

**MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING 7 JAN 20
St. Mark's Church, 5522 Russell Street, Halifax**

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Michael H. at 7:30 pm with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Call for Items to be Added to the Agenda: Committee Service Fair, Election - Bluenose Bulletin Chair (old business), and PI Pamphlets.

Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Alex P.

ROLL CALL:

EXECUTIVE	COMMITTEES	CSR	OBSERVERS
Chair – Michael H.	CPC – Heather C.	Jessica M. – Second Chance	District 1 – Steve A.
Co-Chair – vacant	Corrections – Troy S. <i>absent</i>	Alex P. – Fresh Start	District 2 – Blair A.
Treasurer – Bill P.	Entertainment – Shawn M.	Joshua M. – Atlantic	Area 82 – <i>absent</i>
Secretary – Kelly D.	Help Email – Michael A.	Carol-Anne D. – Back to Basics	Marie M. - St Margaret's Bay
	Hospital Visitation – Allison M.	Doug P. – We Agnostics	Matt B. – Sun Night Serenity
	Literature – Cathy M.	Gary L. - Night Serenity	Garnet E. Fresh Start
	Newsletter – Kelly D.	Stacey G. – Living in the Solution	
	Mid-Winter – Bruce B. <i>absent</i>	Tim D. – Hubbard's	
	PI - Leah C.	Eric P. – CVBBSG	
	Telephone – Sharman M.	Mark T. – Cole Harbour	
	Treatment – Stephanie J. <i>absent</i>	Donald B. - WESG	
	Webmaster – Matt W.		

7th Tradition: \$17.25 Collected by Bill P.

Approval of the Agenda: Motioned by Eric P. Seconded by Alex P. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes Approved from Previous Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes by Heather C. seconded by Michael A. Adopted unanimously, no errors or omissions.

REPORTS

ACTIONED BY

Secretary: I would like to thank Emily for providing me a handover and for continuing to make herself available to me with any questions I may have. Request the Committee Chairs email me your reports by the day before our monthly meeting. If you haven't done so, please email them to me at your earliest convenience.

Treasurer: Financial Statement attached. A discussion was had and it was decided that Bill P. will audit the Literature accounts and report back at next month's meeting his findings. Bill P.

Question: What expenses were paid for the CS Co-Chair to attend the conference in Arizona. Expensed claimed were only flights and hotel.

Co-Chair: N/A

Chair: Nothing to report.

CPC: We are waiting to hear back from the School of Theology to see if we can put on a presentation for them. We are also waiting for 811 to get back to us. The next meeting is 18 Jan at 10 AM. Heather C.

Corrections: Due to issues/holiday staffing at the prison, the last three meetings were cancelled by the facility. It is likely tomorrow night's meeting will be cancelled due to the storm. No further issue entering the prison are expected. Two new male members have been approved to chair meetings. The meeting

schedule has been completed to the end of Feb. We are grateful that a District 2 Group has decided to purchase Big Books for distribution to inmates. The Committee will attend the Committee Fair this Sat and the Mid-Winter Roundup.

Entertainment: We achieved our goal for this year to build a committee and improve the functions held. Thank you to all volunteers.

Periliminary NY Dance Report – final report to follow (weather affecting attendance) :

Attendance = 52 + 8 Complimentary Tickets = 60

22 purchased at the door = \$ 330.00

Other Ticket money handed in (to date) = \$ 450.00

Canteen Sales - \$ 64.00

50/50 Draw Ticket Sales = \$ 140.00

7th Tradition = \$ 0.00

Total Revenue (to date) = \$ 984.00

Expenses

Groceries - \$ 276.90

Decorations - \$ 79.70

DJ = \$ 0.00

Hall Rental - \$ 250.00

Gas - \$ 15.00

Van Rental - \$ 59.37

Equipment Rental - \$ 250.00

50/50 - Draw Giveaway - \$ 70.00

Misc. \$ 18.65

Total - \$ 1019.62

Totals = \$ 1019.62 - 984.00 = - \$ 35.62.

