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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: No additions.

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Emily S.

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Bill P-chair	Pedro G. -Webmaster	Alan M. -CSR Second Chance	Donnie B. -CSR West End Step	Paul B. -Colby Village Big Book Study
Michael H -Co- Chair/ Alt CSR Acceptance	Sue C -Hospital Visitation Chair	Fred L - CSR Cole Harbour	Jeff D. -CSR Fresh Start	Trudy D.-Cole Harbour
Emily S- Secretary/CSR Acceptance	Rob A. - Newsletter Chair	Andrew S.-CSR Atlantic	David R. -CSR Living in the Solution	
	Kelly D -Corrections chair	Sarah S. -CSR The Only Requirement	Alan M. - CSR Sunrise	
	Beth P. - Help Email/ CSR Downtown Dartmouth	Barry L - CSR Back to Basics	Clare L.-CSR Live For Today	
	Natalie C. - Entertainment Chair	Perry B - CSR Welcome Group	Ron H - CSR Colby Village Big Book Study	
	Chris R. -CPC Chair			
	Sheila C - Literature Chair			
	Heather C. -Telephone Chair			
	Leah C. -PI co-chair			

7th Tradition: \$26.95 Collected, taken by Bill P.

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

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Kelly D. And seconded by Clare L. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary:

Hello to everyone. I think my first month as secretary went very well. I had some challenges in writing up my first CSC meeting minutes, but thanks to two individuals in particular with a great deal of service experience - you know who you are - I managed to get through. Always a keener, I printed up an extra set of treasurer's reports and agendas for the meeting last month, but I think I've got that sorted out now too, and the extra paper has been properly recycled. If you have a chance, please check that you have the current secretary's email (secretary.aahalifax@gmail.com) in your email contacts list - some emails over the past month went to the old secretary's email address, and the senders were not notified that the account was no longer in service, and I did not receive the emails. I am also proud to say I have been told by the Central Service chair that I am already doing a great job because I've already started bugging him for the agenda. Thank you to everyone for your support and for sending your reports in on time. Emily S

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Treasurer: Opening balance- \$5021.52 Debits- \$60.00 credits- \$419.45 Closing balance- \$5380.67 *rent not cashed yet Prudent Reserve- \$4170.91 Literature - \$4010.27 Good evening all. Due to personal & health problems I am unable to make the next couple central Service meetings. I will return back for the April Meeting. I have given Bill the treasure case and he assured me everything will be taken care of. Attached is what I have for this month's report. Hope to see you all soon. Respectfully submitted, Bruce B Treasurer

Co-chair: Hello all. I currently have signature status and have been signing checks for the committee. Nothing else to report at this time. Yours in service, Michael H

Chair: As Chair this has been a busy month getting the basics done. The new signing officers are now in place. This past month the Chair attended meetings of the Mid-Winter Round Up Committee, The P I Committee, District 1 and regrets for District 2 although a report was submitted on behalf of Central Service. Our Treasurer Bruce B. went for surgery, but recovery will take longer than anticipated. Like a trooper he was able to prepare the monthly statement and in partnership with Andrew the phone bill was paid. He was not able to work on the proposed budget. This was developed and drafted by the Chair for presentation this evening. Bruce was consulted on the early and final draft of the document. I will be participating in the upcoming Mid-Winter Round Up and look forward to see how we as a movement for sobriety are working on the front lines. I'm still getting my feet wet, but it's all about putting one step at a time forward. Best Regards Bill Powroz Chair

CPC:

The Committee met on January 27, 2018. Two members attended with one member absent, and one guest. We set objectives for 2018 which is 8-12 presentations and increased committee membership. It was decided that to meet our objective we should go back through our past contact to see gauge interest if there is any interest in a future presentation. We then brain stormed possible vectors of organization that might benefit from a presentation. The Co-Chair came up with a great idea for membership. CPC is going to have a kiosk set up at the upcoming round-up to see we can drum up some interest. We are going to man the kiosk during key times. Also the Co-chair was able to secure spots for the others committees as well. The next CPC meeting will March 10, 2018.

