I used over the Round up weekend. I have kept that cash as a float for making change for cash orders. It is in the Literature cash can under lock and key. As things go, I am getting to know my way around the Literature stock, and I have called Sheila with a few odds and sods questions that she has been more than happy to answer. I have sent the webmaster the new order form with my contact information on it. Please pass along my information to the person responsible for literature at your groups. I also asked the webmaster to change the contact info on our contact us section of the website. I wish to thank everyone for being patient with me through this process. Yours in service, Trudy D Literature Chair

Bluenose Bulletin:

This month's edition of the Bluenose Bulletin had the usual collection of birthdays, meeting notices and AA events, including the upcoming March District 9 (Sydney) Roundup and the St. Patrick's Day AA event. New meeting changes were updated too (Welcome Group and Downtown Halifax Group time changes as an example).

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. 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.

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:

The 2018 Mid Winter Round Up has come and gone and seemed to have been enjoyed by all who attended. An excellent program was provided with something for everyone. The construction at the lobby didn't seem to be too much of an inconvenience. Our total registration was 444 for both AA and AIAnon.

This is down approximately ten percent from previous years and the committee felt this was due to lack of local participation. If we want events like this to continue it is up to the local members to show up. I personally want to thank the committee and those who participated as volunteers for their dedication and support. Financially we are still totalling the numbers and they will be available shortly, but we seem to have been close to successful in meeting our financial goals

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful event in our journey in sobriety. Murdo. Committee Chair.

Public Information: Good evening everyone, I am happy to say that we have been contacted by the Halifax Regional School Board and we have an appointment on March 19, 2018, to bring two of our pamphlets, Young People and AA and Too Young? To be distributed to the Guidance Counselors at various Junior High and High Schools.

We also have 3 more groups that are willing to take on the responsibility of looking after a medical clinic by placing our pamphlets packages and making sure on a regular basis that the clinic is stocked.

We now have 10 groups that are looking after clinics. We have 2 more clinics that are willing to take our pamphlets and we will be contacting groups in the area of the clinics to ask if they are willing to be responsible. There are also 2 clinics that want us to drop off pamphlets and will let us know if they will be willing to place them in doctor's offices.

I would ask that all at the table please discuss with your group to see if they are willing to be responsible for a clinic and if so, please contact me. Please also announce at your groups that we are in need of members to join our committee. We meet the first Saturday of the month at 45 Connolly Road, in Lower Sackville. We also have a member working on a connection with Metro Transit busses. We are also in need of new members and volunteers. Yours in Service, Leah.

Telephone: I haven't heard anything from my co-chairs to lead me to believe that things are going badly, so I assume things are going great this month with the phones. Thank you, Heather C.

Treatment:

In the month of February, for some reason the AA Bluenose Newsletter was not in sync with the schedule that was created by my self previous for the meetings to go in. This posed much confusion for all groups as I desperately tried to get this fixed with calling each group to best coordinate this confusion, however partly due to the miscommunication received by the newsletter one meeting got missed early in the month before this problem was noticed. It seems a group thought that they did not have to go in and another group assumed the same. Regardless, moving forward, I had sent correspondence to the webmaster and the meeting list for March is in sync with mine. I would also like it if I could be forwarded with the latest contacts for each group to be notified as I make reminder calls and when situations like this happen, I can not always get in touch with someone or they are

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no longer the contact for the group or they have changed to another group, and I am not notified of this change, that would make this job much easier and assist with ensuring there is always a group for Detox. Tina M. Treatment Chair.

FORENSICS: This past month (February) the Forensic meetings have been going as scheduled. I encourage all groups to step up and try service work in Treatment – Forensics. Average attendance is about 5. I am urgently looking for new members of the fellowship to step up and join the forensic teams. At present I have many members serving over two years on their teams.
Tom S. Treatment Co - Chair.

Webmaster/Website:

No report at this time.

District 1:

Hello everyone, I'm Samaira, DCM for district 1,

We had our February meeting this past Sunday so not to miss out on the Mid Winter Roundup, which was amazing to attend. Our meeting basically passing our budget, voting in a new Alternate DCM, welcome Steve, will be wonderful to learn from your years in sobriety. And last but not least, the agenda items. We were very blessed to have Area NY Delegate with us to get us started. We have a voice and it will be heard at the Conference this year.

On April 7th at 10am we, at District 1 will be having our first Annual Pre-conference at 45 Connelly Rd Lower Sackville. It is open to everyone who wants a better understanding of what happens at the Conference in New York. I'm sure some lovely people will be giving sweets

District 2: DISTRICT 2 REPORT TO CENTRAL SERVICE District 2 completed it first workshop in February on the Traditions it was well attended and well done – very spiritual. The second half of this workshop is scheduled for April 8th at 1:00pm at 3 Dundas Street Dartmouth. We also passed our District Guidelines. We had our first of two meetings with the General Service Delegate regarding discussions and information on agenda items for the April General Service Conference. May I also mention that the gentlemen leading the workshop, Lefty and Victor, have many years of experience in workshops and the traditions and have much to offer. Respectfully Submitted, Yours in Service, Rod M. Alternate DCM District 2

Area 82: As secretary for Area 82, I would like to mention that any groups sending GSRs to Truro can get your application forms from me. The deadline is the first week in April. Cost is \$180 for your room and all meals.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Rob A. Seconded by Ron H. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Elections:

Corrections co-chair: none

Entertainment co-chair: none

Public Information co-chair: none

New Business:

Insurance Policy:

Paul B was speaking with our insurance contact Harlan Hayes while setting things up for the literature committee and he asked if all the AA groups currently listed on the insurance policy was correct.

