

won't allow me to add or subtract contacts so I have to do it manually each time. If you do not receive the minutes by mid month or hear about other documents you should of received please email the CS secretary and I will forward it. For the new members of CS please forward your reports prior to the meeting (secretary.aahalifax@gmail.com) so they can be read if you can't make the meeting. I also need the reports for the minutes. It is your report and It will go in the minutes in your words not what the secretary thinks you wanted to say.

Also it should be noted that if a group decides to opt out of the insurance because they are doing Zoom currently they should be aware that it will take two to three months to get them covered again under the insurance once they decide to go back to in person meetings. Thank you in advance. Jamie Q

Treasurer

Central Service Committee
Treasurer Report
January 5, 2021

December Activity

Opening Balance: \$ 1,795.65

Credits

Insurance:

Dist 2

Literature

Freedom

Colby Village

Highland Park

TOTAL: \$ 235.12

Debits:

Nov. Telephone

Dec. Telephone \$ 551.20

Closing Balance: \$ 1,476.51

Literature:

Opening Balance: \$ 1,901.69

Credits: \$ 84.00

Debits: \$ 1,598.21

Closing Balance: \$ 387.48

Prudent Account: \$ 4,894.82

Six Month Financial Projections
January to June, 2021

Revenues

Opening Balance: \$ 1,476.51

Insurance Premiums: \$ 1,222.70

Group Donations:

Total Revenues: \$ 2,699.21

Expenses:

Telephone Charges: (275.60 x 6 + \$25.00) \$ 1, 699.21

Misc. (Committee literature, stationery) \$ 1, 000.00

Total Expenses: \$ 2, 699.21

* Assuming all insurance premiums are paid, and no further Group donations, our only revenue at the end of June will be the \$2800. from the Prudent Account. This will meet the monthly telephone bill with \$700. Extra.

Cathy – reminder to committees to provide their budget to the group

Heather – On the phone bill do we not have free long distance. Bill will check into this

Jamie – Reminder we still have Insurance to come out and money owed to me for previous expenses

Michael – noted he believes long distance is included in the phone bill

Chair

Central Service's December meeting had 19 people in attendance.

With only PI, Phones, Hospital Visitation, and possibly Help Desk voted in newly thus far, the opportunities for official AA Service work are still possible for those who feel they are ready to give back to the AA community.

Concept 1 states that the final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.

Our "Declaration of Unity" states: This we owe to AA's future: To keep our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

These are no small declarations, and in my unqualified opinion, needs to be in the teachings of AA from Sponsor, to Sponsee. As well, advocated within the groups as topics, and group conscience requirements at the business meeting levels.

To keep our fellowship united as a collective conscience, we need continuity through AA Service representation. So, please take back to your groups the requirements that Central Service has with regards to Service Position openings.

Welcome all to 2021 in Central Service. Yours in service, Michael H.

Committees:

Ad-Hoc Tech

I delivered the configured Samsung Tablet for the Literature Committee.

I also did a walk through/training of the new tablet. I reviewed the "How To" documentation as well.

The Samsung account information has been emailed to the Literature chair and delivered via hard copy as well.

As mentioned in a previous report, the Ad Hoc tech committee has fulfilled its commitment by January 2021. I want to personally thank the members that stepped up to help out as well as Central Service and the groups for recognizing the need for the Tech Committee and for giving it a try. I believe there was a lot of good work done.

This past year has seen more technical changes and challenges in the world of AA and I am beyond grateful to have had an opportunity to help out

I am completely available to Central Service for any Technology consultation or general tech help/questions in the future.

The Tech Committee email should be deactivated as it will not be monitored. Please reach out to the CS Chair or co chair if you would like to engage my services. :-) Yours in Service, Marie M

CPC

In Dec we mostly assisted PI with delivering pamphlets and posters. Heather – Former Chair

Corrections

Waiting for a new chair to take over but I will stay on the committee. There will not be any face to face any time soon so there is not much to be done besides dropping on books etc.. Troy – Former corrections chair

Krista – Is Zoom possible. Troy - It is not possible to do Zoom we have tried.

Entertainment

No report

Help Email

Help email assisted 3 people new to AA.
Looking for meeting information and where to start.
Live and zoom meeting information provided.

