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

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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:

- addition of Telephones co-chair to elections

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Leah C.

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Michael H - Co-chair	Michael A - Help Email chair	Garnett E - CSR Fresh Start	Eric L - CSR Four Seasons	Alex M - Fresh Start
Emily S - Secretary	Leah C - Public Information chair	Sandy K - CSR Serenity Sisters	Gilles D - CSR Second Chance	Anne C - Serenity Sisters
Bruce B - Treasurer	Shawn M - Entertainment chair	Lynn M - CSR New Hope	David R - CSR Living in the Solution	Shayne S - DCM Dist 2
Bill P - Chair	Matt W - Webmaster	Tim D - CSR Hubbards	Mark B - CSR Cole Harbour	Steve A - DCM Dist 1
	Troy S - Corrections chair	Dennis K - CSR Back to Basics		Tamy-Rose B - Keep It Simple
	Heather C - CPC chair			Foster L - Cole Harbour
	Sharman M - Telephone Chair			Peg P - Serenity Sisters
	Pedro G - outgoing Webmaster			
	Cathy M - Literature chair			
	Allison M - Hospital Visitation chair			

7th Tradition: \$33.75 Collected by Bruce B.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Shawn M and seconded by Eric L. Motion passed.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Moved by Allison M and seconded by Lynn M. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

Secretary: Hello everyone. Secretarial duties went as usual this month. I was late in sending out the pre-conference flyer, my apologies. Thank you to all for sending in your reports on time. Emily S

Treasurer:

Opening balance: \$ 7416.52

Closing balance: \$ 6559.80

Debits: \$ 1209.72

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Credits: \$ 353.00

Prudent account: \$ 4890.52

Literature: \$ 234.77/ \$413.26

Question: I notice a fee to the entertainment committee showing in the debits but shouldn't that show in the credits as well?

Answer: I received those funds tonight and they will be in next month's report.

Co-chair:

Nothing to report this month. Next month I will not attend the central service meeting as I will be in Alberta.

Yours in service, Michael H

Chair:

1. During the month of March, reports were made to District 1 and 2. Support was provided to the PI and COC Committees for the presentation at Northwood Manor.
2. Issues with computer access of new Committee Chairs to their emails is now resolved.
3. No other issues were brought to my attention during the past month.
4. The service weekend will have the involvement of our Committee Chairs and those arrangements are in process;
5. I hope to have completed the various task lists for the Mid-Winter Round Up election meeting on April 7. So all nominees have a clear idea of the jobs and duties to be carried out for the various positions on the Committee. In the coming months, I hope to see similar tasks developed in conjunction with the Executive members and the other Committees.

Best Regards in Service

Bill P.
Chair

CPC:

Good Morning, CPC report for March: This month the committee along with PI had a presentation at Northwood, we also put on a workshop at District 1, we are always looking for new members to join the committee we meet the first Saturday of each month 45 Connolly Rd. at 10:00. It's a great way to give back. Yours in Service Heather--
sincerely, Heather C

Corrections:

Everything went very smoothly with the corrections committee in the month of March. All scheduled meetings took place. We had one late start due to tardiness but that issue was resolved. There was an issue of missing literature which has now been found. We currently have seven applications to volunteer which are being processed. Yours in service, Troy S

Entertainment:

We had a successful St. Patrick's Day Dance. Fun was had by those in attendance.

Our numbers were:

Starting Prudent Funds \$ 450.00 (Cheque from Central Service to get us started).

1. Tickets Confirmed sold (so far) - 71 Tickets.
2. Attendance: 58 People.
3. DJ Costs = \$ 0.00
4. A.V. Equipment Rental (Lights, speakers, cables, additional DJ Gear) - \$ 201.75
5. Hall Rental - \$ 75.00
6. Food - \$ 139.71 (Hot Dogs, Pop, Chips, etc... for Canteen). (We still have stock for next event).
7. Decorations - \$ 39.21
8. Misc. Expenses (\$ 20.00 - Taxi to return A.V. Equipment Gear Rental)
9. Total Expenses: \$ 475.67
10. Ticket Sales Revenue (Door & Pre-sales): \$ 410.00
11. 50/50 Draw = \$ 0.00
12. Canteen = \$ 91.00
13. 7th Tradition = \$ 6.25
14. Total Revenues = \$ 507.25
15. Profit: \$ 507.25 - \$ 475.67 = \$ 31.58 (Profit - so far).

