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

September 3, 2019

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:

-Literature

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

ROLL CALL:

Executive	Committees	CSR	CSR	Observers
Bill P - Chair	Troy S - Corrections chair	Dave R - CSR Living in the Solution	Eric L - CSR Four Seasons	Steve A - DCM Dist 1
Michael H - co-chair	Kelly D - chair newsletter	Garnett E - CSR Fresh Start	Murdo M -alt CSR Highland Park	Shayne S - DCM Dist 2
Bruce B - Treasurer	Sharman M - chair telephones	Jeremy J - CSR Acceptance Group	Gilles D - CSR Second Chance	Foster L - CPC co-chair
Emily S - Secretary	Matt W - Webmaster	Mark B - CSR Downtown Dartmouth	Carol-Anne D - alt CSR Back to Basics	
	Heather C - chair CPC	Mark T - CSR Cole Harbour	Lynn M - CSR New Hope	
	Catherine M - Literature chair	Milton B - CSR Eye Opener	Tim D - CSR Hubbards	
		Curtis F - CSR Sunrise	Peter J - CSR Downtown Halifax	
		Thomas P - alt CSR Highland Park	Al P - alt CSR Fresh Start	

7th Tradition: \$31.80 Collected by Bruce B.

Approval of the Agenda: All in favour. Motion passed.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes.

Correction: Steve A was recorded as alt CSR for Back to Basics in the last minutes - this was incorrect.

Adopted unanimously, after amendments. All in favour.

REPORTS

Secretary:

This month I provided contacts for committees looking to get in touch with various members with regards to the telephones and detox meetings. I sent out the agenda with a typo, showing elections for corrections co-chair - this was incorrect, my apologies. The amended agenda has been printed and distributed at this meeting. I reached out to a few members, letting them know

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about the upcoming elections for the executive committee and for the position of Central Service secretary and what it entails. Hopefully we will have some individuals come forward to be nominated in the near future.

Sincerely, Emily

Treasurer:

Opening balance: \$ 4931.34

Closing balance: \$5885.83

Debits: \$ 654.31

Credits:\$ 1607.90

Prudent account: \$4891.55

Literature: \$1739.27

VISA/Debit:\$189.64

We are now collecting the \$42.00 for insurance premiums - I will provide your group a receipt upon payment. We traditionally accept payment by cheque.

Co-chair:

It has been a wonderful month in sobriety this past August.

Group Insurance

All members should have received my email encapsulating the fiscal 2019/2020 Insurance requirements. It is \$2.00 more per year than last year @ \$42.00 and so perhaps this will require approval of all before I request it.

Nonetheless, after receiving the 2019/2020 quote from Economical Mutual Insurance Company, Business Insurance Policy # 040145906, from Harlen Hayes of McLeod Lorway of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2Y 3Y5 for the sum of \$1393.00 due by 03 October 2019, It was placed into the Blue Nose Bulletin immediately under the auspices of pre-approval to set the request in motion to receive the payment in a timely manner by 01 January 2020 as the next opportune time for Blue Nose Bulletin placement will be in October 2019.

As last year, Central Service Treasurer (if approved) will pay in advance to the Insurance Company the sum of \$1393.00 and then Co-Chair's request to receive \$42.00 payment per group by 01 January 2020 will be collected. The reason for 01 January 2020 deadline is due to this is the Executive Electoral year and duties for the newly elected incumbent commence on this aforementioned date.

Spiritual

I received an email from Michael A (Email Rep), requesting way forward from a Book Publishers Request to have one of his authors share their experience strength and hope during the time they are in Halifax for a book event at the Halifax Central Library. Her name is Rose B. Her book is " The Gift of Sobriety". She is an AA member from the USA, and wishes to share her story.

The only day she is available is Sunday, September 15, 2019.

Sunday Night Serenity at the Apostles Anglican Church @ 6670 Bayers Road at 7PM will host Rose B.