Canteen stock on hand for future functions- (6 cases of pop + 65 bags of chip). Next events are – 11 Jan Committee Fair, and 14 Mar St. Patrick's Day Dance - (Location TBA).

Shawn M.

Christmas Social

Received:

\$ 400.00 - From Central Service

\$ 100.00 - Donation from K.I.S.

\$ 336.30 - Other Donations and 7th Traditions Box

\$ 836.30 - Totals Received.

Expenses:

\$ 387.08 - Groceries

\$ 100.00 - Rent

\$ 45.75 - Misc. Expenses

\$ 532.83 - Total Expenses

Totals = \$ 836.30 - \$ 532.83 = \$ 303.47 (Rounded to \$ 303.50).

Help Email: 7 calls were received of various nature.

A discussion took place regarding a non-alcoholic volunteering with CPC or Telephone Committee.

Decided that it wouldn't be appropriate.

Hospital Visitation: There were requests for hospital visits in Dec. It has been noted that hospital visitation and requests for 12 step calls at the hospital are both being requested. Going forward more information will be requested prior to visits to ensure that we get the right people going for a visit. Some volunteers are not prepared to do a 12-step call. As the Telephone Committee maintains a 12-step call list they will be contacted in future.

Literature: Report - as of 31 Dec 19

Inventory on hand 10,609.70

Credit Union Acct 850.07

Scotia Bank Acct	388.02
Cash on hand	349.80
Accounts Payable	- 1,050.00
Accounts Receivable	84.00
Total Value	11,231.59

Sales were \$366.00 for the month. Rent was \$35.00 and service charges were \$3.

For the year 2020 the budget to be approved is as follows:

<u>Rent (\$50x12)</u>	<u>600</u>
<u>Computer purchase(new laptop)</u>	<u>600 (on hold to obtain more information)</u>
<u>Printer (used free uses ink cartridges)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Estimate of cartridges</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Paper</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Misc. items</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>Travel Accommodations (CB/Truro)</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>Total proposed budget</u>	<u>2050</u>

I have obtained two additional volunteers to assist with the Bookstore every Sat starting in Jan. A tech person has been recruited to assist with computer stuff. He has a used laptop for sale, but after discussion with Matt W. more information will be sought before a proposal will be brought to Central Service.

Cathy M.

Bluenose Bulletin: After the many gratitude meetings and holiday events this month's schedule is relatively quiet. However, with members celebrating a total of 671 years of sobriety this month there is a lot to be grateful for. Look for the AA Committee Fair on 11 Jan at Club 24, which brings to life the "What is..." section of your Bluenose Bulletin. The cut-off date for submissions is the 25th of the month. Thank you to everyone for your continued support that without it the bulletin would not be possible.

Mid-Winter Round Up: We are almost ready to go. On schedule with last year to date there are 88 registrations and 14 banquet tickets sold. Please promote the Roundup at all meetings. All tickets purchased before 15 Jan will be entered into a draw to win one of the following prizes: free room for a night, banquet ticket or a registration ticket. All banquet tickets must be purchased by 11 Feb and tickets will not be available for purchase the weekend of the Round-Up. Superstore was asked if we could use their parking but were denied. If anyone is making reservations at the hotel to register under Mid-Winter Round Up ask for Alphabetical to get the room rate. Our next two meetings are 19 Jan & 2 Feb.

Public Information: We delivered pamphlets the week before Christmas to eight shelters, and hospices and five Salvation Army locations. Our committee also put together a couple of small pamphlets which will be discussed during New Business. The Committee is looking forward to the Committee Fair on Sat. Please continue to announce the Fair this week at meetings and to all members you come in contact with.

Telephone: I am pleased with all volunteers manning the phones for their assistance. Looking for another member to volunteer for the overnight phone(11 PM – 9 AM)for Mar and possibly Apr. Michael A. has volunteered. If anyone else is interested provide me your name and number.

Michael A.

Treatment:

Marguerite Center - the 1 Jan meeting went well and was attended by all residents, many of are new.

