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CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
St. Mark's Church, 5522 Russell Street, Halifax

Welcome and Open: Meeting opened by Michael H at 7:00 pm with a few moments of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Call for Items to be added to the agenda:

- Christmas Eve cocktail party
- Discussion on vote to cancel service trip to Montreal last month

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

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Michael H - Co-chair	Natalie C - Entertainment chair	Eric P - alt CSR CVBBS	Dave R - CSR Living in the Solutoin	Cathy M - DCM Dist 2
Emily S - Secretary, CSR Acceptance	Trudy D - Literature chair	Tim D - CSR Hubbards	Ron H - CSR Colby Village Big Book Study	Foster L - Cole Hbr
Bruce B - Treasurer	Kelly D - corrections chair	Barry L - CSR Back to Basics	Sharman M - Co-chair Telephones	Samaira G - DCM Dist 1
	Beth P - Help Email chair	Fred L - CSR Cole Harbour	Alan M. - CSR Sunrise	
	Rob A - Newsletter chair	Evan M - alt CSR 4 Seasons	Jodie T, co-chair PI, alt CSR Serenity Sisters	
	Heather C - Telephones chair	Jeff D - CSR Fresh Start		
	Leah C - chair PI	Sarah S - Only Requirement CSR		
	Shawn M - Mid-Winter Round up chair			

7th Tradition: \$41.00 Collected, notated by Bruce B.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Rob A and seconded by Heather C.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Alan M and seconded by Rob H. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary:

Hello everyone, I look forward to the elections. I have been encouraging members at meetings to stand for committee positions over the past month. I hope to volunteer on some of the committees this year. I received some ideas from the chair regarding the meeting lists which he wished to have printed for the November meeting and I will do so. Thank you, Emily S

Treasurer:

Opening balance: \$4608.87

Closing balance: \$4016.99

Debits: \$703.18

Credits: \$111.30

Prudent account: \$ 4889.29 Literature: \$2248.61

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Co-chair:

I met with the Chair this month past for handover brief to chair while he is on vacation. Yours in service, Michael H

***Addendum:** The insurance policy has been purchased for fiscal year 2019, and all groups should make payment of \$40 to the Central Service treasurer in November if possible.

Chair:

Prior to my vacation I attended the meeting of District 1 and participated in the meeting of the Public Information Committee. In canvassing the Chairs of the sub-Committees, there will be one nominee for the Chair of the CPC committee who if elected will provide the needed leadership to get this important initiative up and running.

I plan for the November meeting to present a proposal to Central Service to address glitches which have occurred with our Meeting List. I would also like to improve the look of the Meeting list to communicate the seriousness and importance of the content. This is to address concerns and issues which have arisen in the past months in a comprehensive way. The proposal will contain a number of suggestions for action but will require motions from the table for any action to take place and likely referral back to the groups for further ideas and practical solutions.

I would be fibbing to say you will be in my thoughts as I contemplate the various historical periods of the Mayan civilization, but I will have internet access at various hotels I will be staying at.

Best Regards in Service, Bill P

CPC:

Nothing to report.

Corrections:

Due to the peaceful protest we have not been able to enter the prison for the whole month of Sep. Therefore, it has been a very quiet month. I am happy to report that we have been given the go ahead to commence meetings effective tomorrow evening, 3 Oct 18. We are still looking for men to volunteer to put meetings on in the prison. If anyone is interested please contact me. Kelly D 902-579-3767

Entertainment: Good evening friends, I am pleased to be able to attend our meeting tonight. Life on life's terms has kept me focused on family matters and I apologize for my absence. The entertainment committee has had a quiet summer. Our Dollar Lake camping weekend on August 3,4&5 was a great weekend with attendance of 90 plus. The extreme heat was a challenge as was the downpour during the potluck but as we all know, that is life on life's terms. As far as the Labour Day picnic, one was not arranged this year. I was unable to do it, but I didn't receive a single call or email regarding it. We do have a Halloween Dance scheduled for Saturday Oct 27 from 8pm - 12am at St Theresa's Church on North Street in Halifax. The info is in this month's Bluenose bulletin. I ask CSRs here this evening to help get tickets into circulation in the fellowship. Your help is greatly appreciated. There will be prizes for Best Costume, Door prizes, snacks and refreshments. Thank you for your anticipated support. Please forwarding ideas, comments or suggestions to myself. Yours in service, Natalie C

Help Email:

This month the help email received seven requests for meeting information, meeting lists and questions on how to become a member of AA - fortunately the Third Tradition easily answers that question. Yours in Service, Beth P

Hospital Visitation: I fully intended to be at the meeting to give the hospital visitation report but have had an unavoidable last-minute change of plans. Two of our committee members, Wayne O and Doug M have visited several members in the hospital this past month, including Lynn M. As many of you know, Lynn had knee replacement surgery a week and a half ago. I spoke with her yesterday and she is recuperating well at home with the help of physiotherapy. She would love to hear from anyone who would like to give her a call. You can contact me for her phone number. Again, my apologies for missing this evening's meeting. All the best, Sue C.