If all Central Service Reps could pass on these these speaker meeting times that Rose B. will be attending to their members, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all, Yours in service, Michael H

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Chair:

I attended District 1 & 2 meetings this past month, and two different workshops on behalf of central service. The insurance matter has to be approved by a formal resolution at this table. Concerning the Central Service PO Box, we paid \$224 for the box last year. We have had the box for several years and the price increases each year. Originally the box was necessary to receive monthly bank statements, which are now sent by email. We may receive three to four donations through the mail each year, and the odd mass-mailing documents from GSO in New York, and of course junk mail. We are currently considering alternatives. When we talk about the next annual budget, we can discuss the mailbox fee and alternatives then.

CPC:

The committee didn't meet in August as things have been slow in the summer months, Foster sent information about our committee to seven Labor Unions asking for time to do a presentation, NS Nurses Union, NS Federation of Labour, Amalgamated Transit Union, NSGEU, SMU Faculty Association and Dalhousie Faculty Association. There has been no reply as of yet. The committee will meet September 21 at 10:00, at the North Woodside Community Centre. We are always looking for new members.
Yours in service, Heather

Question: Have you considered combining your efforts with NA for these presentations? Drug use can sometimes be a priority issue with professional communities. **Answer:** Once we get a response from some of these groups, it will then open the door for discussion.

Corrections:

All ran smoothly during the month of August at the Correctional Facility. It was very unfortunate one woman's meeting had to be cancelled due to a member's inability to attend. Six additional contacts were made to no avail.

The meeting chair schedule through the end of 2019 is being shared amongst members to allow adjustments and swapping due to the upcoming fall and Christmas season. This will allow ample advance time for any required adjustments.

There were 4 additional requests from Facility Case Managers this month to assist with information regarding literature. We were able to accommodate all requests with the extra literature maintained at the facility and donation of 2 books from a committee member for an inmate. Two calls were received for Bridging the Gap on release day. Both were successful in connecting for a meeting.

A large literature order was placed to maintain inventory through the remainder of 2019. We are in need of donations of any used Grapevines or AA books from District 1 and 2 members. This material has proven extremely popular.

I have registered and finalized travel details to attend the 3rd annual Corrections Conference being held in Houston, TX in November. It is anticipated 400 AA Members involved in corrections will share experience, exchange information and hear from trusted servants throughout the fellowship.

Yours in service, Troy S

Entertainment:

Dear Everyone,

I'll not be at the Central Service Meeting due to family obligations.

There was not much activity in August.
Our next event is the;
Annual Halloween Dance - Sat. October 26th, 2019
St James United Church Hall
181 Portland Street (Dartmouth)
Cost: \$ 7.00 per ticket
Door Prize
Prizes For Best Costumes
50/50 Draw & More.

The capacity for the hall is 250 plus if seated and 309 if not.

We chose this venue because it holds more and the price to book the venue is more reasonable than other venues.

Milton has Halloween flyers and tickets. Each group please take between 5-10 tickets to sell and have available at your group.

We need your help to get them sold.

In Service, Shawn M.

Help Email:

Good evening friends, the help saw six emails in August.

Aug 2, 2019 – Young lady looking for assistance. Sister has entered a rehab facility. Insurance agreed to pay, but then denied claim. After advice from the Co-Chair – Michael, I explained we are not affiliated with outside issues and gave advice to contact her MLA.

Aug 3, 2019. Perter was looking on information on meeting that his wife sue (non-alcoholic) could attend Open Meetings. She wants to be supportive to his problem. I explained she is welcome to attend Open Meetings.

Aug 14, 2019. C. sent in an email regarding a specific group she wanted to attend. (Bloomfield – 11 Step Meditation group. Wanted to know if it's was an ADVANCED group. Explained not at all and new persons come to the group each week.

Aug 16, 2019 – Lisa M sent in an email for correction to Lions Head Meeting on meeting list. Time was incorrect. Sent to newsletter for update.

