

**MINUTES OF
CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING 2 Mar 2021
Zoom Meeting**

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Jamie Q. at 7 pm with the

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Heather

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ROLL CALL:

| EXECUTIVE | COMMITTEES | CSR | OBSERVERS |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Chair – | | Back to Basics – Heather | Area 82 – Gerry |
| Co-Chair – | CPC – | Circle of Sisters – Krista | DSM District 1 – Paul |
| Treasurer – Bill | Corrections – | Fresh Start – Jeff | DSM District 2 – Blair |
| Secretary – Jamie | Entertainment – | Hubbards – Barb | DSM Dis 1 Alt – Jessica |
| | Help Email – Sherry | Serenity Sister – Maddie | |
| | Hospital Visitation – Gil | Downtown Dart – Mark | Tom – Keep It Simple |
| | Literature – | Downtown Dart – Amy | |
| | Newsletter – Mike | Hubbards - Barb | Sarah |
| | Mid-Winter – Tom | Sunrise – Garth | |
| | PI – Clayton | Highland Park – Murdo | |
| | Telephone – Michael A. | Cole Harbour - Chris | |
| | Treatment – Sharman | | |
| | Webmaster – | | |
| | Webmaster Co-Chair – | | |
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CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned to approve the agenda by Garth Seconded by Barb

MINUTES APPROVED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motioned to approve the minutes by . Seconded by With Corrections

REPORTS

Secretary

I forwarded many documents on to CS and CSRs. I have not received any insurance payments. Reminder to all groups that have not paid that full payment of 47.03 is due.
I attended the district 1 meeting on behalf of CS. I signed a cheque for the literature committee to cover there last order.

Treasurer

Central Service Committee
March 2021 Meeting
Treasurer Report

February financial Activity
Opening Balance: \$ 1,769.39

Revenue:

Acceptance (Ins) \$ 47.03

Second Chance (Ins) \$ 47.05

Total: \$ 1,863.49

Debits:

Telephone (January) \$ 275.60

Secretary (stationary) \$ 137.37

Zoom fees \$ 92.00

Total: \$ 504.97

Closing Balance: \$ 1,358.50

((Paid: Host fees Webmaster \$141.64 Phone: \$275.60 Feb = \$417.24))

Literature:

Opening Balance: \$ 800.77

Revenue: \$ 214.26

Closing Balance: \$ 1,062.03

Prudent Account: (+ 0.19) \$ 4,895.23

2021 Mid-Winter Round Up Balance \$ 3,123.33 – not a closing balance

Barb – Hubbards sent etransfers

Bill – I rec them but credit union does not do etransfers so I am looking into that

Paul – When will budget for this year be released

Bill – With everything with Covid we just have no way to do a proper budget

Co-Chair

Chair

Central Service's December meeting had 19 people attend.

The Webmaster continues to update groups wishes of face-to-face, Zoom, or both.

Literature guideline amendment has been motioned to carryover to March 2 due to author of amendment was not present.

There was discussion on a "bridging the gap" Committee. Paul B. requested that Gerry be present at the March 2 nd Central Service Meeting. Central Service Chair discussed with outgoing Corrections Chair to have dialogue with Ms. Andrea Hancock from Correctional Facility if she could attend the 2 nd March Central Service Meeting.

Midwinter Round-up finished up on Sunday 13 th Feb. First Zoom Roundup of Nova Scotia. We have yet had the post lessons learned meeting.

We currently are seeking a highly motivated service orientated individual who would like to take over Co-Chair Duties immediately. This position would be for until January 2022, at which time if elected, would take over the Central Service Chair Duties.

Newsletter has Mike as a new Chair starting immediately,

Secretary has been filled by Jamie,

PI has a new Chair for rotation in January.

Phones has a new Chair for rotation in January.

Phones has a new co-chair for rotation in January.

Hospital Visitation has a new Chair for rotation in January.

Help Email has a new co-chair for rotation in January.

All other sub-committee positions require service volunteers.

We look forward to meeting future service volunteers at this coming 2 nd March Central Service Meeting to fill the remaining positions of CPC, Entertainment, Corrections, Webmaster, and Literature.

Yours in service,

Michael H.

Central Service Chair

Committees:

CPC

No report

Corrections

No report

Entertainment

No report

Help Email

We had 3 men & 4 women reach out this month inquiring about the following.

1. How do they get help?
2. How can I get started?
3. How do I get a sponsor?
4. Is there beginner meetings?
5. Looking for a meeting
6. What is the difference between open & closed meetings?
7. Which is more effective online or in person
8. Do you need membership to join AA
9. Can you just sign onto zoom any given time and catch a meeting?
10. Want to join a certain group, how can I ask?
11. Wanted information on online and in person person meetings

Gave them all the information on how to proceed.