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Prudent Funds for next event = \$ 450.00

Our next event is the AA May Day Event - Sat. May 25th - From 10am - Midnight. Flyers with the details are at the back and TamyRose will be assigning tickets to sell at the groups for the dance portion of the event. Keen ticket sellers please take ten tickets or more to sell and others please take five.

The next meeting for the Entertainment Committee is on Sat. April 6th - 1pm at 3 Dundas Street.

Yours in service, Shawn M

Question: Would you like to have a literature table at your AA May Day? **Answer:** Yes please.

Help Email:

The Help E-Mail saw 3 requests for membership / where to attend meetings. A copy of the meeting Lists as well as a description of the Types of Meeting were sent.

One person looking for information on the pamphlet "The God Word" Explained it can be ordered thru our Literature Chair and gave contact information.

We also had a gentleman who wanted to make a donation. His mother recently passed and attended many meetings in Halifax. He wanted to donate on her behalf.

I gave him a description of our Seventh Tradition. Explaining that only members of AA are able to make a donation. Thanked him on Behalf of the AA Fellowship. And expressed our sincere condolences on the passing of his mother.

Thanks, Yours in Service, Michael A.

Questions:

-I was once advised that when a donation by a non-member was requested, they should be instructed to attend an open meeting and throw something in the basket.

-Some literature suggests a cap on any donation amount at \$400.

-Donations to General Service Office in NY can be up to \$5000.

CS Chair: This is not a common request. Michael, we appreciate your research and your judgement call on the matter.

Hospital Visitation:

Good Evening Everyone,

It was a quiet month for hospital visitation. We have lots of volunteers available for both hospitals.

Prior to this evening's meeting, I'm meeting with Leah in regards to Nursing Home visitation as well. There will be further updates next month. We will be looking to see what interest there is in this area, and I may announce details on this in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you, Allison.

Literature:

Literature Committee – Report to Central Service – March 31, 2019

I did a comparison of the costs of our March purchases and the selling price of same and we had an approximate profit potential of \$792 which is 18-19% markup on that particular order.

March activity – Revenue – Sales from CB Roundup	1,678.50
Local Sales	1,050.55
<u>Total Revenue for March 2019</u>	<u>2,729.05</u>
Expenses – Purchase Grapevine	1,799.99
Purchase AAWS	2,356.13
Office Supplies	5.00
Jan-Mar Rent (Storage only)	30.00

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Keys for Storage Location	10.00
Bank Fees	3.00
<u>Total Expenses for March 2019</u>	<u>4,204.12</u>

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Total Inventory (not including pamphlets)	4,929.00
Cash on hand	100.30
CU Account	234.77
O/S Deposit CU	2,315.00
Scotiabank Debit prepaid	410.36
<u>Total Value</u>	<u>7,989.43</u>

Just a reminder that the \$10/month we are paying Club 24 is for storage only. We would like to open the space at least one afternoon or morning a month for people to drop in and purchase literature (say the first Saturday morning each month). This would mean we would have to pay for this time (I would suggest offering Club 24 \$25.00 per month for this – same rate as most groups in room rental for a two hour period). This would be a total of \$35.00 or \$420.00 per year. If the time is used by groups and members, we could consider increasing the time next year. Please take this back to your groups and input for our next meeting.

Yours in service, Cathy M. Chair, CS Literature Committee

Question: Club 24 may charge this rent amount to groups but the Literature committee doesn't have a 7th tradition. **Answer:** Our March profit for sales was over \$700 so we should have plenty of funds to cover this cost. Once we look into this option of having a "shop" we can create a budget and restructure, etc - we have a long way to go before we get there. We're in early stages now.

Question: Do you have a literature budget for 2019? **Answer:** No. **Comment:** You have the authority in your position to open this space and try it for six months or so. **Comment:** Yes, literature committee is not asking for approval from this table, simply to take it back to the groups and get an idea if this is something groups would be interested in, and if they would come and use it. The Literature committee is also taking extra steps currently to get involved in as many round ups and events as possible, such as Windsor and Bridgewater AA days.

