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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:

- Remote communities/ AA members in the military.
 - Committee chairs from provincial districts meeting together.
- Approval of the agenda moved by Alan M, seconded by Donnie B.

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Dave R.

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Bill P-chair	Heather C - alt CSR Fresh Start/Telephone chair	Brian B - CSR Atlantic	Dave R - CSR Living in the Solutoin	Owen - St Margaret's Bay Group
Emily S - Secretary, CSR Acceptance	Trudy D - Literature chair	Tim D - CSR Hubbards	Ron H - CSR Colby Village Big Book Study	Cathy M - DCM Dist 2
Bruce B - Treasurer	Beth P - CSR Downtown Dartmouth/Help Email	Sarah S - CSR Only Requirement	Donnie B - CSR West End Step	
Michael H - Co-chair	Shawn M - chair Mid-Winter Round Up	Fred L - CSR Cole Harbour	Alan M. - CSR Sunrise	
	Leah C - Public Information chair	Dennis K- alt CSR Back to Basics	Jeff D - CSR Fresh Start	
	Rob A - Newsletter chair	Marianne S - CSR Serenity Sisters	John H - CSR Highland Park	
	Kelly D - Corrections chair		Michael A - CSR Keep It Simple	
	Pedro G - Webmaster			

7th Tradition: \$26.10 Collected, notated by Bruce B.

Approval of the Agenda:

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Dennis K and seconded by Rob A. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary:

Hello everyone, This month I received an email from a west coast member who has been living in China for several years who is planning to settle in Halifax and would like to make some AA connections. I believe he has been helped out by our Co-Chair and our Hospital Visitation chair and perhaps others. I thoroughly enjoyed the AA camping at Dollar Lake with a large group this past weekend. I am very grateful to our entertainment chair and to everyone who participated; it was a true expression of fellowship. Thank you, Emily S.

Treasurer:

Opening balance: \$4514.10

Closing balance: \$4481.66

Debits: \$348.74

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Credits: \$318.50

Prudent account: \$4888.88

Literature: \$2815.21

Co-chair:

My month past has been filled with healthy recovery. I traveled to Playacar Mexico, and was able to attend about 7 meetings in 10 days. The meeting room was in a poor and unkept side of town, that shimmered of bright stucco paint of blue and white with the AA logo painted on the front of the building. The facilities were very well kept and air conditioned. Their precious 7th and books were kept in a mid-sized safe at the back of the room. There were a couple of true Mexicans, but the AA populous was mostly ex-pats from all over the world. English big book study meetings were held at noon and five pm. I was extremely grateful to have been able to witness and participate in AA abroad. Upon return, I attended the Margaree Valley 12 Step AA Group Birthday at the Captain Allen School in Cape Breton. All groups in Cape Breton had representation, and took turns running a meeting. The day went from 9am to 9pm, with 3 meals offered, all for a donation of \$10 per person. It was a very well executed day of recovery and I was grateful to have attended. Thank you all for your service, Michael H

Chair:

It has been a quiet month for the chair. I attended District 2 meeting, and a Public Information committee meeting, and am scheduled to attend the next CPC meeting which will take place Aug 11. The month was uneventful.
Best Regards in Service, Bill P. Chair

CPC:

Next meeting Saturday Aug 11.

Corrections:

I have been informed by the prison that all new volunteers entering the prison will require a vulnerable sector check instead of a criminal record check. A vulnerable sector check is a police information check plus a check to see if a person has a record suspension (pardon) for sexual offences. This check is good for three years and there isn't any additional cost associated with it. As of now anyone whose clearance is over three years old will have to have a vulnerable sector check completed. At this time it is uncertain how this will effect those already cleared in the last three year. This has been a quiet month. Two people have had their vulnerable sector check documents submitted to the Prison for clearance and are awaiting confirmation. We are still in need of volunteers to put on meetings in the prison. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please have them contact me. Kelly D.

Question: Is there a new process for the vulnerable sector check?

Answer: No, it's the same process of going to the police station, with the same form, but you must ask for the vulnerable sector check specifically. All new volunteers will need this; not clear on status of current volunteers but if your criminal record check is more than 3 years old you will definitely have to have this new one processed.

Entertainment:

No report at this time.

Help Email:

Help Email received five emails in July. All were requests for meeting information. Yours in Service, Beth P
Comment: A member received an email from Manitoba which will be forwarded to the Help Email coordinator.

Hospital Visitation:

I am unable to attend this evening's meeting but will be ably replaced by Doug, our committee's newest member!

One of our own was in hospital for some time this past month and was visited on several occasions by Doug and other AA members. I understand he is home and recuperating nicely.

I received no other requests for hospital visitation during the month.

I did receive an email from an AA member in China looking for information about Halifax and the surrounding region in general and AA in this part of the world. I understand that he also wrote to other members of this committee with a similar request. I responded to him and have, with his permission, announced his desire to hear from people at meetings that I have attended. If anybody would like to correspond with him, please let me know and I will be happy to provide you with his contact information. My best wishes for a successful (and cool!) meeting this evening.