Literature:

CUA account balance is \$3058.61

Scotia account balance is \$458.33

Inventory balance is now \$5023.35

I deposited \$810.00 into the CAU account today which brought the balance to \$3,058.61. I placed an order with AAWS for \$1,298.62 and Grapevine for \$774.59. The orders arrived just before the Bedford/ Sackville AA Days. I sold around \$600.00 during those 5 hours and had a great day filled with recovery. I have a good selection of Grapevine books that people seem to enjoy. With Christmas coming just around the corner it's a wonderful way to give a sponsee or a sponsor a gift that is thoughtful and personal. I am following in Sheila's footsteps and not ordering the 2019 pocket planners and wall calendars unless people let me know they want them. As of today, I have 2 wall calendars and 1 pocket planner to place on the next Grapevine order. If you

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or someone you know would like to order them, please give me a call or text at (902)293-3117 or email me at literature.aahalifax@gmail.com. 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

Question: Did you order more Grapevine books? I thought we had trouble selling those.

Answer: They sold really well at the Sackville/Bedford AA days.

Bluenose Bulletin:

The October edition of the Bluenose Bulletin had a lot of AA birthday announcements this time, and had plenty of meeting notices and AA events, including the Area 82 NS and NL Assembly and Round Up, the AA Halloween Dance in Halifax 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 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.

Finally we are seeking a new Newsletter Chair as my term is up, and our co-Chair does not wish to take the position. Anyone interested in this fun and creative way to give back to AA, please speak to Rob A or the CSR Chair / Co-Chair. Feedback is

always welcome too. Yours in Service, Rob A

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up:

The committee met on September 9th, 2018.

All positions for the committee have been filled.

The hotel contract has been signed and a deposit of \$ 500.00 is paid for the event.

The final version of the flyer is ready for distribution and a few copies are here tonight.

Tickets for the round up will go on sale in October.

The speakers for the event will be Carl M. from California and Carla N. from Minnesota. The out of town speakers will also be taking part in sessions at the round up.

We've sent flyers to Trudy to take to the Newfoundland assembly in October. I also took flyers to the Sackville A.A. day on September 22nd.

The hotel code to book your room is MWR2019 and the room rate is \$ 130.00 per night (plus taxes). Please ask the desk clerk to use the round up group page when booking the rooms. I provided the link last month in my report. A link to the booking page and a Pal Pal link is being set up as well with from our website. Heather L. (Program Chair) is meeting with the webmaster chair to look after that.

We are going to be requesting representation from each of the sub committees for the committee tables being set up at the round up.

We were asked to add a one paragraph article to be posted in the Bluenose Bulletin, regarding what is a round up and why is it important. It will be in the Jan and Feb editions of the newsletter.

Our goal this year is to between 430 and 450 registrants for the event, so we need everyone's help.

Our next meeting is October 14, 2018 at 1 pm - 3 Dundas Street, Dartmouth.

In service, Shawn M

Question: Have you had discussion about the cost of flying in a speaker from California?

Answer: We are always trying to cut costs where we can. Last year the budget for the speaker was \$1600 and this year it is \$2000, but we will know more about all expenses when the flights are booked.

Public Information:

Good evening everyone, the PI Committee has had a very exciting and busy month of September. I would like to report that the Halifax City Police are now carrying our AA business cards, they also are keeping our pamphlets at the detachment.

Jodie and I put on a workshop at District 17's monthly meeting on September 16, 2018. It was amazing. It was our first workshop and we learned a lot. Members asked lots of questions and we got a lot of positive feedback.

On September 20, 2018, the Public Information Committee attended a community fair at Mount St. Vincent University. This was a great experience. We brought a lot of AA information and we had some students drop by our booth. We also picked up a couple of great ideas for future community fairs. There is going to be another fair in approximately February and we stated that we would be interested in returning. MSVU student health centre has agreed to keep our pamphlets as well.