Hospital Visitation

Gilles D Hospital Visitation Chair: last month after my election to the chair I contacted Allison to start getting info on her volunteers list and on recent visits. Because of covid 19 there is no visitation or face to face meetings in hospitals or nursing homes. There was a visit at the Rehab on Summer St. which was conducted outside on the grounds of the facility. Volunteers and patients wore masks and kept their 6 ft distance. It went well, I'm told. I approached and introduced myself to all the volunteers and they all agreed to remain on the list. I want to grow this list in the future. I would like to bring new ideas to Hospital Visitation like zoom meetings, make a flyer with the picture on the background of Bill W. and DR Bob by the hospital bed. With contact #'s, zoom id, and the password. I want to have a package with the flyer we create, a grape vine, and a meeting list to give away to all who request Hospital Visitation. When covid ends we will resume face to face visits. Yours Truly, Gilles D

Literature

We were open for three of the four Saturdays in December with a total sales of \$335.00. Expenses for the month were rent \$50.00, insurance \$47.03, tablet purchase \$311.65, and book purchases of \$1,189.53. There is \$387.48 in the bank with an outstanding deposit of \$507.00 which brings the account to \$894.48. Cash on hand is \$80.00.

I have a request from PI to purchase a kit and workbook. I would suggest that we purchase one for each committee , i.e. CPC, Treatment and Corrections as well, for the incoming committees. There is also a valentine gift from AAWS – a pictorial history book of AA that was produced for the International Conference last year in Detroit. If we order before the end of January we can purchase for \$11.00 US and we would sell for \$17.00. I have already presold 3 of these books. My suggestion would be that I order the appropriate workbooks and kits, 25 history books and 20 12x12's. These items would come to about \$800 in our dollars.

I am hoping that Central Service will allow me to continue to serve the Literature Committee until such time as a new chair is elected. I would hate to see this vital 12 step tool lost to the fellowship. And on a personal note the joy of this service is invaluable and a true blessing. Yours in service Cathy MacNeil Literature Committee

Paul – Arent the packages Free if the committees reg with GSO and kits will be sent directly to them
Michael will look into

Carol Ann – Will you be providing a year end report
Bill – That will be done once the year end statements come in in Feb
Carol Ann – Do we have an inventory break down
Cathy – That can be provided at a selling cost if the committee would like

Mid-Winter

The Midwinter R/up is approaching us very fast. Hopefully we will have lots of interest and attendance when it takes place on Feb 12 & 13th 2021. As much as all of us, including myself and our committee ,would love to have the R/up in person, we are fortunate to be hosting a virtual one this year as we continue to face these changing & challenging times. So please grab your bubble of friends and get together and join in for what will be an absolutely fun filled couple of days of fellowship.

The cost of the R/UP has declined significantly from 1500 now down to 600, That being said we are in the process of setting up online e transfer to meet our budget as well as have a startup fund for next years committee. My hat goes off to all committee members who continue to persevere to make the R/up a huge success. The temporary flier has been posted on our website and newsletter. Also the mention of the rup made the grapevine as well. The program is close to being ready thanks to Michael H and Ian B who have been doing a bang up job. Troy our PI chair has been busy making sure all pertinent info is being distributed. We are taking all measures to make sure this zoom platform is ready and accessible. Anyone who is struggling with entering the rooms need not fear because we have our very own security operator Josh M & his team who will be looking after any issues regarding the rooms. Our Treasurer Bill P who may be at this meeting is looking after the details of how members can donate which will also be posted on our final flyer as well as in the rooms. Alanon has been super busy getting their speakers, workshops, etc ready as well so our hats are off to Christine and Julie, Overall the R/UP is looking like its going to be a very successful and fun filled weekend for all members who attend. We will have lots of locals as well as those members from out of town/country who will be participating giving away freely what they too have been given so please spread the word and bring along you experience, strength and hope to someone who is experiencing that feeling of desperation and needs to hear it n feel it as well. The theme of our R/UP is "NO MATTER WHAT".....so come on all team players, service members, fellow members ,etc....lets show what real action is all about and do this together....NO MATTEWR WHAT.

If you would like to attend our next meeting and sit back & listen to our committed committee at work, it's this Friday night Jan 8th 7 pm.....Zoom details are on our website as well as in our Bluenose Bulletin

I hope all had a super great Christmas and the ultimate best in the year upon us
God Bless & thnx for my sobriety Yours in service Tom R

Carol Ann – Do we have a break down of expense

Bill - \$450 for Zoom, \$100 for Gift and \$50 for Misc

We have a start up fund of \$1950 and will except donations to ensure next year group has a start up budget as well

Heather – Back to Basics – Just to confirm is it Donation only. Bill – Yes it is

Marie – Is there an interpreter Michael – No Zoom has sub titles so interpreter not required

Troy – I thought we discussed not doing gifts

Newsletter

The last couple of months have been challenging keeping the meeting list up to date and accurate. So much so that we thought as a committee to suspend updating the meeting list until things with COVID 19 settle down. Cautiously we are continuing the Meeting List with your grace as there may be frequent changes.