Forensics - I have contacted the Social Worker in Forensics regarding having groups attend meetings rather than individuals, She is agreeable to the idea and is checking with Corrections to see if this is acceptable before giving the go ahead. I will follow-up this month to obtain the final decision.

Stephane J.

De-Tox - is doing well. We have had a couple of new groups join which helps in the circulation of these meetings. Still need more group's to volunteer.

Webmaster/Website:

PayPal

The MWRU committee reported on 19 Dec that the online form to purchase tickets for the Round-Up was not functioning. The issue was resolved on 20 Dec.

Website Updates

Updates to the website this month included:

- Central Service contact list to reflect new Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
- District 2 contact list to reflect new Secretary
- Uploads of District 1&2 monthly meeting minutes, Bluenose Bulletin and meeting list.

District 1: Steve A. introduced himself, gave an overview of his service as DCM and an overview of District 1. He encouraged all GSRs to attend district meetings and if your group does not have a GSR he suggested that one be elected. District 1 Workshops are held every odd-numbered month, beginning Jan 20. This month's workshop is "Understanding Anonymity in A.A. Service" and will be held on 26 Jan from 1-2 PM at the George Dixon Centre. It will include an Ask-It Basket and will be facilitated by Lisa N. Everyone is welcome.

District 2: Blair A. introduced himself, provided an overview of his service as DCM and an overview of District 2. At the next district meeting here will be an election for the vacant Alt DCM position. Anyone interested to please review the qualifications in the guidelines and attend the next District 2 meeting. District 2 CSRs please announce the vacancy at your groups and encourage members to step into service. A Grapevine Kit was given to the GSRs at the last meeting. Our 2020 Budget was presented and will be taken back to the groups for discussion and finalized in Jan. The next workshop hosted by District 2 will be "The 4th Step" facilitated by Catherine S on Sun 9 Feb, 1 PM at Club 24. Both districts are working together to organize a pre and/or post GSO Conference Meeting with the Area 82 Delegate to discuss the agenda items at the 70th GSO Conference in NY in Apr. I received a report from the General Service Board Weekend from Nov and a copy of the Strategic Plan for the General Service Board of AA. There is a small meeting room at Club 24 available for AA Committees to rent for \$10.

Area 82: No report

A motion was made by Shawn M. for approval of the reports and seconded by Michael A. All in favor.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Service Fair: After a brief discussion it was decided that each of the committees will bring food. Reminder that the fair is 11 Jan from 1-3 PM at Club 24. Pass this on at your groups.

All Committees

Elections:

Webmaster Co-Chair: no nominations

Newsletter Chair: no nominations

Executive Elections:

Co-Chair: no nominations

NEW BUSINESS:

Arizona Seminar Follow-up: Marie M. presented a proposal to stand up an Ad Hock Tech Team Committee of up to five people for a period of one year. At present Marie M. and Matt W. are willing to be on the committee. This committee would assess and make recommendations on the technology we are presently using and to recommend new technology or changes to what we presently have. They will look

at the Website's usability from both a new-comer's and an old timer's perspective. As well as possibly adding Chat to the website. A mobile credit/debit card reader called Square was demonstrated. The cost is minimum at \$30 to purchase the Square card reader. The cost per transaction is 2.65% for credit cards and 10 cents per debit card. This technology is already being used in other areas. Possible usage is the Literature Store, Round-Up, entertainment, and for 7th Tradition. The committee will present monthly reports to Central Service.

A motion was made by Bill P. for Marie M. and Matt W. to prepare a term of reference for this committee and present it at Feb's CS meeting, seconded by Cathy M. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Marie M., Matt W.

PI Pamphlet: Two pamphlets were presented with information to describe what the PI Committee is and what they do. One pamphlet is aimed at AA members and the other to the general public. Expenses to print the pamphlet would come out of next year's PI budget.

A motion was made by Leah C. to approve the content of the two attached pamphlets, seconded by Sharman M. All in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Announcements from Groups: Jan B. from the Eye Opener group will be celebrating 1 year on 25 Jan. Various other birthdays that are in the newsletter were also announced.

Adjournment:

The next Central Service Meeting will be Tue, 4 Feb 20 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.