We have been in contact with a few of the nursing homes in Metro to ask if we can place some pamphlets with them. We got some very positive feedback from Northwood. The senior social worker at the home said there was a great need for information on AA. Our committee has a meeting scheduled for October 16, 2018 with Northwood to discuss how we can carry the

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message to suffering alcoholics at the centre. Our committee has ordered AA for the Older Alcoholic, Never Too Late, from the literature chair, to distribute to the nursing homes.

We are also going to be going to the Halifax School Board on December 7, 2018, to meet with the guidance counsellors.

Our next meeting will be this Saturday, October 7, 2018 at 10:00 at 45 Connolly Road, in Lower Sackville. Yours in service. Leah

Telephone: Things are going well with the phones. We have been announcing at meetings about the upcoming elections and we think there are some individuals who are willing to stand for the position.

Question: When I had the phones during the daytime, the majority of the calls were spam. Is there a way you can block these numbers?

Question: Is there a way we can make it easier for groups to pass the phones along so as not to trouble the committee so much as a go-between? Is there a list that each group can have? At one time the CSR of each group was responsible to make sure the phones got to the next group on the roster.

Answer: It has not been a problem for us, we have proper contacts for each group and the phones are passed on properly.

Treatment:

DETOX

During this past month, there has been a change to the location of the Detox meeting that was previously held on the second floor Purdy Building; this has been changed to Simpson landing Spruce Block. Entry is gained at the administration entrance # 304. This change had happened without any prior notification from Detox staff. I was made aware of this change after members had tried to attend their regular scheduled and this had been brought to their attention, along with email exchange between Cathy DCM2 and Bill P. I was then able to contact future groups going in to notify them of this change. I have put an announcement of the location change in the October Newsletter. I also made a visit to the Detox and was able to sit down and discuss the changes of location, provide my new contact with my contact information. She has ensured that I be contacted of any changes in the future and can contact her with any concerns as we move forward. We were able to discuss having a designated room that was private as a few of the meetings were held in the new location were in an open area. She provided us with the family room. When members arrive at the administration #304, ring the buzzer, let them know you're here for AA, and an appointed staff member will escort the group members to the room, literature will already be in the room. I reached out to the past few groups to verify if the meeting had been held, due to the lack of communication regarding the change of location and based on the members of the past few meetings they advised these meetings were attended. Please share with your group of this change in the meeting location. I appreciate your patience and understanding through this transition period and appreciate all the support! If you have any further question please feel free to contact me.

Also if there has been any changes to the contact person regarding Detox, with your immediate groups please email me of the changes, if they are different from your GSR. Tina M. Treatment Chair.

FORENSICS

This past month (September) the Forensic meetings have been going as scheduled with the exception of a last minute cancellation – one meeting had to be cancelled.

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. At present I have 12 people to fill in for 20 spots. Tom S. Treatment Co - Chair.

Comment: Bill did meet with Tina to discuss groups not showing up for their detox meeting commitment, and she does attempt to contact each group but often can't get through and can't confirm if she's only able to leave a message. She can try to find a fill-in for a group who can't make it, but she can't arrange for that if the group doesn't let her know they can't make it.

Comment: Perhaps the CSRs can take back to their groups and confirm that they are actually still interested in being on the roster for detox meetings and phones.

Comment: Perhaps the GSRs could take responsibility for their groups to make sure the group attends the detox meetings as scheduled.

Comment: In our group we look at the organization of attending the detox meetings as a good position for newer members - it gives them responsibility, but they need little experience and can rely on other members for help.

Comment: In our group we have a chair of detox and a chair of telephones, they are two year terms and the individuals take on responsibility to make sure the detox meetings are attended and the phones are manned when it is our turn.

Webmaster/Website:

The month of September has seen a slight increase of visits to our web site, signalling the end of summer vacations. Top visited pages remain the same, meeting list, newsletter and contact us.

Last month I took a close look at our meeting list page and identified a few things that could be improved. First, I made sure groups are listed in correct order, sorted by day of week and then time of day. This makes it easier to scroll and find what you are looking for. I also added a note at the top reminding you can use the search function to find anything in the meeting list. The search field is at the top right of the table. For example, you can search for "Dartmouth" and the table will automatically change to show only the entries that matches that word. You can search for a specific day, a time or anything. And every time you search the table will automatically change and show only content that matches the words you are searching for.

As every month I keep running the routine maintenance of the site:

- Performed site backups
- 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

District 1:

Dist 1 is busy preparing for the assembly coming next month on October 12 to 14. This is a voting year, so important for our districts to be represented.