None of which emailed back looking for more info, so I'll assume they figured it all out with the information I had provided.

I am noticing a rise in women inquiring about AA. Which is awesome. Yours in service Sherry G Help email coordinator

Hospital Visitation

February I did not received any calls or text regarding visitation. I contacted Pedro and got my name and phone # on to Hospital Visitation page on aahalifax.org. Thank you Pedro, I'm working on a segment about Hospital Visitation for the Bluenose Bulletin .That s all for now thank you for my sobriety.

Literature

Hey guys - it has been six months that CS has been trying to find a new chair for literature. It has been two months that I have continued to fulfill the obligations of that position by keeping the Bookstore open, purchasing and selling literature, and monitoring the email account. It is now time for me to withdraw completely so that the spirit of rotation can be met and someone else can be permitted to receive the rewards of service to AA.

Rent is paid for March. Stock has been replenished and priced. All bills have been paid. There is an outstanding bill to be paid to the Bookstore by Central Service on behalf of PI Committee. I will keep the Bookstore open for sales until the end of March at which time it will be closed until a new chair has taken over.

If CS plans to continue with a storefront, rent is due April 1; if not, please advise Club 24 that you will no longer require the space. I will be available to assist a handover whenever the time comes. If you need clarification about anything at all, please feel free to contact me at 902-406-5717.

I was told recently that a filled position does not get filled, so I now feel compelled to step aside. I know that this is short notice, but I am sure that all will be well in the near future.

Thanks for the opportunities this service has afforded me over the last couple of years. Yours in service, Cathy MacNeil

Mid-Winter

Good evening everyone. My name is Tom ,sober alcoholic. My report will be short with a follow up & final report to follow at the next Central Service Meeting the first Tuesday in April. Well, we pulled it off. Our very first virtual AA Midwinter R/up. What a great team with a fellowship of great members to boot who attended our first virtual Midwinter R/UP. From calls, texts, comments sent to team members including myself, it seems to have been a great success for both Alanon & AA. Our numbers are not fully in yet but I'd say that we had great support from both fellowships. The program got great reviews and we went through the weekend with very few glitches. Even though we couldn't be there with each other physically, it sure felt like members were connected and there were some great connections made possible after long lengths of time of not seeing each other. From Friday night through Sunday morning all who attended little, some or lots of the round u/up ,either brought something to it or got something from it. Many reached out to new-comers. Truly it was set up for the still suffering alcoholic who has been searching for a solution to their drinking problem. I won't go into all the final details at the present but in my final report all will hear much more in detail about the r/up, from our team as well, along with an expense report. I ask if you have any questions regarding the R/UP ,that you refrain from asking at this meeting, whereas we haven't had our final meeting yet, but will certainly welcome all questions at the Central Service Meeting the first Tuesday in April. I will finish with this. I have a plaque that reads "Success is the Ability for Doing your Best". I believe each and every one who attended and shared or received experience ,strength & hope were the ones that truly made the 2021 Midwinter R/UP a great success. Again, many thanks for all your support, stay tuned for my final report in April, God bless and thanks for my sobriety. Grateful in service Tom R Midwinter R/up Chair

Newsletter

My Name is Mike M. and I am an alcoholic. On February 2nd I was named the new Newsletter Chair. I would like to thank outgoing chair Kelly U. for her service and to thank her for all the training and advice she has provided to me. Not only did she provide one-on-one training, she also prepped the March Newsletter template so the transition of chairs was as seamless as possible.

A friendly reminder that Newsletter submissions must be received by the 25th of the month to ensure your announcement will be included in the upcoming newsletter. Mike M.

PI

The Public Information Committee met earlier this month, taking action on the following lines of effort:

- 1) The Webmaster helped us out by adding our Public Information section on the AA website. It's a good read and gives folk an idea of what we do and what they can do to help if interested.
- 2) Information provided to a DAL University student writing on addictions during the pandemic. They were looking for general information on how AA continued to run (in HRM) during the pandemic.
- 3) wrapping up calls and deliveries to Dr offices and clinics.
- 4) liaising with media, East link.
- 5) Halifax transit will put our signs up on the buses for 2 months starting in April.
- 6) We had a new member join the committee.

Our next PI meeting will be held on zoom this Saturday March 6 at 10 am. We will be discussing upcoming PI initiatives and terms of reference/direction for committee members. Open to anyone interested in getting involved.