Although the bulletin has the latest information, it is a worry that it isn't accurate as we don't always get changes. The Facebook group "Recover Halifax Regional Municipality – COVID 19 Support is a wonderful source of information and support for the 488 members it has but is in no way affiliated with Central Service. Meeting notices should be sent to the AA Halifax Webmaster and to the Bluenose Bulletin. Yours in service, Kelly and Eric

Michael - -I watch the facebook page daily to ensure that Newsletter and Webmaster has all the information that I have

Heather – I have been rec calls from long timers regarding that the Newsletter has information regarding Green Tea.

Kelly – It was submitted by a member and we thought it was interesting. We are always looking for information to include if an members have anything they would like to submit.

PI

The PI committee met last month and we are planning to meet again later this week.

Some items we have been working on recently/over the past month:

1. Seaside Radio 105.9 has agreed to air our PSA's on their station
2. Eastlink has placed AA information on their bulletin board for the next 3 months. Eastlink is also going to play our PSA's on their TV station by the end of December or early January.
3. We received our AA posters from the printer which will be distributed to doctor's offices and businesses.
4. We delivered pamphlets and posters to our list of Salvation Army locations and other shelters;
5. We are still working on phoning doctor's offices and deliveries of pamphlets and posters. Alot of them were not open over the holidays. We have contacted a few in the last few days.
6. If anyone knows of a business that may put up one of our posters, please let us know. We will be sending some of our posters to the literature bookstore so members who may be able to deliver some posters or pamphlets to Doctor's offices can pick them up at the bookstore. If you require anything additional please give me a shout. Thanks & have a great day! Clayton

Carol Ann and Troy both offered to take some posters and place in Hospitals

Telephone

Sharman noted that Michael and her will get together to go over everything soon.

Michael noted he was excited to be taking over

Heather asked what kind of sobriety Michael expected for people to assist with the phones and there was some discussion of that. In the end it was felt that if the person had a sponsor that believed this would be a good fit the member should contact him.

Treatment

As a brand new Treatment Chair, I don't have much to report. I was speaking with the former chair and she mentioned that no meetings are being held in the facilities at this time. I am going to be meeting with her tomorrow to pick up her notes and agendas on how to chair Treatment. I will be starting to learn and put into place this new project. I'm looking forward to it. All the best to you all in 2021!

Treatment Chair Sharman M

Webmaster

My apologies for not submitting the report last month. I will cover all activities for both months in this report.

On November 7th our website was illegally accessed by hackers who deleted all content and change user accounts and passwords to prevent our access. The result was that our site showed a blank page.

Upon notification that the site was down I proceeded to assess the situation. I still had access to Hostgator account (thankfully it was not impacted). This allowed me to access the database which our WordPress was using. I immediately identified that the username defined there was new confirming this was a hack and not a fatal failure of WordPress.

At this point it was obvious the only recovery path was to start the site from scratch. I had most of the information offline from backups, so it was a matter of time until restoring service. Six hours later I had the site up and with meeting list and bulleting available.

It took four days to collect and restore all information. Unfortunately, the newsletter subscription mail list was lost and a new one had to be started from scratch.

I did some post-mortem analysis of the event and determined the password used in the site was included on hacked password list. To be honest, it was not the most secure password, and I should have changed it long ago.

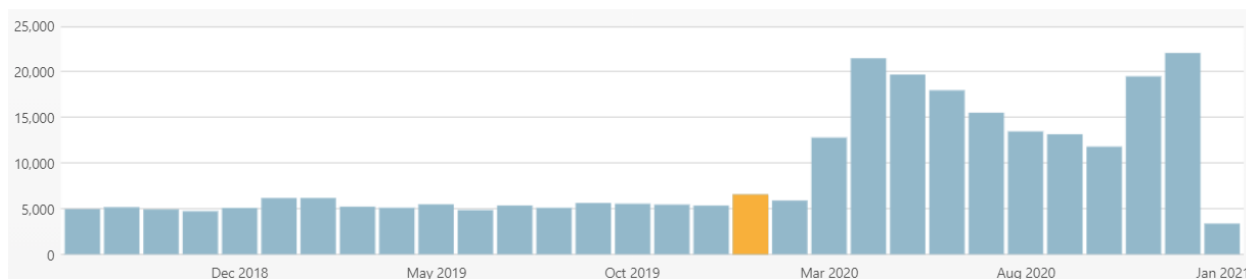
On the positive side, we now have a fresh install of WordPress with up-to-date versions. Access is secured with long random passwords and a few extra security measures:

