

Acceptance \$. 200.00
Sub-Total: \$1,061.88
Debits:
Telephone: \$. 275.60
Closing Balance: \$ 3,711.38
Outstanding Cheques: PI \$. 100.00
October debit:
Insurance Payment \$ 1,745.00
Available funds: \$ 1,866.38
Note: Insurance payment for Circle of Sisters and Keep It Simple received in October for \$50.00 each.
Prudent Acct: plus \$0.20 \$ 4,896.67

Literature:
Opening Balance: \$ 1,888.11
Credits: \$ 873.96
Closing Balance: \$ 2,762.07
□ Note:
A debit of \$1942. will come out in October for book purchases in September.

Garth – Did u rec a \$200 check from Sunrise. Bill and Garth will look into this

Literature Accounts

1. The Treasurer met with the Literature Committee , Josh and Melissa, for a wide - ranging discussion on Inventory, pricing, profit margin, accounting system, furniture, and equipment. (it was kinda fun!)
2. The general purpose was to implement the amendments to the Guidelines dealing with the Literature Committee.
3. Since taking office in March, 2021, the Chair and Co-Chair of Literature have focused their literature purchases solely on filling group orders and keeping in stock quick sellers such as the Big Book, 12 and 12, Daily Reflections and - pamphlets focused on new comers. This has proven a convenience for Groups.
4. About 25% of the Inventory is old literature purchased one, two and three years ago. If the mandate is carrying the message, then this is not fulfilled if the message is in storage gathering dust. It is not a cost for the current budget of the Literature Committee. Suggestions were made for further discussion. These include discounting the cost of this literature, holding sales events, adding to the libraries at Corrections and St. Margarete Centre, and adding them as a free bonus to purchases over a certain dollar amount. This awaits decisions by the Literature Committee.
5. It must be kept in mind that any Balance carried by the Literature Committee under \$2000. is their operating capital for the purchase of literature from New York. Literature puts up the money to make purchases before the books and pamphlets are sold and revenue received. The goal is to have this Committee self-sustaining. It must however have revenue above costs for future purchases and over -head. Otherwise, it would require funds from the general account of Central Service as a subsidy.
6. I do have a concern that the revenue may be insufficient to meet the purpose of being self-sustaining. The Big Book is sold for \$14.00. Most A.A. jurisdictions sell it a \$15.00 or \$16.00. Amazon sells the hard cover for \$25.58. The cost from New York amounts to about \$12.68.
7. The Co-Chair of Central Service with the skills of accounting is meeting with the Literature Committee to develop financial statements for the end of 2020 and up to the end of October 2021. Josh, Melissa, Chris and myself will be meeting in two weeks to review the statements and address the larger questions above. This will include General Policy on the management of the

Inventory and pricing of the literature - both for the decision of the Literature Committee; and general agreement on an accounting format for the Committee. The results will be presented formally at the November meeting of Central Service.

Questions about inventory being written off. Bill nothing is being written off and after Nov there will be a full inventory report

Co-Chair

On September 15, the 2022 annual insurance premium was paid. Production of policy documents is on process by the insurance company. Once they are available, I will distribute them to groups with an invoice for payment to Central Service.

On September 24, I met with Josh and Melissa at the bookstore. We reviewed sales transaction detail and inventory counts with costs. I will create a bookstore p&l and inventory roll-forward and plan on reviewing the statements with Josh, Melissa, and Bill P. on October 15. More to come. Yours in Service, Chris

Chair

Central Service Chair Report

There were 17 members in attendance total at the September Central Service meeting with 6 Central Service Reps combined from both Districts 1 and 2 .

Official Executive Committee Elections Call-out

The following Executive positions within Central Service require to be filled by 01 January 2022:

Official Election procedure shall commence this eve with DCM2 presiding as interim chair.

Positions are:

Chair

Co-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

To understand the responsibilities of these positions, please refer to the Central Service Guidelines at ref: <https://www.aahalifax.org/wp-content/uploads/Guidelines/Central-Service-Guidelines-Jun2021-v2.pdf>

If you are interested in helping others, meet the guideline requirements, please attend the next Central Service Meeting on 5 th October 2021, on Zoom. Zoom data can be found on the AAhalifax.org website, the bluenose bulletin, Central Service Monthly minutes, or embedded within this Central Service Chair Report.

Monday August 30 th , Treatment Chair stepped down from elective responsibilities, but it was a decision that has been reversed. Treatment Chair informed me, that she wishes to continue the position through full fruition.

Midwinter Round-up (MWRU) (Virtual)

Groups CSR's were to take back to their groups and pose the question if they wanted or were interested in partaking in a MWRU virtually.

Our next meeting will be on the 5 th October 2021 at 7PM on Zoom. Here are the zoom particulars:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5120368953?pwd=a1RlRnRNVEdFZlVqSW85My84S2JiZz09> ; or

Zoom Ident # 512 036 8953

Password: wecandoit

Thank you all for your hand in service, Michael H. Central Service Chair Districts 1 and 2

Josh asked if a Chair member could also take on the Chair position of the Mid Winter Round Up. Michael indicated yes you could hold 2 positions as long as there is no conflict of interest.