AA Halifax Public Information Committee meeting (all welcome)
Saturday March 6 at 10:00am
Zoom meeting ID (562397245)
(Added to the website, thanks webmaster)

In service Clayton M Public Information Committee

Michael – you had talked about getting pamphlets to the groups to distribute
Clayton – I will bring some pamphlets to you for Keep it Simple

Telephone

The Phone Committee has been very busy. We put on Two Workshops. The first one had an attendance of 9 people, including our Phone Co-Chair, and I have found my candidate for the second co-chair position, that I will be nominating this evening. I also had 2 others join the team. Unfortunately the second workshop was a no show.

I have been busy with contacting people on the list. Making sure all is going well. Been great to get to know the team.

I have sent the Newsletter chair the list of Weekend Rotation for the remainder of 2021.

Sandy D is now making sure the evening phone rotation is going smoothly, and I'm looking forward to my new Co-Chair hopefully this evening taking of the Daytime Phone.

I'm really enjoying this new position. Yours in Service, Michael A Phone Chair

Treatment

The Marguerite Center is ready for ladies to go into their facility and put meetings on. In the past, we were going in once a month. They are asking now if we can go in every 2 weeks. I am now reaching out for ladies from the program to help out with meetings.

I was in contact with the Nova Scotia Detox facility. They will be in contact with me when they receive the go-ahead to let us in and put meetings on.

I also left a message with Forensics regarding getting in to put meetings on in their facility. I'm waiting to hear back.

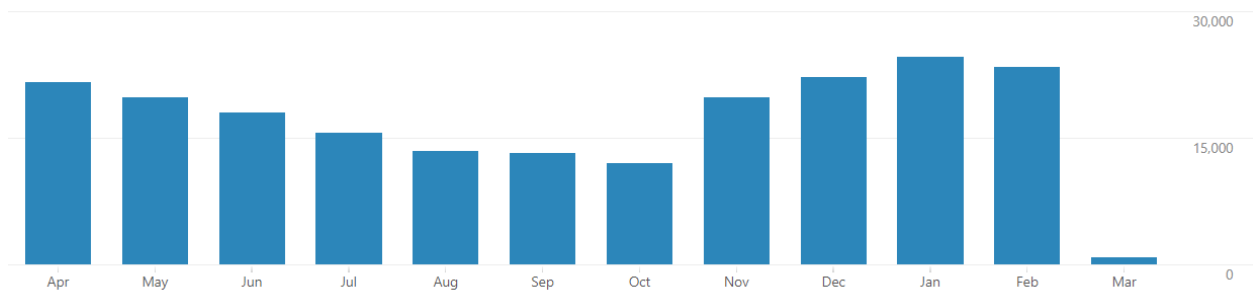
Thank you and stay safe. Treatment Chair

Bill – Now that you are starting to do things again with treatment can you put some thought into what your expenses may look like

Webmaster

The month of February I mostly worked on updating the meeting list, post announcements and routine maintenance of our website. I also removed the Mid Winter Roundup page and flyers after the event was successfully held.

This last month, our site traffic continued with the trend that started in the end of last year. In the graph below you can see the monthly traffic for the last 12 months:



In February, our hosting solution had to be renewed so I paid the yearly fee of CAD \$141.64 with my own credit card. I provided the receipts to treasurer and chair.

Yours in service,

Pedro G
Web Administrator

District 1

Dear CS Committee Members, we as an executive of District 1, want to let you all know that in our AA fellowship, we are all in this together to learn and grow. At first, I would like to also express my gratitude and thank full ness to all the Mid winter round up committee. And Volunteers The weekend was fantastic and to see so many members involved in Service and carrying the message of this great fellowship was excellent to witness. Thank you again for stepping up and carrying the message

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▯ At District 1, we are looking for a Secretary to join our Committee, if you know anyone who wants to get involved in Service please ask them to come to our next District 1 meeting on March 29/.

▯ In district 1 we will be having a early Preconference Meeting on March 17 to discuss all of our 10 Agenda items. This preconference is especially important to carry the group consciousness to the Area on Certain Agenda items. If your group need more information on the Agenda items, please email me and or Jessica the alt DCM and we can make sure your group gets a copy of these especially important agenda items

▯ I want to encourage everyone to check out the What's new Tab on the AA.org site. There is a lot of new information like Reports from GSO, Remote communities, GSO Quarterly report. This information is encouraging for it shows that we as a fellowship is adapting to our new reality.

▯ Our next Monthly workshop is called All about the Traditions. this will be taken place on March 31/2021. Please come and join us to learn more about the Traditions

▯ In closing, We at District 1 have sent around the update COVID-19 19 Restrictions. If you haven't received this notice Check out the Public health Website. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service

Yours in Service Paul B DCM District 1

Jeff – What is pre conference?

Paul – we decided to do a pre conference for the purposes of group conscience

District 2

Good evening friends, I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. District 2 held their February monthly meeting on Zoom with 3 groups represented.