- Hid the admin login page (security by obscurity)
- Set 256-bit encrypted passwords (64 characters long)
- Installed WordPress plugin to protect against brute force attacks to guess passwords

The rest of November and December I mostly worked on updating the meeting list and other announcements.

I also started a side project to evaluate an alternative to the current hosting. There are a few web hosting companies that provides solutions with much easier editors and none of the complexities of WordPress. The goal is to have a hosting solution that anyone with basic knowledge will be able to maintain.

In November traffic started to grow to levels like the ones we had at the beginning of the pandemic. In the graph below you can see the monthly traffic since 2018: Your in service, Pedro G



District 1

First, I would like to report that moving forward District 1 will hold its monthly meetings on Zoom on the last Wednesday of the month. This month we start off by having a workshop on Jan 27/2021 called the ROLE OF THE District and it will be presented by Dale S from Ontario starting at 6 pm. This workshop will give members a perspective of what Role the District plays in the Service structure. This workshop is also open to anyone who wants to learn about Service.

In the month of December, I attended the Area officers meeting in which there were a variety of topics were discussed such as the area budget, Co chairs for the Alt GSD. These topics will be examined more in the next assembly.

District 1 has all of the Executive positions filled and would like to remind groups that if you have a new GSR can you please ask them to come to our next meeting so that we can upgrade our contact list and also so that they can register for their GSR kits .

Happy new year to you all and all the best in 2021 Yours in Service Paul B DCM District 1

District 2

Good evening friends, I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. District 2 held their December monthly meeting on Zoom with 4 groups represented plus the executive of District 2.

The month of December was busy with Area 82 and District 2 business:

- I attended the Area 82 DCM Meeting on December 16.
 - The 2020 Financials and 2021 Budget were discussed and groups are encouraged to not make contributions to Area 82 for the next six months. Groups with excess funds are encouraged to contribute to GSO and/or their District as necessary.
 - The executive of Area 82 made the decision to hire a Webmaster for 6 months at a cost of \$500.
 - The new Area 82 Committee Chair positions were discussed and they will be elected at the Assembly in May.
- The first ever virtual Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly will be held on February 26-28. Registration is available at www.neraasa.org/register/
- AA Grapevine has estimated a loss of \$300,000 in 2020 due to a significant reduction in its book sales this year.
- District 2 still has an opening for the position of Secretary for the 2021/2022 term.
- District 2 held a virtual workshop through Zoom in December on the Role of the Telephone Committee. The plan is to hold this workshop in person in February if the restrictions on social gatherings will allow.
- District 2 will be having their regular monthly meeting on January 16 at 2pm on Zoom.
- The following groups in District 2 are holding online meetings:
 - Cole Harbour
 - Colby Village Big Book Study
 - Circle of Sisters (Wednesday)
 - Gaston Road
 - All Beliefs Count (formerly We Agnostics)
 - Porters Lake
 - Sunrise (Sunday)
- The following groups are holding in person meetings (max 10 people):
 - Keep It Simple
 - Sunrise (Tuesday)
 - Downtown Dartmouth
 - Circle of Sisters (Saturday)

- The following groups are not holding meetings
 - Eye Opener
 - Tallahassee
 - Albro Lake
 - Early Risers
 - Fall River
 - Enfield
 - Harbours

The GSRs and Executive of District 2 have received all of the communications sent from Central Service and Area 82 to ensure the groups in District 2 are up to date with the day to day changes. I would like to thank the Committees and Executive of Central Service for ensuring the AA message is still being carried during this difficult time. Yours in Service, Blair A. DCM District 2

Garth – Sunrise has no Tuesday Meeting and Sunday is on Zoom
 Big Book Study is no open starting next week and Gaston Road will be open following faith based groups at 50% capacity

Blair – Please make sure people are updating myself and the webmaster regarding the status of meetings and GSRs. TY

