

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
October 18, 2020, 2:00pm
Club 24

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

Approval of Agenda – the agenda was approved by Michael H. and seconded by Sandy B.

The 12 Traditions - were read by Foster L.

Interpretation of Concept 10 – Beth P.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 11 for November – Sandy B.

7th Tradition – was collected.

Roll Call/Group Reports

Blair A. - DCM for District 2

Michael A. – Acting GSR Keep it Simple

Beth P. – District 2 Secretary

Foster L. – District 2 Treasurer

Sandy B. – GRS Colby Village Big Book Study Group

Chris – V. Cole Harbour Group nominee

Michael H. – Chair Central Service

Approval of previous months minutes – Approved by Sandy B. and seconded by Michael A.

Secretary Report – No report

Treasurers Report

October 2020

Transactions were few in September. The cheque to GSO in the amount of \$1500 has cleared the bank account and a cheque has been written to the DCM to cover the cost of Zoom from March to August 2020. Revenue for the month was \$32.31.

Our expenses year to date exceed our revenues by \$744, or 29%. While this

sounds like a lot there is no need to be alarmed as the payment to GSO reflects 58% of expenses. We are ok financially as there are few projected expenses for the remaining of the year. Our anticipated carry-forward to 2021 will be sufficient to start the New Year.

Yours in service,

Foster L.

Treasurer, District 2

District 2 Financials September 2020 Transactions	
Opening Bank Balance	\$3668.91
Revenue	\$32.31
Expenses contribution to GSO	\$1500.00
Outstanding Cheques – Blair Zoom	\$129.00
Operating Balance	\$2072.22

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report – see DCM report. District 2 is supposed to put on a workshop in December bring topic ideas to Blair

DCM District 2 Report

October 18, 2020

The last month was busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service Meeting as well as the Area 82 Election Training, DCM Meeting, and Assembly. I was informed by Bob R. GSR of Early Risers that the group decided to suspend their meeting until further review in January. I also reached out to the Albro Lake Group and they have cancelled their meeting indefinitely. Both groups made this decision based on low attendance.

I enjoyed attending the Central Service meeting and heard how District 1 & 2 are involved with carrying the message to current and potential members of AA. All the committees are doing a great job at serving Districts 1 & 2 during the COVID-19 pandemic. PI and CPC attended the Area 82 Active Committee Meeting and PI is looking at developing a poster to replace their pamphlets during the pandemic. Meetings at Detox and Corrections are cancelled but literature is available at both locations. Hospital Visitations are still not being offered but the option for Zoom Meetings or phone calls are available. The Telephone Committee has obtained five new

smart phones from Bell and is in the process of getting them activated. Literature is now operating as normal and will be placing an order for Big Books and Pamphlets. The next step for the Ad-Hoc Technology Committee is a Technology Roadmap to see how they can support Central Service. Entertainment has no activities planned due to the restrictions on social gatherings. The Help Email has slowed down with only a handful of requests last month.

The Newsletter is always looking for content from individuals, groups, or committees. The Webmaster has been busy ensuring any meeting changes are updated. If your group is going to start holding in person meetings or making changes to their zoom meetings, please remember to notify the Webmaster and Newsletter Committee. The virtual "No Matter What" 2021 Mid-Winter Roundup on February 13 & 14 has a budget of \$2500 and is in need of a Program Co-Chair and Entertainment Chair & Co-Chair. Clayton was elected as the new PI Chair, but a Chair and Co-Chair are still needed for many committees. Central Service is also in need of a Secretary for a one-year term. The Central Service Insurance Policy group payment of \$47.03 is due, Central Service Co-Chair (Jamie Q) can be contacted for more information

The Area82 Assembly held last weekend through Zoom ran very smoothly. At the DCM meeting it was decided for the Area Executive and the DCMs to meet on Zoom four times a year. A total of 70 groups and 14 districts were represented. Thank you to Mike A and Beth P for participating and representing their groups. CERASSA 2020 will be held in St. Catherine's with the deposit on the hotel being held for two years. GSO has made an additional \$1.5 million draw down from their prudent reserve. An Eastern Canadian Regional forum will be held virtually on December 5. The minutes will be available in the near future with a detailed report from each member of the Area 82 Executive.

The elections for Area 82 resulted in: Trudy A. as Delegate, Gerry W. as Alternate Delegate, Dewayne M. as Chair, Monique M. as Secretary, Albert as Treasurer, and Arlene P. as Remote Communities Chair. The position of Webmaster is vacant as no one offered for the position. After much discussion, the proposals for Area 82 Increasing the Funding for the General Service Conference and Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee were tabled until the next Assembly. The Zoom proposal as well as the proposal of a Co-Chair for PI, CPC, Corrections, and Treatment were passed unanimously. It was discussed and voted on to have a virtual Assembly in the spring and fall for Area 82 in 2021. As a result, there was a very lengthy discussion on Sunday to finalize a 2021 budget of \$27,653 and to increase the prudent reserve for 2021 to 70% (\$19,356) of the budget. A total of \$47,009 will be needed in the prudent reserve and upcoming budget bank accounts at the end of 2020, so no contribution will be given to GSO in 2020 as the total bank balance on October 5 was \$39,305.