Corrections: We have one new woman cleared this month and an additional one being cleared. At this time there are also two men going through the clearance process. This will bring our numbers to 11 women and 9 men. 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. One meeting had to be cancelled due to weather. Meetings have been well attended and feedback has been positive.

Question: Is the once a month rotation a heavy load for the participants?

Answer: No.

Question: What kind of a criminal record check is done? Does it make a difference if you have a pardon?

Answer: Many volunteers have a criminal record. What they're looking for is how long ago, and if you're on probation. They decide on a case by case basis. Often it's not a big deal. If you have a pardon, nothing would show up.

Entertainment:

Good evening friends. The Entertainment Committee has been relaxing a bit through the month of January but is ready to go again. Saying that, I am pleased to announce our upcoming St Patrick's Day Dance to be held at St Theresa's Church Hall on the corner of North St and Dublin on Saturday March 17/18, 9pm to 12. DJ ACE is on board to spin the tunes. Cost is 5.00 in advance and 10.00 at the door. I am asking again for some help selling tickets. CSRs: please take a bundle of tickets back to your group, 2 bundles if you are a super seller. The help is enormously appreciated. Please see me after the meeting and I will hook you up with tickets. We are also looking for donations for door prizes and any other donations are extremely welcome. Thank you for the anticipated support and looking forward to more entertaining events in the future. Please forward any ideas or comments to entertainment.aahalifax@gmail.com or to myself at [902-219-7287](tel:902-219-7287). Yours in Service, Natalie C

Help Email:

January was a quiet month for emails - I responded to six people all seeking information about the program of AA. My reply is to urge them to attend a meeting and provide a copy of our current meeting list. Usually I add a little about my own first meeting experience in an effort to allay their fears. And I always assure them that they will be welcomed by the fellowship. Yours in service, Beth P.

Hospital Visitation:

No requests for visitation were received via the website during the month of January, 2018. Looking forward to a healthy February. Yours in service, Sue C

Literature:

Good evening. A deposit of \$825.35 was made Feb. 2, 2018, which brings the balance of the literature account to \$4,835.62. A total of \$635.30 in orders has been removed from inventory of which payment has not been collected to date. I placed an order totalling \$752.87 on Dec. 18, 2017, \$386.24 on Dec 19, 2017 and \$1,949.19 on Jan. 26, 2018. The order on Jan. 26th was in large part stock for the Mid-Winter Roundup. These orders are in my expenses being reimbursed tonight. Inventory balance is \$3,927.90. It is with regret I am resigning from my position as Literature Chair. I am leaving the province for an undetermined amount of time so will not be able to fulfill my duties in this role. I would like to thank the Central Service Committee, both past and current, for their invaluable support during this time. The experiences and opportunities while assuming the position and all it offered me in terms of education, opportunities to better serve AA and in working with others is immeasurable. Again, thank you!! Yours in service, Sheila Coolen

Bluenose Bulletin:

This month's edition of the Bluenose Bulletin was full of the usual range of birthdays, meeting notices and AA events, including the upcoming February Roundup for HRM and the St. Patrick's Day AA event, and the District 9 (Sydney) Roundup in March. 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:

Everything is on track for the Feb. 23 start up. Weekend programme is on the AA website. Programme starts Friday with a Step meeting at 6:00pm. The Steps are a general theme for the weekend. Attendees are encouraged to start off with this opportunity, as the meeting is hosted by two out of town guests. Registration opens at 5:00pm on Friday. We have approximately 25 percent of anticipated attendance signed up through pre registration. Please encourage attendance within your groups and friends, this promises to be a great weekend. Your in service. Murdo.

Comment from Alan M: We're sending out a big thank you to the many groups who have donated tickets for those who cannot afford to attend. The response has been great. We will need some help on the registration desk over the weekend.

Question: Do you need any more donated tickets? What if the committee has more donated tickets than are needed?

Answer: All donations are welcome. Any extra funds will be absorbed for other expenses.