Aug 20, 2019 Christopher R sent in an email. Lives in Dartmouth, never been to AA, but knows he needs help. Still working Monday to Friday day shift. Wanted options. – Sent meeting list to him. Explained that there are meeting every night of the week and weekends.

Email from Marcus Archer. Senior Book Publicist. Regarding an Author Rose B. who has written a book called "The Gift Of Sobriety". She will be in town September 14, 2019 at the Central Library. She was wonder if there was a meeting September 22, 2019, where she could come in and Share. Maybe Michael H can give you more. He is looking after this request.

Yours in Service

Michael A
Help E-Mail Coordinator

Hospital Visitation:

Hello Everyone,

Throughout the month of August we had several requests for hospital visits both from current AA members and external requests.

We had a Social Worker reached out from the QE2 to inquire about a visit for a patient. Through working with her, and also speaking to the patient, several AA members were able to go and conduct a number of visits. The Social Worker had gotten my contact information from the AA website.

I am pleased to report that when a request comes in for a visit, it is usually never more than 24 hours prior to us fulfilling the request. I appreciate the amount of members who have come forward to offer their services. It is truly a great way to give back.

Hope everyone has a great September!
Allison

Literature:

Literature Report - as August 31, 2019

Inventory on hand	7,586.40
Credit Union Acct	1,739.27
Scotia Bank Acct	186.64
Cash on hand	144.90
Books Ordered/Paid for	1,069.51
Accounts Receivable	129.00
Total Assets	10,632.06

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Sales were \$1770.90 for the month and Purchases were \$1,291.74. Rent was \$35.00.

During August I attended both district meetings to distribute samples of all free pamphlets, etc. At District 2 I found out that they have a \$700 Outreach allocation. I would recommend that Central Service apply for this with a view to purchasing at least three new bookcases to showcase pamphlets at the Bookstore.

Michael and I spoke twice to discuss the analysis required to determine inventory levels for next year. Our goal is to gather one year's history of purchases and sales in order to make recommendations on both inventory levels and book prices for 2020 and beyond.

I have also distributed information from Literature Desk in New York for groups to share with their members.

Bookstore days for the fall are the first Saturday for September, October, November and December. Hours will stay at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We had several visitors in August on our open day and more than \$600 of literature was purchased. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy M
Chairperson
Literature Committee

Question: Do you have catalogues? **Answer:** Yes and price lists.

Bluenose Bulletin:

In this month's the bulletin there is information regarding the annual insurance renewal for the groups. As a courtesy this reminder will appear for the next couple of months indicating which groups have yet to pay their portion.

The meeting list this month has been reformatted to accommodate a request to be folded to fit into a plastic sleeve.

All requests for submission in the bulletin needs to be sent to: Newsletter.AAHalifax@gmail.com and not to the Webmaster.

When submitting notices to the bulletin please provide as much information as possible. For birthdays please ensure you provide the first and last initial of the celebrant, years celebrating, meeting date and name of group.

A reminder that the cut off for announcements is the 25th of the month.

Yours in service,

Kelly and Eric

Question: Is it possible to have the local AA website address printed somewhere in the newsletter? **Answer:** It is already there, but we can try to make it more visible.

Comment:

The birthdays for the Cole Harbour Group this Sunday (September 8th) should read:

Russell 2 years

Pauline 14 years

Mid-Winter Round Up:

We did not have a meeting in August. The next meeting will be this coming Sunday. The Early Bird flyer is out - please pick one up for your group or print it from the website.

sincerely,
Bruce B

Public Information:

Good evening everyone, sorry I could not attend tonight's meeting but I have a family commitment. The Public Information Committee has our next meeting on Saturday September 7, 2019, at 10:00 at 45 Connolly Road, in Lower Sackville, at which

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time we will be discussing different ways to carry the message. Our committee has been invited to attend a Health Fair at Mount Saint Vincent University in October, and with the new school year starting we will be in touch with the Halifax School Board as well as the Universities and Trade Schools to see if we can provide pamphlets, attend health fairs and/or provide speakers to carry the message.