Yours in service, Sue C.

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Literature:

Good evening,

CUA account balance is \$2,815.21

Scotia account balance is \$731.54

Inventory balance is now \$4,928.35

I placed an order with both AAWS and Grapevine last month. The AAWS order arrived last week and the Grapevine order has yet to arrive. I called to check on the status of the Grapevine order and we found that I had clicked the wrong box online and the order was sitting at the warehouse in Ontario. This was last week and still no order. If it does arrive by Friday I will contact the Grapevine again to see if there is another issue.

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, Literature Chair

Comment: The money used for the literature committee accommodations at the last Round Up has been transferred back to the right account. We are waiting for a literature check/payment from one group but we will acquire this shortly.

Bluenose Bulletin:

August 2018 Newsletter Report

This month's edition of the Bluenose Bulletin did not have as many birthdays as before, but had plenty of meeting notices and AA events, including the AA Camping event at Dollar Lake, NS, the 30th Annual Courage Roundup in Halifax and the District 17 54th Annual Windsor and Area AA Mini Round up.

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 now 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 Eric P. Feedback is always welcome too. Yours in Service, **Rob A.**

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up:

There is no meeting scheduled for the committee for the month of August.

We meet again on Sept. 9th at 1 pm at 3 Dundas Street in Dartmouth.

We are still looking for a 2nd Program Co-Chair and a Treasurer Co-Chair.

I wish to apologize to Central Service for missing the July meeting, I was having medical tests done and I forgot to stay in Halifax that evening for the meeting thinking the date for Central Service was the following week.

Round Up Update:

At our July meeting we choose one of the two contracts presented to the committee by the Double Tree Hotel.

The contract selected by the committee helped us to also approve the budget for the round up.

Since our last meeting the contract has been signed and a group web page has been set up for us.

The link for the booking page is below:

<https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/Y/YHZHDDT-MWR-20190215/index.jhtml>

Please add this link to the newsletter and area website. The discounted room rate per night for the round up is \$ 130.00.

Please remind everyone that the committee's hotel expenses gets reduced by the number of rooms that are booked.

It was also suggested that since we will not be serving coffee upstairs, that Central Service have it's own table at the round up including representation from the various committees like CPC, entertainment, etc....

In Service, Shawn M. 2019 Mid-Winter Round Up Chair

Question: Why are we not serving coffee upstairs?

Answer: The small locally owned cafe in the building bent over backwards to help us out last year and we wish to give back by using their services. Also this was part of our contract fee negotiation to make use of the coffee facilities onsite.

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Comment: Having an onsite reservation page for the round up is a great idea. **Answer:** And please be aware that our convention fee is affected by how many people book hotel rooms.

Public Information:

Good evening everyone, the PI Committee is still working on the groups and clinics and we hope to be done this by the end of the month. We are finding it a little difficult getting in touch with some group contacts and clinics due to summer vacations.

Our committee was in touch with the Halifax Regional Libraries and they are willing to take one Big Book for each of the 14 libraries and place it in the resource section. They are also going to put a sleeve inside each book with our business cards in them, which we think is great. So we have ordered some Big Books and will drop them off.

Our committee is also in the process of sending out letters to some nursing homes in the area to ask if we can place some AA pamphlets in the homes.

We are also in the process of trying to get the Halifax Police and EHS to carry our business cards, as the RCMP do.

Yours in service. Leah.

Telephone:

Good evening, Thanks to my co chairs making sure members are scheduled in for looking after the phones, they are doing well. Phone committee is always looking for new members to man the phones and it is a great way to give back. Please bring this back to your groups. We are still looking for members from Halifax and Dartmouth are for our 12 Step List. We asked folks to take this to their groups last month and we received no calls at all.

Question: Is there training offered for 12 step calls? Answer: It's your experience, strength and hope. Please be aware that mostly people on the 12 step list are asked to call the suffering alcoholic and be available to them for a talk. It's not so much like the old days where you visited their home. If this is ever required, we will make sure you don't go alone. We are more a reference service, and we need people on the 12 step list to be available to talk to those who call in.

Treatment:

The Detox meetings have been running smoothly for the month of July. I appreciate the dedication and support from all members; especially over the summer months. Tina M. Treatment Chair.

FORENSICS

This past month (July) the Forensic meetings have been going as scheduled with the exception of a last minute cancellation – one meeting had to be cancelled. Reason for cancellation – meeting starts at 2200 – received cancellation call at 2135 – tried 3 others to fill spot – not enough time.

I encourage all groups to consider stepping up and try service work in Treatment – Forensics. Average attendance is about 5 - 10. I am always looking new members of the fellowship who wish to “give back” some of “what we were freely given” to help bring the Team's back up to full strength. Tom S. Treatment Co - Chair.

Webmaster/Website:

Web Admin Report for July 2018

The month of July continued to be relatively quiet as previous month.

