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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:
None.

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Barry L.

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Bill P-chair	Heather C - alt CSR Fresh Start/Telephone chair	Brian B - CSR Atlantic	Evan M - CSR 4 Seasons	Michael A - Keep It Simple
Emily S - Secretary, CSR Acceptance	Eric L -Co-chair Newsletter	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	Samaira G - DCM District 1
	Paul B - Colby Village/ Literature co-chair	Fred L - CSR Cole Harbour	Alan M. - CSR Sunrise	
		Chrissie B - alt CSR Back to Basics	Jeff D - CSR Fresh Start	
		Murdo M - alt CSR Highland Park	Barry L - CSR Back to Basics	

7th Tradition: \$26.60 Collected, taken by Bruce B.

Approval of the Agenda:

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Heather C. and seconded by Bruce B. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary:

Hello everyone. Nothing special to report from me this month. We've added two members to the minutes email list. Thank you, Emily S.

Treasurer:

Opening balance: \$4748.99
Closing balance: \$4514.10
Debits: \$687.29
Credits: \$452.40
Prudent account: \$4888.67
Literature: \$2815.21

Regarding the six month budget statement update:
Please note there is an error in the title - it states 2016 instead of 2018.

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Things are on track currently. We need about \$4100 in donations before the end of the year to make budget.

The miscellaneous revenue of \$1134 came from the Mid-Winter Round up.

The miscellaneous expenses of \$1120 were transferred to different accounts, they were not expenditures. Just over \$400 went to the literature committee for the cost of their hotel room at the round up. Just over \$700 went to top up the prudent account as was discussed previously, to raise the balance due to addition of committees and new expenses.

The deficit shows as \$550 only until the monies from literature sales come back to us.

Comment: Why would we pay \$400 for the literature committee to have a room at the hotel when they live close by?

Answer: The decision was agreed upon by the MWRU committee as the literature chair lived in Enfield and it was too much for her to pack up all the materials each day and bring them back. We needed a safe space for the insured materials.

Comment: Could we please have future statement on spreadsheets with defined lines?

Comment: Our group made a contribution which doesn't seem to be showing on your Group Contributions sheet.

Answer: Some items got on the wrong lines - I will look at this.

Co-chair:

I would like to apologize for not attending, but I have to be at the airport for 4am to fly out of country Wednesday, and will be hopefully sleeping well before 9 PM Tuesday. To report, I have gone to the Scotia Bank and signed onto the Literature business bank account as an executive to the account. I hope all is well for everyone in Central Service, and will see you in August. Yours in service, Michael H.

Chair:

1. During the past month the Chair attended meetings of District 1 & 2, along with meetings of the Mid-Winter Round Up and the Cooperation with the Professional Community.
2. The CPC Committee meeting introduced new members to the Committee with briefing on the activities of the Committee and commitments in the Fall . The new members are new to service at this level but bring experience and training in project planning and presentations. Leadership for the Committee is coming from the Co-Chair of the CPC Committee and the myself.
3. During the past month conferred with the Treasurer for the preparation of the six-month financial statement for Central Service.
4. In discussion with members there is wide spread interest in organizing for a Meeting list app for cell phones and ongoing exploration of the value of a printed Meeting List Booklet.
5. In addition to the seminar for intergroup bodies in Montreal later this Fall, there is a conference for Corrections coming up in November in Portland Maine for the consideration of the table. Although attendance at these forums have not been considered in the past, there is experience and knowledge we have gathered in various areas of service work which should be shared within the larger fellowship as well as benefitting from the experience of others. I suspect challenges we may face in our neck of the woods is not new to others.
6. For me it has been a busy month outside of A.A., however matters are proceeding as planned. Our finances are following projections, we have the challenge of the CPC Committee, and the various Committees are functioning well. We must never forget our role is to support the primary purpose of our organization to the suffering alcoholic.