Sandy - Colby Village will be open again starting Monday

Area 82

No report

A motion was made by Paul and Seconded by Cathy to approve the reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. re-opening groups – Already covered
- b. Open Secretary position – See elections
- c. Insurance – Just a reminder that if you opt out of the insurance it will take 2 to 3 months to get back on the policy
- e. Central Service Elections

CPC – Call for nominations – carried to next month

Corrections – Call for nominations – carried to next month

Entertainment – Call for nominations – carried to next month

Help Email – Call for nominations – Michael nominated Sherry G. Sherry accepted and qualified herself for the position. Carol Anne asked if Sherry did the steps and has a sponsor. Sherry has. Sherry is the new chair

Webmaster – Call for nominations – carried to next month

Secretary – Call for nominations – carried to next month

Telephone – Call for nominations for Co Chair – Michael nominated Sandy for co chair of phones. Sandy accepted and qualified herself. Carol Ann asked what her home group was. It is Colby Village. Heather – I used to be the phone chair years ago and Sandy was a big help back then as well. Sandy is the new phone co chair

f. Literature Motion

The following motion is proposed to amend the operations of the Literature Committee commencing in 2021. This is based on a study of the 2019 Financial Statement and the six-month statement of 2020 for the Literature Committee. The motion is meant to address various concerns raised by members during the past year 2020.

Be it moved:

- a) the Chair of the Literature Committee has the responsibility to form a Committee of such number of members as to fulfil the tasks of the Committee;
- b) the Committee shall provide a financial statement each quarter of the year;
- c) the financial statement shall include the opening value of the inventory, cost of purchases to the inventory, literature sales, gross profit or loss, committee expenses, net profit or loss, and monies in petty cash and the literature bank account;
- d) The preparation of the financial statements shall be conducted between the Chair of the Literature Committee and Treasurer of Central Service;
- e) The target value of inventory is \$4000 at any one time during the year;

- f) The Literature Committee shall have a start up or operating fund of \$2000. Any excess shall be transferred to the main account of Central Service and any short fall shall be replenished from additional sales;

- g) a petty cash fund shall be established in the amount of \$200. The replenishment of the petty cash shall be by receipts in cooperation with the Treasurer of Central Service;
- g) Participation in sales events with other Districts besides Districts 1 & 2 is a volunteer activity of the Committee and not a mandated duty of the Guidelines; and,
- g) Participation in proposed sales events in other AA districts shall require the approval of the Central Service Committee. Proposals for such events shall indicate the volunteers who will conduct the event, cost of current inventory to be offered, cost of newly purchased inventory for the event, expenses for meals, travel and accommodations, proposed cost recovery for expenses, and likely returns.

Motion moved by Bill Seconded by Troy
Cathy – My group has not had the opportunity to discuss this.
Heather – My group has not discussed yet either

Motion to table the motion until next month meeting Heather seconded by Michael A

Marie – Says that This is based on a study of the 2019 Financial

Statement and the six-month statement of 2020 for the Literature Committee – The information is available in past meeting.

Chris – Is the treasurer and the literature team able to do a clearer budget and make this happen. Bill – That is a debate on the merits on the motion. Cathy – This is not something I could have done and currently there is not a new chair person. Jamie – I would not have been able to do that either.

Carol Ann – Bill Is it possible to have monthly statements versus quarterly. Cathy it depends on the type on report. There is information given on the financials monthly but if they are actually looking for a profit and loss statement then no. Bill The reason for quarterly is to give a better picture of the overall information than a monthly report would.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Be it moved that the Central Service Committee hold an annual Event each September to introduce the various Committees to the members in terms of mandates, roles, activities and tasks in relation to the Board mandate of carrying the message to suffering alcoholics, supporting sobriety and making known the work of Alcoholics Anonymous in the local community; and, To incorporate this annual Event as part of the Guidelines for the Central Service Committee; typically this event in A.A. circles is known as a "Service Palazzo".

Moved by Bill Seconded by Heather – Motion carried

B) Motion to have the Zoom membership continued for 6 months. Moved by Paul Seconded by Cathy Motion Carried

Announcements from the floor

Cathy – Last Monday in Feb Lefty will be celebrating 50 years

Carol Ann – Back to Basics 3 bdays Jan 20 Jacob B with 3 years and Lisa M with 8 years and our chair Michael Jan 27 will be celebrating 7 years

Next meeting 2 Feb 21, 7 PM

Meeting adjournment at 9:05pm PM with the Responsibility Pledge.