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

▯ The Accessibilities Committee at GSO is looking for stories to add to the "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" pamphlet.

▯ A letter from AAWS Board Chair Beau B thanking groups and members on their "growth in understanding and effectiveness" of AA during the pandemic has been distributed.

▯ The new Area 82 Committee Chair positions will be elected at the Assembly in May and a request for resumes have been distributed.

▯ The final 2020 Area 82 Financials have been distributed

▯ The minutes for the Area 82 Active Committee meeting in February have been distributed and the next meeting will be Monday March 29 at 6pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>

▯ The Area 82 Pre-Conference is Saturday March 27 and District 2 is responsible for 9 of the Literature Committee agenda items. The final agenda and flyer will be available later this week.

▯ District 2 still has an opening for the position of Secretary for the 2021/2022 term.

▯ District 2 approved a budget for 2021 at their meeting in February.

▯ District 2 will be having their regular monthly meeting on March 21 at 2pm on Zoom. It was agreed that District 2 will be holding their monthly meeting on Zoom until the June meeting.

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

Area 82

March 2nd, 2021

- The main activity in front of us at Area right now is getting our Delegate ready for the upcoming Virtual General Service Conference.
 - o All the DCM's should have received a package of documentation to bring to their District for discussion. They will be asked to provide a short report at our Pre-Conference Workshop Brought to you by your Area 82 Executive March 27th, 2021 10:00 am - 4:00pm AST. Flyer with Zoom link attached.
- The next DCM and Area Officers meeting will be May 19th, 2021 7:00 NS time (to be verified by Area Secretary.)
- The Spring Assembly will be held May 28th – 30th , 2021
- Active Area Committees meeting occurs on the last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm AST at Meeting ID: 886 8809 3457
- In early January of 2021, I sent out an email calling for resumes to fill the five co-chair positions (five for each province) based on the Motion passed at the October Assembly to elect co-chairs for PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections, and Grapevine.”

“The elected Co-chairs of Committees will assist and work with the Chair (Alt. Delegate) for the abovementioned Committees. The Co-chair, with direction of the Chair, will provide support in districts and groups in engaging in building Committees in their communities passing information from GSO, help set up committees in districts that do not have committees, help facilitate workshops or any other assistance that required by the districts in the province, to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Chair/Alt. Delegate will report on all the committees for both provinces at the service weekend as well as a yearly Area 82 Assembly. “

“We hope to get a full slate for both provinces. A resume will be submitted to document your history in service and your willingness to serve. If the co-chair positions are appropriately distributed over both provinces, we can get as wide a representation as possible in all those committees. The call for resumes will go out in early January, and the positions will be voted upon at our Spring Assembly (May 28th – 30th, 2021”

Gerry W. Area 82, Panel 71, Alternate GSD

A motion was made by Heather and Seconded by Jeff to approve the reports.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Central Service Elections

CPC – no nominations

Corrections – Michael nominated Tom S. Tom excepted. Motion carried

Entertainment – no nominations

Literature – no nominations

Mid Winter Round Up – carried to next month

Webmaster – no nominations

Co Chair – no nominations

Treatment co-chairs – Sharman nominated Jodie R and Angie R, they excepted, motion carried

b. 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.

There was some discussion on this.

Bill moved Sharman seconded 1 no – do to monthly versus quarterly reports
Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Compliance with Masks – discussed in the meeting and multiple messages have been forwarded by the Secretary
- B) Bridging the gap

What is Bridging the Gap ?

Often known a Temporary Contact Program

Composed of a Committee of AA volunteers who are willing to assist an AA member in Treatment make the transition to an outside meeting.
Committees are often built around the needs of specific facilities

A Few Guidelines

Keep in mind that this is basic Twelfth Step work.

Experience suggests that it is best to be accompanied by another A.A. member when meeting our newcomer.

One of the two temporary contacts should have at least a year of sobriety.

The intent is to provide the newcomer with your help for a limited time.

Be familiar with the paper "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous," particularly the section on what A.A. does and does not do.

In all contacts or activities with treatment settings, it is extremely important to be punctual and to look your best.

Personal Experience

I can only carry the AA message of Recovery from alcoholism

I'm not his counsellor or banker

I am a guest of the Treatment facility, I must obey all their rules

This will be looked at further with the Executive and the Treatment chair

- C) Goggle maps shows Club 24 when you search AA – Jessica

Jamie the only thing I can think of is that is where the AA phone used to be

There was some discussion and a motion put on the floor to look into this further

Bill – Be it moved that the executive committee investigate the google map AA location and make recommendation to central service. Jessica seconded. Motion passed

Announcements from the floor

Jessica M is celebrating 5 years on March 27

Next meeting 6 April 21, 7 PM

Meeting adjournment at 845 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.