

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**Meeting Minutes District 2**  
**February 16, 2020**

**Meeting call to order** – DCM Blair A. called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, with the Serenity Prayer.

**Approval of Agenda** – Michael A. made a motion to accept the agenda and it was seconded by Sandy D.

**The 12 Traditions** - were read by Beth P.

**Interpretation of Concept 1** - was given by Sandy D.

**Interpretation of Concept 2** - was given by Blair A.

**Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 3 for March** - Doug P.

**7th Tradition** - Was observed.

**Roll Call/Group Reports**

Doug P. – Representing We Agnostics

Sandy D. - GSR for Colby Village Big Book Study Group

Michael A. – Representing Keep it Simple

Kevin M – Alt. GSR for Colby Village Big Book Study Group

Beth P. – District 2 Secretary

Foster L. – District 2 Treasurer

Tom H. – GSR Sunrise Group

Louis M. – GSR Cole Harbour Group

Blair A. – Acting DCM for District 2

**Approval of previous months minutes** – A motion was made by Foster L. and seconded by Sandy D. to adopt the previous months minutes.

**Secretary Report** – No report.

**Treasurer Report**

It's been very quiet on the service front since our last meeting in December. I received two group cheques after the December meeting and four additional

contributions in late January/early February; all have been deposited with the December payments credited to 2019.

You are being provided with a 2019 summary of revenue and expenses that shows how we did against the budget, along with any variances. I ask that you take this back to your group to ensure your contributions have been properly recorded. If your group was unable to support the District financially last year please consider your ability to do so in 2020.

You will see from the financial statement that we are carrying roughly \$2700 into 2020, a number similar to 2019 and our total operating funds now sit at \$3753.91. I feel comfortable we will be ok this year assuming we are not sending both the DCM and A/DCM (should one be elected) to assembly in Newfoundland. Also note that should the budget be approved today as presented there are no funds this year for outreach. If something comes up through the year that the table wishes to support we may need contributions to cover it. I would recommend at this time we sit tight on our dollars until mid-year. If we are in surplus at that time, we can look at additional distributions.

I note that District 1 in budgeting to send the DCM to Eastern Regional Forum to be held in Ottawa this November at an approximate cost of \$1200.00. I will leave it to Blair to decide if he wishes to seek approval from this table to attend.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you ever have any questions about the District finances.

Yours in service

Foster L.

Treasurer, District

District 2 Financials January 2020	
Opening Bank Balance	\$2783.91
Revenue	\$1000.00
Expenses	\$30.00
Outstanding Cheques	
Operating Balance	\$3753.91

## **Alt. DCM and Workshop Report**

### **DCM District 2 Report**

The last two months were very busy with District and Central Service-related business. I attended the last two Central Service Meetings, Committee Fair and Christmas Eve Social and helped organize and facilitate the workshop in February and met with Alt. DCM Lisa District 1 to plan the remaining workshops in 2020.

I enjoyed attending the Central Service Meetings as I was also representing my home group. It is always great to hear how Districts 1 & 2 are carrying the message to current and potential members of AA. All the committees are doing a great job at servicing Districts 1 & 2. The breakdown of the Committees expenses for 2019 and the 2020 budget were discussed and will be voted on in March. The Christmas Eve Social and the New Years Eve dance were a success. The Entertainment Committee is planning a St. Patrick's Day dance in March. Jamie Q was elected as Co-Chair of Central Service, but the positions of Bluenose Bulletin, Webmaster Co-Chair and Literature Co-Chair are still vacant.

I am excited to hear that Central Service is always looking at ways to better carry the message to alcoholics. Public Information has two new pieces of literature approved to help explain their role to outside organizations and alcoholics. CPC and PI attended a Dalhousie University Student Fair. Literature has purchased a laptop to record the increasing number of sales and purchases of book. A full inventory of all literature was taken at the end of January and these two initiatives will give a better understanding of literatures financial picture. The addition of an ad hoc technology committee to Central Service was approved for one year with a proposed budget of \$300. They will be evaluating what technology changes are needed to better carry the message through today's technology.

Catherine S, GSR for Circle of Sisters did a great job facilitating District 2's workshop in February and she opened the workshop with a few questions on AA history with small prizes awarded for the correct answers. The 11 people attending were walked through the beginning of Step 4 as outlined in the Big Book. They were then given the opportunity to complete a few examples and share the results. The topic I have chosen for the April workshop is Sponsorship which I propose will be held April 5<sup>th</sup>. Lisa and I have a tentative plan for the remaining workshops in 2020. The topics we will be facilitating will be the 12 Traditions, Grapevine, GSO Office and Attraction not Promotion. My hope is for a GSR or group to take the lead on each of these topics until the position of Alt. DCM is filled.

You all should have received correspondence from me on the AA World Highlights, Alt General Service delegate from 82, Grapevine, CERASSA and the AA General Service Board. I have not chosen a piece of Grapevine literature this month as we have lots to discuss on our agenda. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas about the role of GSR in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

There is a conflict with Easter weekend and our workshop, so I am suggesting that we move the date to April 5<sup>th</sup> and the table agreed with this. The June workshop will be made part of the Provincial Round Up and the reason is that we have the Round Up, Service Weekend and a regular District meeting all happening in June. The table agreed that holding the workshop during the Round Up is a good idea. The program for the Provincial Round Up has not been set yet.

### **Central Service Report – no report**

### **Provincial Round Up Report – no report.**

**Approval of Reports** – A motion was made by Sandy D. and seconded by Doug P. to approve all reports as given. All in favor.

**Visitors with District related business – none**

**Old Business**

A. **Approval of the 2020 District 2 Budget** – a brief discussion was held and a motion to approve was made by Michael A. and seconded by Doug P. All in favor.

B. **Pre-Conference Meeting**

- All day Saturday March 28 in Sackville. DCM is hoping that as many GSR's as possible can be there.

- **Voting Process** - We need to decide on who is going to be eligible to vote – District 1 and 2 only or all GSR's from Area 82 who attend. A discussion was held, and a **motion was tabled by Sandy and seconded by Michael A.** to allow any representatives who attend be allowed to vote. All in favor.

We also held a discussion on the timing of this meeting, and it was suggested that it should be held earlier in the year.

**Review Topics with your Group**

12 Traditions

Grapevine (provincial round up)

Attraction not Promotion

**New Business**

ADCM Election – no nominations. Talk to your group for nominees.

Area 82 Financials – take to your group.

Submission from Tom H. Sunrise GSR – proposes that Area 82 implement Zoom Conferencing to help improve communication in our area.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00pm