Best Regards in Service, Bill P. Chair

CPC:

Nothing to report.

Corrections:

This has been a quiet month. Several people have shown interest in joining Corrections and have taken the clearance form, but as of yet I haven't received any record check forms back.

District 17 asked me to put on a Corrections' Workshop on 24 Jun 18. It was well attended.

We are still in need of volunteers to put on meetings in the prison. If you are interested or know someone who would be please have them contact me. Kelly D.

Entertainment:

Good evening friends and welcome to summer. For a while it's arrival was in question but here it is.

What a better way to celebrate than a fun filled camping weekend, and a long weekend at that.

This year the AA Annual Dollar Lake Camping Weekend is booked for August 3rd 4th and 5th.

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We have all 4 sites booked for this year, a little more elbow room than last year lol. We will use 3 sites for campers and the 4th for activities and our evening meetings. Washer toss, badminton, frisbee and lawn darts are just a few of the activities planned. Please mark your calendars, get the time off and join us. There will be a potluck supper Saturday at 6pm followed by a meeting under the stars. The cost is free though a 7th tradition will be taken. Friends and family are welcome. Please register with Natalie C at 902-219-7287. Just looking for number of campers and what you will be camping in so we can advise the park. Please forward any thoughts or ideas to Natalie C at 902-219-7287 or Nataliejc1961@gmail.com (I can't get the AA email to work on my phone) Yours in service, Natalie C

Help Email:

Help Email received four messages this month. All were asking for help and information about the AA program. I reply with a meeting list and encourage them to attend a meeting with assurances that AA folk are friendly and they will be welcomed. Yours in Service, Beth P.

Hospital Visitation:

Life in the world of hospital visitation continues to be very quiet. There have been no requests for visitation during the month of June. If you know of anyone in need of our services, please let me know. Thanks. Yours in service, Sue

Literature:

Good evening, I attended the Provincial RoundUp in Antigonish and really had a great time meeting the members and experiencing the fellowship in action. I sold around \$800 in literature and helped the groups continue to carry the message. I would like to just reiterate the fact that it did not cost the Central Service anything for this trip. A deposit of \$1,162.66 was made June 28, 2018 to the Credit Union.

CUA account balance is \$2,815.21

Scotia account balance is \$731.64

I went to the Scotiabank with Bruce. We deposited a cheque from the CUA Literature account for \$2,906.23. This is so that I could put in an order with AAWS and Grapevine. The monthly fee for this account is \$2.50 with 10 transactions allowed monthly. I have printed a statement from both accounts, as well as what I have ordered. If anyone would like to see these please let me know. I also have a copy to pass along to the Secretary to keep with the original minutes. Yours in service, Trudy D

Comment: Our group has been waiting several weeks for our literature order - we are hoping it was not all sold at the Round up. **Answer:** We will look into this.

Bluenose Bulletin:

There are just three points I wish to make. First, the cut off date of the 25th of the month for information to be sent in is crucial because myself and the others on the literature committee get together and do the bulk of our work in four days, from the cut off until the end of the month. Secondly, when you send information, please be sure to state the nature of your email in the subject line. We organize them this way, by birthdays, meeting notices, announcements, etc. Please take this back to your groups. Also, We are currently dating notices from when they first appeared (for instance, the Corrections committee notice looking for volunteers is marked showing that it has been in the newsletter since the beginning of the year). We will be discussing how long notices will stay up, or be altered, just to keep them fresh.

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up:

Nothing to report.

Public Information:

Good evening everyone, I am not able to the Central Service Meeting this month, as I have a family function. Since the last meeting we have been working to finish up getting the groups to place AA pamphlets in the medical clinics. We have 5 more groups that have taken on clinics. I also would like to report that the Halifax School Board has invited the PI Committee to their fall Network Café with the Guidance Counsellors, which is great. We are having our monthly meeting this Saturday, July 7, 2018, and we will be moving forward with some other ideas that we have to carry the message. Yours in service, Leah

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Telephone:

Good evening, Phones are being manned 24/7. We need members in Halifax and Dartmouth for the 12 step list. Could members please bring this concern back to their groups. Yours in service, Heather C

Comment: I am aware of people who are willing to take the phones but are waiting to be contacted. I will discuss this with the chair.