Bluenose Bulletin:

This month's Bluenose Bulletin has highlighted many service opportunities for the newest member to the long timer. If you are ready for a service position look for the (👉), talk to your sponsor, and make 2019 a summer of giving back to this wonderful program.

A reminder to all CSR's that all announcements must be submitted by the 25th of the month to appear in the next month's bulletin. When submitting your Group's birthday announcements please ensure that you include their day and date, as well as the celebrant's name with their last initial and number of years of sobriety.

Yours in Service;

Kelly and Eric

Comment: There is both a Provincial Round Up and a Mid-Winter Round up in 2020 in Halifax - you make note of one of these in the current newsletter, could you please specify that it's the Mid-Winter Round which you are indicating here? **Comment:** I like your new formatting very much. I sent a birthday notice through the form on the website and didn't receive a confirmation and then called a few days later and was told it wasn't received. **Answer (Webmaster):** The website form sends an email to the newsletter Gmail account and there is no way to send back a confirmation of receipt. We can look for some solutions to this.

Answer: We at the newsletter received several requests through the website form this month with no problems at all.

Comment: There is one mistake in the current newsletter - Jacqueline K is celebrating 11 years at Cole Harbour, not 7.

2018 Mid-Winter Round Up: Our first Mid-Winter Round up 2020 meeting will take place this coming Sunday April 7. All positions are available. I have been nominated as chair for the upcoming round up and am looking forward to it. We are looking for lots of help with the committee.

Yours in service, Bruce B

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Public Information:

Good evening everyone, things are going well with Public Information. Our committee got asked to put on a presentation along with CPC at Northwood Manor on March 20, 2019. We had 1 person attend which was awesome as we got to have a test run with our new power point presentation. It was a great experience. Northwood Manor asked if we would hold an AA meeting once a month for the summer, June 19, July 17 and August 21 at 2:00. We will be doing so, but we are not sure yet how the process will go.

On Sunday March 31, 2019 we held a workshop at District 1 along with the CPC Committee and it was very attended. We also had 3 members join our committee, which was awesome.

We are continuing to work on various projects to carry the message and are still looking for help. Our next meeting is this Saturday April 6, 2019 at 10:00 at 45 Connolly Road. Please announce our meeting at your respective groups.

Yours in Service, Leah C

Telephone:

All is going well with the phones. We are looking for a member to forward the phones when the day phone switches over at 6PM, and also for someone to take the weekend phone. Thank you, Sharman

Treatment:

Good evening all. I apologize for not being able to attend tonight's meeting. Please accept the following report:

Detox – meetings are ongoing as scheduled. One meeting was missed in March and the matter has been resolved.

Forensics – meetings continue every Friday night and attendance has been good. There are a couple of alternate AA members who are willing to step in should it be required for a meeting to take place even at the last minute. With these volunteers, we are able to continue the meetings on a regular basis.

Marguerite Centre – March was a special meeting as we celebrated the first year birthday of one of the residents. Cake was brought to the meeting and members were able to bring their strength and hope they have experienced in AA to the residents. I have received calls from female AA member who are willing to attend these monthly meetings providing a variety of attendees each month.

If anyone has any suggestions on how Treatment can better serve in sending its message to the still suffering alcoholic, I would be happy to hear from you.

Yours in Service, Stephanie J.

Webmaster/Website:

Last month we elected Matt W. as new Chair for Webmaster position. As part of the transition of my duties to Matt I completed the following activities:

- Rewrote the Webmaster Guidelines to bring it up to date, improve the layout and add more graphical content.
- Wrote a new guide document for Newsletter Chair to update our online meeting list
- Got together with Matt to review the guideline, go over Webmaster procedures, and complete the handover.
- Executed a thorough clean up of our web content and removed every piece that was not in use (pages, posts, etc).
- Transfer Webmaster accounts to Matt, Gmail, phone recovery, etc.

I'm happy to see how much enthusiasm Matt is bringing to the job. We will be in great hands. Congratulations Matt! I wish you the best.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to AA members for these amazing past years. CSRs, committee members, and service Chair, your support, guidance and feedback has been a great help. Having the opportunity of serving others in AA is an incredible experience. It's time now to move on to the next adventure in AA recovery.