Committees:

Adhoc – Bridging the Gap

CPC

No report

Corrections

Still no change to corrections Tom S Chair - Corrections

Entertainment

No report

Help Email

20 people reached out for many different things. Getting on zoom, open meetings and even questions regarding Alcare

Hospital Visitation

Good evening everyone September. Was quiet for new request for Visitation .The committee got together on zoom and welcome a new volunteer . We brained storm our ideals. We have our letter poster ready to send to administrator of nursing home and care facilities. I approached Monique at area she as contacted the DCMs to put our announcement in their news letters. It will reach many who need a visit while they are in hospital in the HRM. Gerard our Sagewood resident is doing well and attend zoom meeting regularly.

Literature

Met with Bill and with Chris to go over everything regarding Literature. The square software I am happy with as it keeps things updated. We are selling a lot and we have recently placed an order for all the major sellers like the Big Books etc. Total cost of purchased books is 6499. If we were to sell everything the gross worth is approx 11000. With the in and out of books and the rent of \$50 we pay we basically break even.

Garth – Should the price of the books increase if we are just breaking even. Joshua – That is not something we have done recently and I am unsure currently

Murdo – Old inventory should be sold off as people want the new stuff. Joshua – We may look at that as we go further with discussing everything

Mid-Winter

No report

Newsletter

Just a reminder that meeting notices / updates should be sent to both the Webmaster (Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com) and the Newsletter (Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com) to ensure your message is communicated to your target audience. Newsletter submissions for October should be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of October, 2021. Thanks Mike

Gil – There was talk at the last meeting regarding the Meeting List. Is that something that the Newsletter Chair produces. Mike – That was done in 2019 nothing that was done under me

PI

Good day,

The public information committee has been working on the following initiatives:

- 1)Local MLA is placing our contact info in their Community News letter, going out shortly.
- 2)Updating list of clinics/doctors office, DCM gave us some places to call as well.
- 3)Contacting shelters/salvation Army locations.
- 4)Delivering AA material to high school guidance counsellors.
- 5)Shelly Smith - NSCC Ivany Campus was looking for someone to speak to the Therapeutic Recreation Diploma students virtually on Monday and Wednesdays at 830 a.m. Discussions ongoing, more to follow.

Thank you Clayton Public information committee

Heather – group members were asking about the Business Cards because the ones currently old there have incorrect information. Mike – As far as I know the information on the cards is correct but we will look at it

Gil – The sign at Fultz house seems to have an extra 1 in it.

Telephone

No report

Treatment

The Marguerite Center is still open to visitors, and AA ladies are going in to put meetings on twice a month. That's going along very well. The ladies in their love the meetings.

Nova Scotia Detox was open for visitors but has recently shut down again due to covid numbers going up. They looked forward to us going in, and will be in touch with me later this month to let me know what's happening then.

I still haven't heard from Forensics.

Have a great evening. Thank you. Your Treatment Chair Sharman

Michael – Because there is only 6 groups in attendance how are we going to get it out to the other groups. Sharman will send the information to Mike for the Newsletter

Jeff – I am fairly certain that our group will want to help out with this but if we commit does it mean we are committing to the full rotation or could you pick on one night

Webmaster

No report

District 1

No report

District 2

Good evening, I am grateful to be here and grateful to be sober. District 2 held their September monthly meeting on Zoom with 3 groups represented, plus the treasurer and my self.

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

- ▯ Several items of revised and new literature published in adherence with Advisory Actions of the 71st General Service Conference are now available from A.A.W.S. More will be coming soon.
- ▯ Grapevine has started a new Podcast called "The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour". A new episode will be available every Monday on aagrapevine.org/podcast.
- ▯ AA Grapevine has released a new book titled "Prayer & Meditation"
- ▯ Highlights from the A.A.W.S. Board Meeting on July 29 have been distributed
- ▯ GSO is requesting suggestions for the 2022 Conference theme, presentations, and workshops
- ▯ I attended the Area 82 AO/DCM Meeting held on September 15
- ▯ The completed minutes for the Area 82 Spring Assembly have been distributed
- ▯ The final agenda for the Area 82 Fall Assembly has been distributed
- ▯ Area 82 is continuing to work on the new and improved Area 82 website
- ▯ The groups in District 2 have been notified that the Group Insurance Policy is \$50 per group and to notify the Central Service Co-Chair, if they wish to be included.
- ▯ District 2 has agreed to make a \$250 donation to Central Service and \$250 donation to GSO.
- ▯ District 2 will be holding a "A Call To Courage - 4 th Step Inventory" workshop on Sunday October 24 at 2pm at Club 24.
- ▯ District 2 still has an opening for the position of Secretary for the 2021/2022 term
- ▯ District 2 will be holding their regular monthly meeting on October 17 at 2pm on Zoom

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

No report

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

OLD BUSINESS

A) Central Service Elections

CPC – no nominations

Entertainment – no nominations

Mid Winter Round Up – no nominations

Webmaster – no nominations

B) Virtual Round Up – Tom R – no report

C) Palazzo – This will no fall under the executive and Bill will look after it

D) Paper Meeting List – no report

E) Xmas Social – Still looking for a group to host

F) Virtual Round Up – Tom R – no report

NEW BUSINESS

A) Protocol for Masks at Meetings – All groups have to be aware and follow the guidelines as set out by Public Health and the facility they meet in

B) Executive Elections

Michael passed the chair to Blair

Bill – I move that we suspend the rule with newsletter notice of elections. Heather seconded Motion carried

Chair – Bill nominated Chris V, Chris accepted, no other nominations. Chris is the incoming chair

Co Chair – no nominations

Treasurer – No nominations

Secretary – No nominations

Chair passed back to Michael

Announcements from the floor

No announcements

Next meeting Nov2 21, 7 PM

Meeting adjournment at 8.40 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.