Treatment:

Treatment Report – July 2018

DETOX

This past month the Detox meetings have been going well with group's participation. Having an average attendance from participants of over 10 attending from Detox. Thanks for your on- going commitment.

Tina M.

Treatment Chair.

FORENSICS

This past month (June) the Forensic meetings have been going as scheduled. I encourage all groups to consider service work in Treatment – Forensics. Average attendance is about 5 - 10. I am still looking new members of the fellowship to help bring the Team's back up to full strength.

Tom S.

Treatment Co - Chair.

Webmaster/Website:

Web Admin Report for June 2018

The month of June has been relatively quiet. I executed some minor updates in our website and template. 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 and/or Districts
- Updated meeting list

As usual I appreciate the help and support I receive from everyone. Yours in service, Pedro G Web Administrator

District 1:

Hello everyone, my birthday name is Monique G and I have been using Samaira for the last 14 years. As we know, we are anonymous but not anonymous among ourselves.

I am the DCM of district 1. We will be having a workshop on Sunday at 1pm on crosstalk. Our goal is to help the suffering alcoholic, but that is sometime difficult if we don't have a well run meeting.

We at district been having great discussions on many different topics. Please visit our website to our minutes

District 1 will be attending the Eastern Regional Forum this month in Quebec. Looking forward to connecting with AA is a whole.

Hope we'll see all of you at the workshop on Sunday at the end of the month. Thank you and enjoy the heat.

Yours in Service

Samaira G

District 2:

At June's GSR meeting we spent some time debriefing after the Service Weekend. Some GSR's are rethinking their positions on changes to guideline changes that are going to the Fall Assembly. All of us are returning to our groups with more information and further discussion.

We also made a decision not to send the DCM to the Eastern Canada Regional Forum due to our financial position. Everyone is very comfortable with this decision after thorough and considered discussion. The treasurer is sending out a notice to all groups about the cash flow.

We are now finalizing ground transportation plans for Newfoundland, and are pretty sure that five groups will be attending the Assembly.

We spent some time discussing the Central Service report that Bill gave us. Some groups had brought forward some samples of meeting schedule booklets from other areas and were generally in favour of coming up with something more appropriate that our current lists.

We will also be putting on a workshop on August 12, the second Sunday in August, on the Importance of Service. We will be touching on such topics as committee duties, General Service to Area, and also the personal benefits of service.

Thanks for your service, and I am grateful to be here.

Respectfully, Cathy M.

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Area 82:

Nothing to report.

Comment:

I am generally dismayed by the lack of attendance by committee chairs. There is no way to ask questions when there is no representative present. This was an issue with General Service previously. I might suggest the Central Service committee look at their policy on this.

Answer: Duly noted.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Alan M. And Seconded by Fred L. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Elections:

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

2. Printed Meeting Booklet.

The idea was taken back to groups for discussion. There was some support however most groups wanted to know the cost involved. Some thought it was financially irresponsible to consider printing a booklet when currently there are so many changes to the list on a monthly basis. There was talk of groups paying for the booklets to hand out to newcomers and members. Some groups thought there should be more focus on the online meeting list component, like having a Google Map link to meeting locations. Some groups thought there were already many avenues in place to access meeting information, such as the telephones, directories, etc, that there was no need of another type of printing.

CHAIR: The general will of the Central Service table seems to be 'Thank you but No Thank you' so we will leave it at that.

3. 33rd Annual Central Service Seminar Sept 21 – 23 Montreal

Motion put forward by Murdo M, Seconded by Sarah S.