Yours in service, Pedro G, Web Administrator

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District 1:

Hello everyone, my name is Steve and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for general service in District 1. I am a member of the Back to Basics Group in Halifax.

The Districts 1 & 2 Pre-Conference Meeting takes place on Saturday, April 13th, from 10 am to 4 pm. The location is the Sackville Heights Community Centre, 45 Connolly Road in Middle Sackville. There will be a potluck lunch at 12:30 pm.

This Pre-Conference meeting is to provide an informed group conscience to Kirk S., our Area 82 Delegate, on 14 selected agenda items for the 69th General Service Conference being held from May 19th to 25th in New York City. While voting will be done by District 1 & 2 Committee members only, all A.A. members are very much welcome to participate in the discussions.

Come on out and learn more about general service in Districts 1 & 2, and how A.A. members and their groups can provide input into Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

District 1 & 2 planning for the Provincial Roundup to be held in HRM during June 2020 has begun, and we are in search of a chairperson. If you have an interest in this position, or any other position on the 2020 Provincial Roundup Committee, please let me or Shayne know.

District 1 is continuing to seek a Treasurer. If you or someone in your group might be interested in this position, please let me know and I will provide you with more details about the duties and responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted, peace and love in service, Steve A.

District 2:

Good evening friends, my name is Shayne and I am an Alcoholic. I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober today. What a blessing it truly is, to be sober and gathered together in the name of service, carrying the message of hope to the still suffering Alcoholics.

District 2 held its GSR meeting on Sunday March 17th; The attendance was average with seven GSR's, four executives, our Central Service Chair and three observers for a total of fifteen people. The meeting agenda was mostly composed of up coming events. With many new and eager GSR's present and asking many great questions, few items were covered pushing other topics ahead to our April meeting.

The Nova Scotia Service Weekend was a topic of discussion and it was explained how to have items placed on the service weekend agenda. I would like to remind everyone these details can be found in our Area 82 Guidelines and that Gerry W, our Area Chair, is still accepting agenda items. Bill P asked me to email Gerry about the General Service Committees attending the Service weekend so he could give the committee Chairs some information on the event. Gerry responded to my email, however at that point he had no information. A follow up email was sent yesterday, any information I receive will be forwarded promptly.

The rest of our meeting was spent discussing the 2020 Provincial round up scheduled to be co-hosted by Districts 1 and 2. With many questions requiring more specific answers, the discussion was tabled until next month. GSR's were asked to speak to their groups on the subject and bring back all thoughts and ideas their groups may have for discussion in April. Also allowing myself a chance to pull information from old minutes on the Nova Scotia Provincial Round Up, which has been the subject of discussion since 2016 at both Service weekends and Area Assemblies.

With the Pre-conference meeting taking place on April 13th our Alt DCM Blair A. has decided not to host a workshop in April as it would be scheduled on the same weekend. All members agreed this would likely affect attendance at one, or both, events. Blair informed us a workshop on the difference between General Service and Central service will take place in June. Look for a flyer

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by the beginning of May. As many people seem to be unsure which entity is responsible for certain areas of service, I feel this is a great workshop idea. I look forward to attending and welcome all who are interested. On a side note, I hope we all feel a responsibility to point people in the right direction and help educate those who wish to learn about service in our Area.

I have not had much success in communicating with some committee chairs via email and I ask everyone to check their service email accounts from time to time and respond when possible. My worry is that someone in a desperate state could be awaiting a response.

All is well in District 2 and we welcome all members to join us on April 13th for the Pre-conference meeting, at our next GSR meeting held on April 28th instead of April 21st (due to the upcoming holiday) or a future workshop.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding service in District 2, I encourage you to bring them forward and together we can find a solution and continue to grow and serve in sobriety.

Yours in Service, Shayne S.

Area 82:

No report at this time.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Bruce B and Seconded by Heather C. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Webmaster co-chair: none.

Corrections co-chair: Tom P nominated. Elected unanimously.

Telephones co-chair: Peg P nominated. Elected unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Announcements from Groups :

Live for Today group had their last Tuesday meeting tonight.
Saturday May 18 is Bridgewater AA May Day.

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm (St. Mark's Church).

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