Public Information: The Committee met on February 3, 2018. There is now follow up with the School Board Program Service Facilitator. This is to distribute to the various Guidance Counsellors supplies of pamphlets for young people Young People in A.A. and Too Young. We also have the Big Books for school libraries particular the High Schools. We now have an additional seven clinics lined up for pamphlets in the Halifax area with two others who will review our pamphlets. We now have Dalhousie Student Health covered. The Committee has drafted list to approach particular groups to take responsibility for a particular clinic. Members will attend business meeting of groups to which we are invited. The Committee is appointing a member to check in with groups who have already agreed to look after a clinic to insure ongoing liaison with the specific clinic. A member with contacts with Halifax Transit is pursuing the potential to have an outside bus sign placed on at least one bus with a long route. This will also include costing to have the sign printed up. The Committee continues to seek warm bodies to help out. There are essential tasks like putting pamphlet bundles together, folding meeting lists, partnered with another member to visit a clinic, partnered to visit a business meeting, attending the meetings of the Committee with band music in the background, some of the best ideas come from members who don't think they have anything to contribute. Its fellowship, its fun and we don't take ourselves too seriously, but it is important work and it has effects on people we will likely never meet. Our meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 45 Connelly Road at 10:00 am.

Regards in service, Bill Powroz

Question: Do we have a presence on University campuses? Is it in the Health department, or the student union building?

Answer: Currently we have materials at DAL. I can not tell you at this time exactly which departments the materials are in.

Telephone: Good evening. The phones appear to be going well. I am looking for someone to take the night phone for the next two months. It has been brought to my attention that the AA phone has been used for things other than the answering service. I got a call from a member who had the phones, and somebody's email popped up, and some game popped up. These phones are for answering the AA line. I also had a call this month from the Welcome Group saying that they will no longer be doing the weekend phones, and Emily informed me tonight that the Acceptance Group also will no longer be doing the weekend phones. I don't know what the problem is here but if we don't have the groups to man the phones then maybe there will be no phones on the weekend. How sad is that? We've got District 1 and District 2, and in those two districts there's probably 50 groups and we can't seem to man the phones for a weekend? It's Saturday morning at 9:00 until Monday morning at 9:00. Thank you, yours in service, Heather.

Comment by Rob A: If the list of who is taking the weekend phones could be updated to reflect these changes online, it will help me adjust the group list in the newsletter. Thank you.

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Comment by Paul B: To confirm what Heather was talking about, I had the daytime phones and on this phone there are three email addresses that people are trying to access, and there are a total of 14 pictures that are on this phone, also two apps that were downloaded on this phone. People are accessing WiFi but it's not being used for the purpose for which it's supposed to be used. Maybe we should do a run over of all the phones we have to make sure they're cleaned off of downloads.

Question: If parents can prevent kids from downloading things on phones, can we set a restriction and block access to downloads?

Answer: The phones are used with WiFi so there's no way of stopping that. We're just sending a reminder to everybody to take back to their groups that we should be mindful of what these phones are being used for.

Treatment:

All groups and members have successfully ensured that Detox meetings were maintained and commitment was strong even during poor weather conditions, knowing the importance of carrying the message and the importance those individuals in Detox value having members come in and conduct meeting and look forward to AA's dedication and presence. Regarding Forensics, we are still working with the Clinical Social worker at the East Coast Forensics Unit, regarding an individual that has been having behaviour issues when members are trying to conduct the meeting. The Social worker wanted specific examples from team members that have expressed concern about this individual. Tom was able to reach out to members in order to gain specifics so the social worker can work on this individual's behaviour moving forward. We do require more volunteers to assist us with putting on meetings, and especially individuals who have some experience working with those that suffer with not only addiction but also mental illness would be beneficial. -Treatment Chair: Tina M. This past month (January) 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 still looking for new members of the fellowship to step up and join the forensic teams. Presently I have one team of 4 members, one team of 3 members, two teams of 2 members and one team with 1 member. We require 2 members to put on these meetings and is still a juggling act at times. -Tom S. Treatment Co-chair.