Answer: Yes.

Paul suggested the the CSC co-chair contact the insurance company, as the current policy was mailed out, but nothing has been received to date. As a side note, the chair mentioned that he still has a copy of the old insurance policy for the Welcome Group, which has not been picked up yet.

Central Service donations: Paul B asked if decisions have been made by the committee on how much money will be distributed to GSO and other service groups, and on what timeline.

Answer: Recommendations on this distribution will be made at the April meeting when the treasurer has returned.

Question: Leah asked if the distribution breakdown was marked in the 2018 budget.

Answer: Yes, there are standard yearly donations, but because we have a surplus these numbers may change.

Detox performance:

Mike H suggested that a meeting of the executive committee do a cause analysis as to why detox performance has been down, And that this be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Question: Paul asked if a clarification be made of the phrase “detox performance” - did something happen? Should this be brought back to our groups?

Answer: Things have not been happening, we wish to discuss ways to tighten the holes so things can work properly.

Comment: Rob mentioned that he located the problem with the website detox schedule listing and that has all been realigned and fixed.

Question: Emily noticed in the treatment report that the chair was having difficulty with the contacts for the groups and

communication. Maybe this is something that could be discussed.

Question: Trudy noticed that Tina said in her report that the problems have been fixed so she wondered what would be discussed in a meeting about detox. She agreed that groups needed to update their contact information with Tina.

Question: Freddy asked if Tina attended Central Service meetings.

Answer: No.

Question: Kent asked if this executive group would be obtaining information which would be brought back to the Central Service table for discussion.

Answer: Yes.

Question: Samaira pointed out that it was known that Tina was unable to attend CSC meetings when the groups were switched over from District meetings. She has never heard of the executive to deal with an issue on its own - anything that needs to be discussed should be discussed at the table. She saw that Tina had identified and addressed both problems already.

Chair: So that has been put to rest.

Reimbursement on security checks:

Kelly D stated that she explained to the applicant who was rejected that he would only be reimbursed if his application was successful. He still demanded his \$30.

Comment: The chair reiterated that there was a firm resolution on the table that the only people reimbursed would be people who passed their security checks.

Question: Paul asked if the individual was told in advance. Samaira suggested that the non-reimbursement policy be noted in our guidelines or on the form for volunteers to see before they apply.

Answer: Yes. And all applicants are sent a detailed email with this information before they apply.

Comment: Alan suggested that since everything had been explained to the individual, we should stay with the status quo.

Question: Ron H asked what is the spirit of this rule that we not reimburse those who are not successful in their application? Was the rule made to limit the number of people who would try to help out? Did something happen? What is the history behind this? Here is someone who is genuinely trying to help.

Comment: Trudy said she has heard around the table many people ask for details about applying and we have said at this table is it up to the discretion of the institution - and we encourage people to apply and try their luck, but then we are saying we won't give them their money back unless it turns out a certain way. She doesn't think it is fair that the institution decides on the application but we make the decision about the money.

Comment: Rod stated that if he knew the institution would be suspicious of him due to his past, he would not choose to apply.

Question: Paul asked if the resolution on the topic was passed at District level, would it have a bearing on anything at the Central Service table?

Answer: (Bill) You are absolutely right; Central Service has no policy on the security check.

Ron H made a motion that applicants for security checks at corrections be reimbursed regardless of the outcome.

Vote: All those in favour: 19 Those opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1. Motion carried.

Question: Samaira asked if the Central Service guidelines include the four new committees. The reason we started writing guidelines is because we needed guidelines for the four committees specifically - the detox facility asked for certain rules in particular. This broadened into having guidelines for District in general. Can we just say this central service table doesn't follow them? Have these been added to your Central Service guidelines?

Answer: The quick answer is no. We will table this for the next meeting so that it comes under old business.

Announcements from Groups :

Donnie announced that the last Thursday of the month the West End Step Group will not be holding a meeting due to a church function. Rob announced that the Welcome Group and the Downtown Halifax groups have changed their meeting times from 8 pm to 7 pm. Trudy gave a reminder that she has forms for GSRs who are interested in attending the Truro service convention. Samaira announced that the first pre-conference will take place April 7, everyone is welcome.

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be **April 3 2018** (St. Mark's Church).

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Central Service Committee

Monthly Financial Statement for Mar 2018

Opening Balance Feb 2018 \$5442.97

DEBITS:

Rent \$120.00

Phone \$242.80

#659 will advise next mtg \$136.94

#660 will Advise Next mtg \$23.00

CREDITS:

Back to Basics \$100.00

Porter's Lake \$200.00

New Hope \$400.00

Atlantic \$300.00

Insurance \$40.00

7th Tradition \$27.10

Closing Balance Mar 2, 2018 \$5986.33

prudent account: opening balance \$4171.10
interest .16
closing balance \$4170.26

literature Committee: opening balance \$4835.62
credit \$1375.70
debit \$ 4012.49
closing balance \$2198.83