District 2 will be holding their elections today for DCM, Alt. DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer for the 2021/2022 term, so please consider these positions as your next step in AA Service. Congratulations in advance to anyone who is nominated for these positions. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about the role of GSR in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

Yours in Service

Blair A
DCM District 2
Area 82

Follow up question regarding Area 82 budget and why it was determined that they needed so much money if Service Weekend and Assembly will be virtual next year. DCM explained the reasoning - Delegate Expenses were decreased but all other positions will be fully funded – we still must pay the 2500 dollars for the conference. Prudent reserve has been increased to 70%.

Central Service Report

October 2020 Report

Central Service Chair

- 1) Bell Aliant – 5 new phones were purchased to replace old phones for Telephone Sub-Committee. Bill P., and I signed a new (not renewed) two-year contract with Bell Aliant and were able to keep the current monthly payment plan close to the cost of old contract. (\$5 more per phone) Those 5 phones were delivered to the Phone Committee Chair who was to transfer the SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) card from old phones to new phones to maintain same phone numbers in each phone. As well, we were able to remove past names that had been on the contracts from past Central Chairs.
- 2) We will keep 3 of the old phones (two are broke) to use as temporary backup during a repair if something unfortunate were to happen to any of the current new phones.
- 3) I have been mentioning the Central Chair Elections are currently happening at Zoom and Face to Face meetings, to promote awareness with the hope that people will become active in Committee Service work.
- 4) I request that all Central Chair Members and our esteemed trusted servants of Districts 1 and 2, to please do the same. The spirit of rotation is important for growth in recovery to the AA individual, and AA Committees are paramount for the success and continuance of AA.
- 5) It is noteworthy to mention that we have members that have been in positions for 4 years when they only should be in for two. Please advocate the importance of AA Service Work. Since this is the Central Service Representative Election year, perhaps outgoing Central Chair Representatives would be up to the challenge as a Sub-Committee Chair or co-chair? Just a thought.
- 6) We have a new Central Service Representative voted in for this Electoral Year for the St. Margaret's Bay Group (SMBG) Peter R. Peter has also volunteered to be Co-Chair of the Mid-Winter Round Up for 2021. Thank you, Peter, for your service and welcome to

Central Service.

7) It is important to let Jamie Q. our Co-Chair/temporary Secretary of Central Service know who each groups new Central Service Chair will be this election year, so we may add their particulars (name, email etc.) to our distribution list and remove the outgoing persons particulars as well.

8) Central Service continues to request the opening for Secretary. The Secretary has the overall responsibility to document the relevant deliberations and the decisions of the monthly Central Service meetings and transmit the same to the members. In particular, the Secretary has the following responsibilities: - Taking the minutes at Central Service meetings; - Distribute the minutes to all the members of Central Service and other AA members who provide email addresses for that purpose; - then Post the approved Email minutes, as an attached PDF document to Webmaster; - Maintain to keep current, the contact list of all members of the Central Service Committee.

9) It is recommended that the Secretary of the Central Service Committee have a minimum of five years continuous sobriety be financially rehabilitated and be actively working AA's 12 Steps. If you feel that you could be a good fit for the above criteria and aforementioned responsibilities, please let your Central Chair, Central Co-Chair, Central Service Rep, or General Service Rep know, and they will guide you in your quest to become a Central Service Executive Committee Secretary.

Michael H - Chair Central Service

Approval of Reports – A motion was made by Foster L. and seconded by Michael A. to adopt all reports as given. All in favor.

Visitors with District related business – none

Old Business

- a. Central Service Elections – bring back to group that there are many committee chair and co-chair positions to be filled.
- b. Group Forms – give this to your new GSR,

New Business

- a. Area 82 Assembly October 9-11, 2020
See DCM report the table held a brief discussion on the Assembly.
- b. AA Service Palooza October 19th, on Zoom – Central Service PI and CPC Committees and

Marie from Technology at 6:30 October 19th, 2020. An opportunity to get information about what these committees do and how. Please log in.

c. Early Risers Meeting – closed until further notice to be reviewed in January.

d. District 2 Elections – carried out by Michael H. Reads the guidelines for the position and then call for nominations.

District Committee Member – Foster L. nominated Blair A. – Blair accepted and qualified and was unanimously elected.
Alternate District Committee Member – Blair nominated Michael A and he accepted and qualified and was unanimously elected.
District Secretary – called for nominations – no nominees.
District Treasurer – Foster L. nominated Chris V. – Chris accepted and qualified and was unanimously elected.

Announcements – Michael A. let us know that Club 24 will likely be increasing rent effective Jan 1/2021.

The Meeting adjourned at 3: pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be October 18th, 2020 at 2:00pm