Webmaster/Website:

During January I payed the yearly fee for our Web Host plan in Hostgator.com. The total amount was USD107.40 or CAD136.94. I also created new Gmail accounts for Chair and Co-chair and updated the contact list to include the new members of Central Service. We had 5076 views of the web site in January. The top pages/posts visited continue to be: - Meeting List: 1959 Views -Newsletter: 658 Views -Contact Us: 234 Views. The total number of visitors has been roughly the same on the last three months. We have 596 subscribed members getting the monthly email, like previous three months. Other routine tasks I performed during January 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. Yours in service, Pedro G Web Administrator

Question: The number of daily and monthly hits we are currently seeing - is that normal? Is that good?

Answer: It's normal. It's important to monitor these hits because if the hits suddenly drop drastically in one month, for instance, it would alert us that something might be wrong with the site.

District 1:

Hi there everyone, I'm sorry I am not able to be with you tonight. I have been pretty sick for a while. I know this program is built on "giving what was freely given to us", but this, I believe I'll keep it.

District 1 worked on our yearly budget at our last meeting. The District was very generous with their donations over the past year. With that, next month we will be making a donation to CS, which we believe may help offset the 4 Committees.

Next month we will be discussing the Agenda items for New York. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

The Pre-Conference will be April 7th at 45 Connely Road, at 10 am. All are welcome and will be announcing it on the Area Web site as well. Hope you are can attend. Thank you, Yours in Service, Samaira

District 2: No report at this time.

Area 82: No report at this time.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Natalie C. Seconded by Donnie B. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Elections:

- a) Public Information chair: Heather C. Nominated Leah C. (currently PI co-chair) Vote taken - passed unanimously.
- b) Literature chair: Sheila C. Nominated Trudy D. Vote taken - passed unanimously.
- c) Corrections co-chair - none.
- d) Entertainment co-chair - none.

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e) Literature co-chair: Trudy D. Nominated Paul B. Vote taken - passed unanimously.

Elections for Public Information co-chair to be held next month.

New Business:

2018 Central Service Budget: (please find attached)

Approval of the budget motioned by Alan M. Seconded by Rob A. All approved, motion carried.

Announcements from Groups :

- a) Sarah S. Announced anniversaries for Peter (3) and Alex (2) at the Only Requirement group. It will be a gratitude meeting.
- b) Sue C. Announced anniversary for Maria R (30) at Living in the Solution group.
- c) Barry L. Announced anniversaries for Dennis (17) and Troy (3) at Back to Basics group.
- d) Donnie B. Announced anniversary for Rob A. (4) at West End Step Group.
- e) Heather C. Asked for volunteers to take the evening AA phones for the next two months.

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be **March 6, 2018** (St. Mark's Church).
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

2018 Proposed Budget - Central Service Committee	
Revenues	
Group Contributions	\$10,020.00
7th Traditions	\$400.00
Insurance Premiums	\$1,300.00
Entertainment Comm.	
Transfer from Literature	
Miscellaneous	
Business Acct Totals	\$11,720.00
Expenses	
Rent	\$720.00
Telephone Comm.	\$3,200.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$225.00
Insurance Premium	\$1,300.00
Area 82 Contribution	\$1,000.00
GSO Contribution	\$800.00
December Social 2018	\$400.00
Bluenose Bulletin	\$150.00
Entertainment Comm.	\$700.00
Webmaster	\$175.00
Treasurer	\$50.00
Secretary	\$300.00
Chair Expense	\$100.00
Co-Chair Expense	\$100.00
CPC	\$300.00
Corrections	\$1,000.00
Public Information	\$800.00
Treatment	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00
Business Expense Total	\$11,720.00

Central Service Committee
Monthly Financial Statement for Jan 2018

Opening Balance Jan 1 2018 \$5021.52

DEBITS:

Rent \$60.00

CREDITS:

Sunday Night Serenity \$125.00

Sober Gals \$75.00

Timberlea Group \$40.00

Sunday Morning Group \$153.50

7th tradition \$25.95

Closing Balance Feb 1, 2018 \$5380.67

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prudent account: opening balance \$4170.74
interest .17
closing balance \$4170.91

literature Committee: opening balance \$2677.67
credit \$2025.00
debit \$ 477.90
closing balance \$4010.27