Please announce at your group that we need members to join our committee and would love to see some new people this Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Yours in Service

Leah C.

Telephone:

The telephones are being handled very well. We have no issues at this time. Any groups who would like to be added to the weekend phone list, please contact me. We can always use more groups.
Yours in service, Sharman

Question: How can we contact the telephone committee? There is no phone number listed for the chair in the newsletter.

Answer: I would prefer emails, but I authorize the newsletter to print my phone number at this time if it would be helpful.

Treatment:

Marguerite Center

The meeting in August was well received. With several new women at the center, the meeting went smoothly and we were able to share our experience, strength and hope with them. Plans will be made to pick up ladies from the Center to participate in the AA days in Sackville on September 21 and bring them back to the Center.

Detox

Meetings at Detox went off as scheduled; however, one group did not arrive at the designated time. Therefore, no meeting was held on that night. I request the CSR;s to stress to their groups the importance of these meetings as way way of sending the message and giving hope to the patients. Should a group be unable to chair a meeting at Detox, they should contact Treatment Chair either by telephone to Stephanie J. 902-209-7586 or by emailing the Treatment email in a reasonable amount of time so alternate arrangements can be made. In my experience of chairing a meeting in August, I noted the participants greatly benefited from the sharing of our experience, strength and hope.

Forensics

Forensics is continuing with meetings on Friday night. Treatment Chair has been trying to get in touch with Forensics to see if protocol will allow groups to look after chairing the meetings rather than individual volunteers. A couple of messages have been left for a return call and Treatment Chair will continue until someone is reached to speak with. I note a meeting I chaired in August that in speaking with an attendee, a meeting was missed in the week prior as there were not enough AA members who arrived. Individual volunteers have been added to the Forensics lists; however, there is still a need for more people to sign up. Treatment chair will advise whether Forensics will accept groups rather than individuals in October..

Yours gratefully in service,

Stephanie J.

Question: Who should we contact with regards to forensics? Is there a requirement for more than one person to attend the meetings? **Answer:** Stephanie the Treatment chair, or Tom or Sherry, as listed in the newsletter. Yes, an individual can not put on a meeting at Forensics by themselves.

Comment: In the past, the treatment committee would call each group a few days in advance of their scheduled date to put on meetings at detox to confirm that they would be there. This might be a helpful solution and more practical than leaving it to groups to contact the chair if they can't meet their commitment.

Webmaster/Website:

It was a routine month for webmaster duties, with site updates that included the usual upload of the Bluenose Bulletin, meeting list and a workshop flyer.

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Also this month, each meeting on the electronic list was hyperlinked to Google Maps, a feature that will undoubtedly make meetings even more accessible to those in need. Additionally, some email tech support was provided.

I would like to thank all who contributed to maintaining the site this month, and especially the extra sets of eyes which helped with proofreading. Have a wonderful September!

Yours in Service,
Matt W.

Comment: Perhaps you could be in touch with the Area webmaster to assist them with online maps and connect with them.

District 1:

Hello everyone, my name is Steve and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of serving the groups in District 1 in A.A. general service as their DCM, and to represent these groups on the Area 82 Committee. My home group is the Back to Basics Group in Halifax.

September District 1 Workshop

This month District 1 is hosting a workshop entitled "Chairing an AA Business Meeting: The Basics." The workshop takes place on **Sunday, September 29th, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm**, at the George Dixon Centre, 2nd Floor, 2502 Brunswick Street, Halifax. All A.A. members are welcome to attend and participate. To download the workshop flyer, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/D1-workshop-flyer>.

October Area 82 Assembly

The Area 82 Assembly is being held this year in Sydney, Nova Scotia, from **Friday, October 11th, to Sunday, October 13th**. In addition to update reports from our General Service Delegate, Kirk S., our Alternate Delegate, Trudy D., and the Area 82 Treasurer, Monique M., the Assembly will consider one unfinished business agenda item, and eight new business agenda items. If your home group has not seen or discussed these nine agenda items, I suggest you get in touch with your group's GSR to ask why.