Visitors to the site continues to be stable month over month. I keep running the routine maintenance of the site:

- Site backup
- Posted announcements as received from Groups, committees and/or Districts
- Updated our meeting list

As usual I appreciate the help and support I receive from everyone.

Yours in service, Pedro G

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District 1:

Sorry I'm unable to be with you tonight. We at district 1 one had an amazing workshop on "crosstalk" well attended. Thank you for your support. We will be having our elections on September 30th for the 4 executive positions, DCM, Alt DCM, treasurer, and secretary. If you would like to grow in the program, service is a wonderful way to do that.

Over the next couple of months, we will be preparing for the Assembly in Newfoundland in October. This is a voting year, so help your group realize that importance of unity by sending your GSR.

Thank you for your time. Samaira

District 2:

Elections will be held the 3rd Sunday in September. We have people who have agreed to stand for 3 positions of 4. We reviewed the positions in the guidelines last month together. There will be 6 groups from District 2 attending the conference in Newfoundland. We received 4 donations from groups last month, for which we are very appreciative. I have handed out flyers for the Nfld Assembly at this table. We are hosting a workshop on the importance of service in AA this coming Sunday at 1 pm at Club 24. We took the topic of AA in remote communities to District and there was discussion on how the military members here have good access to AA, so maybe this applies more to members in the services travelling far away.

Area 82:

Hi All, Hope you are having a wonderful summer.

The 2019 General Service Conference will be held May 20-25 which means we need to change the dates of our Service Weekends. It was decided by the Area 82 Officers that the dates of the NL Service Weekend will be June 21-23, hosted by District 14, and the dates of the NS Service Weekend will be July 5-7 at the Agriculture College.

If you have any questions please contact me at [\(902\) 817-8645](tel:902-817-8645) or tmill@eastlink.ca

Yours in Service

Tim M

All Reports were motioned for approval by Alan M And Seconded by Heather C. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Elections:

- a) Corrections Co-Chair: none
- b) Entertainment Co-chair: none
- c) CPC chair: none.

*PLEASE TAKE IT TO YOUR GROUPS THAT THESE POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED.

New Business:

Elections for 2019:

Executive CSC members will not be re-elected for 2019, but all committee chairs and co-chairs and CSR members will stand for election this September. Seeing as this item did not make the August newsletter, **a Resolution was passed that all that the elections will take place at the October 2 Central Service meeting - moved by Heather C and seconded by Kelly D.**

Please take back to your groups that new Central Service Representatives will be elected for 2019 this fall.

Comment: It may be a good idea to form a committee and search out members who may be interested in standing, and discuss the value in serving and the spirit of rotation.

AA in Remote Communities/ Military:

The Remote Communities Committee in AA has traditionally been assisting communities in Labrador, but also all over the world. This CS committee in the past has provided literature and donations for this cause. Possibly this was brought up in regards to our military members because America has more than 100 foreign bases all over the world, Canada has five, and these are short term postings. We as Central Service have a role to provide services to groups. I don't know that it is our role to provide services to foreign bases. Here we have three military bases in the HRM and members have access to meetings and other AA services. This may be an issue to be discussed with Area or New York.

Comment: From my experience as a member in the military I've been all over the world and meetings were always offered and available - we AA members in the military stuck together. I was offered extensive recovery and rehabilitation services as well.

Comment: I spent 12 years in Europe with the military and there were plenty of AA services available to me there.

As this was brought up by a member who is not in attendance tonight, we will add this to the agenda for next month.

Heads of Committees meeting provincially:

I think this is a good idea. Tim attempted to do that one year in Nfld. It may be something to be added to the agenda for the service weekend to have meetings arranged for committees from across the province to come together to exchange their experience and knowledge. We would make this suggestion formally to districts 1 & 2 and let them discuss it.

Comment: Perhaps it would be best not to separate the committees out from the general discussion at service weekend but to have everyone involved.

Question: Who will pay for this, and will it be budgeted for a committee chair to go to the service weekend whether it's in Nfld or NS. Area 82 will not pay for this, it would be district. **Answer:** We will face that once we know more about the suggestion's progress. Area will organize this, and we will not know what to pay for until we know what they want to do about the idea. There are a number of ways to be prudent with our money, if it is too expensive we will act accordingly, or perhaps people will go for only part of the weekend, or perhaps people who go will represent more than one committee.

Announcements from Groups :

Bedford Sackville AA Day coming up Sept 22.
Hubbards Group will be celebrating their 2000th meeting.

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm (St. Mark's Church).

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance July 2018 \$4514.10

DEBITS:

#686 Rent \$60.00

#687 Phone \$242.80

#688 Newsletter \$45.94

CREDITS:

Atlantic Group \$200.00

Sunday Morning Breakfast \$91.90

7th Tradition \$26.60

Closing Balance July 31 2018 \$4481.66

Prudent account: opening balance \$4888.67

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Literature Committee: Opening balance \$2815.21 Closing \$2815.21