To send a member of the Central Service Executive to the 33rd Annual Seminar in Montreal.

It seems Michael H is the only member who is able to attend at this time.

Discussion: Some groups desired to support service and learning opportunities. Some groups were concerned with financials - we still need \$4100 before the year is out but we are considering spending over \$1000 on a trip - also District 2 needs funds and we should think about taking care of our needs here first. Some groups felt we are depending too much on group contributions which are not sure.

VOTE: 12 in favour, 4 opposed, 1 abstention.

Motion Passed.

New Business:

2nd Annual National Corrections conference Nov 2 in Portland Maine.

The chair will be discussing this with Corrections chair Kelly D.

Additional items:

Item: New York has moved to designate military members under a Remote Communities committee - considering the military presence in the Halifax area, should we look at some similar designation?
Item to be tabled for discussion next month.

Item: With regards to the Corrections conference in Maine, could we consider provincially having a day event where committee heads from all over the province get together to discuss issues?
Item to be tabled for discussion next month.

Announcements from Groups :

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- Lisa M will be celebrating 7 years at Back to Basics
- Michelle at Fresh Start will not be celebrating in July due to health concerns
- Beth P will be celebrating 3 years at Downtown Dartmouth last Monday in July
- Darlene will be celebrating 1 year and Jamie 23 years at West End Step Group

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Treasurer's Report:

Central Service Committee

Monthly Financial Statement for June 2018

Opening Balance June 2018 \$4748.99

DEBITS:

#680 Rent	\$60.00
#684 Phone	\$242.80
#681 Newsletter	\$11.50
#682 Secretary	\$60.33
#683 Literature	\$312.66 (CPC& Corrections)

CREDITS:

Hubbard's Step Sisters	\$30.00
Four Seasons Group	\$386.00
7 th Tradition	\$36.40

Closing Balance June 30 2018, 2018 \$4514.10

Prudent account: opening balance \$4888.47

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Closing balance \$4888.67 \$2000 of prudent is For Insurance

Literature Committee: Opening balance \$2727.83 Closing \$2815.21

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2016 Approved Central Service Budget		Budget 2018		Jan to Jun	
Revenues					
Group Contributions	\$8,170.00	\$3,965.40			
7th Tradition	\$400.00	\$175.15			
Insurance premium		1200			
Entertainment Comm.					
Transfer fr Literature					
Miscellaneous	1800	1134			
Business Account Totals	\$11,570.00	\$5,274.55			
Expenses					
Rent - Church Hall	\$720.00	\$360.00			
Telephone Committee	\$3,200.00	\$1,484.36			
P.O. Box Rental	225				
Insurance Premium	\$1,300.00				
Area 82 Contribution	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			
GSO Contribution	\$800.00	\$800.00			
December Social 2015	\$400.00				
Bluensee Bulletin	\$150.00	\$46.00			
Entertainment Committi	\$700.00				
Webmaster Expense	\$175.00	\$136.94			
Treasurer Expense	\$50.00				
Secretary Expense	\$150.00	\$154.65			
Chair Expense	\$100.00	\$17.25			
Co-Chair Expense	\$100.00				
CPC	\$300.00	\$67.86			
Corrections	\$1,000.00	\$564.80			
Public Information	\$800.00	\$72.20			
Treatment	\$300.00				
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$1,120.87			
Business Account Totals	\$11,570.00	\$5,824.93			
Closing Balance of					
All Accounts Dec 31 2017					
Checking	\$4,512.10				
Prudent	\$4,170.92				
Literature	\$4,010.27				
Total	\$12,693.29				
Prudent Account					
Insurance Deductable	2000				
Prudent Acc.	\$2,170.10				
Total	\$4,170.92				
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Jan To June					
Revenues:	5723.66				
expenses	5918.72				
Net	\$2,228.33				
Derbit carr	731.54				
MMWRU Room \$404.20/ Prudent \$716.67					
Deficit \$550.38					