Meeting Guide App

I am wondering when the Districts 1 & 2 Central Service Committee plans to go live with A.A.W.S.'s Meeting Guide app. I had a call in August from a fellow from the United States who noted that Districts 1 & 2 did not have the Meeting Guide app activated, and he was looking for a meeting in Halifax. The Meeting Guide app now has a full webpage dedicated to it on aa.org (https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/meeting-guide).

July 2020 International Convention in Detroit

Online registration for the 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous opens on **Monday, September 9th, 2019, at 11:00 am AST**. Held from Thursday, July 2nd, to Sunday, July 5th, 2020, in Detroit, Michigan, the convention will celebrate A.A.'s 85th Anniversary with the theme of "Love and Tolerance is our Code." There will be links to registration on G.S.O.'s A.A. website, aa.org. The registration fee is \$150 CDN and the registration brochure can be downloaded from https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_2020_IC_registration_brochure.pdf.

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.

District 2 held a workshop August 11th at Club 24. From speaking with those who attended, I believe a great sharing session was had with lots of valuable information and ideas shared by all. Due to the upcoming Area Assembly in October, it was decided at our past GSR meeting to cancel the workshop for that month. Our next workshop will be the second Sunday in December. If people, or groups have any suggestions or ideas for upcoming workshops please notify Blair A. or myself with your thoughts.

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District 2's last GSR meeting was held on the 18th of August. The table contains to see great support from the groups, last month nine representatives were present. This allows for good discussion and a healthy group conscious. The agenda was focused around Grapevine kits, workshops and the upcoming Provincial Round Up. GSR's were given more options on a new Grapevine Kit to discuss with their groups. They were also asked to speak with their groups about expanding workshop topic ideas beyond those that relate entirely to service. The idea is to draw a larger and more diverse attendance to future workshops.

As everyone is aware or should be aware by now, the 2020 Provincial Round Up is being held in the HRM. This idea was voted on at both District 1 and 2 tables and passed in 2018. Which means all groups in both Districts had a voice in the subject and the majority voted in favour. With nine months to go before the event, the committee is in desperate need of volunteers. Most positions are still vacant and need to be filled. Both July and August's committee meetings had literally no one present except for the committee Chair Shawn M. The next meeting is Sept. 28th, 1pm at Club 24. I urge everyone here to announce this at the meetings you attend. I also feel it is time to start asking people to help instead of waiting for them to volunteer. We all know someone looking to help out, who is unsure how to do it, this would be a great opportunity.

Yours in Service

Shayne S.

Area 82:

No report at this time.

All Reports were motioned for approval by Murdo M and Seconded by Curtis F. All in favour. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS

Nominations:

Webmaster co-chair: none.

Entertainment co-chair: Milton B nominated. Qualified. All in favour. Milton B elected as Entertainment co-chair.

Executive Elections:

Chaired by Steve A and Shayne S. Position duties and qualifications were read from the guidelines.

Chair: Mike H nominated. All in favour. Mike H elected as Chair of Central Service 2020/2021.

Co-chair: nominations declined. Position open.

Treasurer: nominations declined. Position open.

Secretary: nominations declined. Position open.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance:

Be it moved that Central Service authorizes the executive committee to sign a contract with the Economical Mutual Insurance Company and make payment of \$1393.00 for that purpose.

Moved by Kelly D. Seconded by Garnett E. All in favour. Motion carried.

Question: Is every group in Districts 1 & 2 on that policy? **Answer:** No, only 33 groups are on the policy; many groups opted out and have alternate protection.