We had our elections and please to announce we have filled the role of DCM with Steve our alt DCM and Lisa with be our incoming alt DCM. We are still looking for a treasure and a secretary. Please bring it back to your groups.

We at dist 1 will be holding the provincial round up on 2020 so please bring it back to your groups and be aware that we maybe holding it this year if the dist for 2019 does not hold it. Thanks

Yours in service, Samaira

District 2:

Over the last month we had our elections in district 2 and Shayne S was elected as DCM; Blair A as Alternate DCM, Michael A as Secretary. As yet we still need a Treasurer -- if you know of anyone in your groups who has five years of sobriety and is financially rehabilitated, please ask them to stand and come to our October meeting.

We also have sent to items for new business at the Assembly later this month. The first is to seek clarification of the relationship of the armed forces and remote communities. We hope that the NY guest will be able to answer questions. The second is a request to have committee chairs attend the Service Weekends and have an opportunity to discuss and share concerns and experiences in a larger forum. We have seven GSR's attending the Assembly this year, all of whom will be active participants at the microphones. Yours in service, Cathy M, DCM District 2

Area 82:

Nothing to report.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Evan M And Seconded by Rob A. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Elections conducted by Cathy M District 2 and Samaira G District 1.

Request made to read the position descriptions from the service manual after nominations instead of before.

Request accepted.

Newsletter chair: none

Telephone chair: Sharman M elected unanimously

Telephone co-chair: Jodie T elected unanimously

Webmaster chair: none

Entertainment chair: none

Literature chair: none

Hospital visitation chair: none

Help e-mail chair: none

CPC chair: Heather C elected unanimously

CPC co-chair: Foster L elected unanimously

PI chair: Leah C elected unanimously

PI co-chair: none

Treatment chair: none

New Business:

Request for CSRs to take back to their groups that it is time to start thinking about who is going to host the Christmas Eve party this year. There is roughly \$400 in the budget to assist with costs.

Old Business:

Request made by Barry L to discuss the vote taken by the table last month to cancel the trip to the Montreal intergroup meeting.

Barry: Our group Back to Basics felt the vote was a rash decision. We feel it's important to send members to events like this so that we can learn from other groups. We had enough money in our prudent account as was mentioned by the treasurer and chair, and if we are so low on funds, why do we have \$2000 in the literature account and \$5000 in literature inventory? Could we adjust the budget to direct funds to trips like this in the future?

Comment: I was surprised at how quickly the vote was taken, especially after the fuss that was made about printing up directories. I didn't feel we had much information on the conference.

Comment: My group thought the trip was a good idea if possible financially, but it's difficult to allow for something that's not in the current budget.

Comment: It is important to send members to intergroup conventions like these, but this year it was not, considering financials. I think we should consider a local convention of committee heads. We can learn from intergroup conventions by getting all the information in the minutes online.

Comment: One of the reasons the cancelation was brought up for another vote was because no action had been made on booking the trip and there was time to cancel it before we got into possible financial trouble.

Comment: When you project in the budget for trips like this, how can you know you won't be short?

Comment: It's important that the executive has an open honest discussion with the committees about what they've spent so that they are making clear decisions. They can decide to put a call out to AA as a whole that Central Service needs extra funds if necessary.

Comment: The executive strikes a budget taking direction from the table, it's not a shot in the dark. Once they've made a decision to add something to the budget, then it's up to the groups to fund it.

Comment: According to the usual flow, contributions tend to come in later in the year. Our chair was confident we could have funded this trip.

MOTION made by Alan M: To put a line in the budget for 2019 to send a member to an intergroup conference next year. Seconded by Samaira G. Vote passed unanimously.

Announcements from Groups :

West End step group cancelled on Oct 6 due to church function.

On Oct 10 at Back to Basics, Matt, Mary and Rod will be celebrating birthdays.

The Bedford/Sackville AA day had 228 attendees.

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tuesday, November 6 2018 at 7:00 pm (St. Mark's Church).

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Financial Statement for Sept 2018

Opening Balance Sept 2018 \$4608.87

DEBITS:

#696 Rent	\$60.00
#697 Phone	\$243.95
#699 Canada Post Rental	\$218.50
#700 Newsletter	\$30.73
#692 Literature PI	\$150.00

CREDITS:

7 th Tradition	\$31.30
Insurance Contributions	\$80.00

Closing Balance Sept 30 2018 \$4016.99

Prudent account: opening balance \$4889.09

interest .20

Closing balance \$4889.29 \$2000 of prudent is for Insurance

Literature Committee: Opening balance \$2411.01 Closing \$2248.61