Literature:

The literature committee owns only two bookcases which are in bad shape and collapsed while the book store was set up this year. We hope to have three new bookshelves for display. At our rental location at Club 24 there are cabinets which are perfect for storage but not display. People who want to look through pamphlets must disassemble what has been organized and time is

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wasted re-organizing. There is an event in October for which the Public Information committee will need a lot of literature and there may not be room for it if we don't have a better system for display and storage with new bookshelves. District 2 has \$700 for outreach in their budget which has not been used yet this year, and literature is one of the best types of outreach.

Be it moved that this CS table authorize Central Service executive committee to apply to District 2 for outreach funds to purchase display shelves for the Literature committee.

Moved by Cathy M. Seconded by Milton B.

Comments:

- we must anticipate questions which will arise, such as: does the literature committee make a profit which could cover the cost of these shelves? What would the cost of the shelves be? Would it be \$700 or much less?
- we suggest the literature committee send a detailed quote to district 2, with explanation as to why Literature committee can not afford this on their own, then it can be put on the agenda for the next District 2 meeting
- We suggest that we have this table authorize the literature committee apply to District 2
- The Central Service committee has more power to support this application
- We can delegate the work to Cathy M to create a business case for the application
- District 2 talks about excess and unused funds at the November meeting, so this needs to be addressed before then

VOTE:

27 in favour

2 abstentions

Motion carried.

December social:

It is time to start thinking about the December 24 Christmas social and who will host this year. Please bring it back to your groups to see if there is interest in hosting. There is a budget of \$400 for the event.

GSO meeting APP:

Research needs to be conducted to ascertain whether or not the app is available and what we can do to take part.

Webmaster: I have already reached out to the relevant people to discuss our involvement, and I will keep everyone updated on any progress.

Thank you!

Announcements from Groups :

Sackville/Bedford AA Day will take place Sept 21.

Steve M will be celebrating 1 year at Second Chance

Peter J will be celebrating 21 years on Sept 15

Judy H will be celebrating 29 years at Highland Park Sept 20

Steve L celebrates 9 years at New Hope

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm (St. Mark's Church).

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

Groups	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Acceptance													\$400.00
Albro Lake	0				\$400.00								\$210.00
Armview Sunday Morning			87		123								\$250.00
Atlantic	250		150										\$150.00
Back to Basics													
Bedford													
Circle of Sisters		0			0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	\$0.00
Coiby Village Big Book Study		5-40						1000					\$1,540.00
Cole Harbour								225					\$225.00
Downtown Dartmouth	100												100
Downtown Halifax													\$50.00
Early Risers	50												\$50.00
Enfield													\$0.00
Fall River													\$0.00
Fall River 12 & 12 Discussion					500			360					\$860.00
Four Seasons													\$0.00
Freedom													\$0.00
Fresh Start		\$400.00											\$400.00
Gaston Road													\$0.00
Grateful													\$0.00
Halifax Sunday Morning	150												150
Halifax Young Peoples						80							80
Lions Den													\$0.00
Highland Park													\$0.00
Hubbards													\$0.00
Keep It Simple													\$0.00
Live & Let Live													\$0.00
Live For Today							100						\$100.00
Living In The Solution													\$0.00
Lost and Found													\$0.00
Mutual													\$0.00
New Beginnings													\$0.00
New Hope	400												400
Porter's Lake													\$0.00
Porter's Lake Grapevine													\$0.00
Primary Purpose													\$0.00
Recovery Support													\$0.00
Second Chance		500											500
Sober gals		75											75
St. Margaret's Bay		200											200
Step 11 Meditation													\$0.00
Sunday Night Serenity													\$0.00
Sunrise		240											\$240.00
Tallahassee													\$0.00
The Only Requirement						250							250
The Serenity Sisters													\$0.00
Timberlea			40										\$40.00
Welcome													\$0.00
West End Step													\$0.00
Woman to Woman													\$0.00
Hubbards Ste Sisters		30		30									60
Totals:	950	\$1,985.00	\$277.00	\$530.00	\$523.00	\$430.00	\$0.00	\$1,585.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,280.00

