

**Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
August 15, 2021 at 2:00pm
Online via Zoom**

Meeting Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Chris V., Seconded by Joe M. All in favor. Approved

The 12 Traditions

Read by Joe M.

Interpretation of Tradition Eight – Blair A.

Tradition 8: Giving It Away

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

Tradition 8 allows contributions to be used for support services while the groups provide only non-professional, mutual support, ensuring AA remains an unpaid, nonprofessional organization. Anytime a newcomer reaches out for help, they will receive it, free of charge. In turn, as members freely share their own experience, strength, and hope with the newcomer, they help themselves and reinforce their own recovery.

Twelve-step organizations at the national, state, and regional levels may have service centers which serve the fellowships as a whole by printing and distributing literature and meeting schedules, maintaining answering services, and other tasks. Tradition 8, therefore, allows for the "special workers" to be hired and paid a salary to do the work that volunteers cannot cover.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Tradition Nine- September 2021

Joe M. volunteered

Roll Call/Group Reports

Blair A. - DCM for District 2

Joe M. - GSR Sunrise Group

Joe reported he attended his first meeting in over 1 ½ years. He felt very comfortable as Sunrise is enforcing social distancing and mask wearing. Sunrise will no longer be offering their Zoom meeting on Sundays.

Chris V. - Treasurer for District 2/Central Service Representative/Cole Harbour Group Rep
Cole Harbour Group is going well with meetings at almost full capacity. Chris will follow up with Foster about GSR/Group Contact for group.

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

No report

DCM District 2 Report

The last month was slow with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the August Central Service Meeting. Central Service is working on renewing the Group Insurance Policy for a cost of roughly \$50 per group. Please discuss at your next business meeting the importance of your group having insurance and notify Central Service Co-Chair Chris V., if your group wants to be included. Remember to email any changes to your meetings to the Newsletter and Webmaster as soon as possible. Central Service is in need of another \$1,400 in group contributions to cover their costs for 2021. Several positions still remain vacant for Chair and Co-Chair of some of the sub-committees.

All the committees at Central Service are doing a great job at serving Districts 1 & 2 during the pandemic. PI will be meeting in person in August to plan for the fall when schools, Metro Transit, and local media are busier. Meetings at Detox resumed in July with the same two members hosting a meeting every Sunday and meetings at the Marguerite Center are held twice a month. Hospital Visitations have a monthly meeting with their volunteers who are currently working on creating a poster and information package for nursing homes. Literature has a total replacement cost inventory of \$5,222 of all their books and pamphlets. Help Email had a busier month with 22 emails. The Newsletter wanted to remind everyone to have their information submitted by the 25th of each month. The Round Up was expecting to receive a quote for February 17-19 from the Double Tree Hotel in Dartmouth within a couple days. The ad-hoc Bridging the GAP Committee is in the process of scheduling a meeting with its members. CPC, Entertainment, Website, and Telephones did not report.

The Area 82 Fall Assembly is October 8-10, 2021 on Zoom and a draft agenda has been distributed. The Area Secretary is planning to have the minutes and Delegate report from the Spring Assembly distributed within the next week. An Area 82 DCM/Area Officers meeting is scheduled for September 15 on Zoom. The next Active Area 82 Committee meeting will be held on August 30 on Zoom. The Area 82 Webmaster is working with a new hosting service for the Area 82 website to start fresh with a new database, new software, and reliable technical support.

Area 82 nominations for Eastern Canada Regional Trustee can be sent to Area 82 chair and the requirements are in the Area 82 guidelines. AA Grapevine, Inc. has started an Instagram account (@alcoholicsanonymous_gv) for the AA Grapevine. The new Publisher at AA Grapevine, Inc. is Chris C. and his enthusiasm for change will help Grapevine continue to reflect the Fellowship in every medium available. More information on the GSO Conference and agenda items will be available in Trudy's Delegate Report from the Area 82 Spring Assembly.

I strongly encourage your group to follow the limit of 50% of your venue capacity up to 150 people indoors and up to 250 people outdoors with social distancing and mask wearing, due to the hefty penalties for non compliance. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about your role in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

Yours in Service

Blair A
DCM District 2
Area 82

Central Service Report

Christmas Social can be supported by Central Service financially if restrictions allow. A discussion was had around Area 82 supporting the Webmaster duties for each district to ensure the website operates smoothly and updates are being made. Area 82 currently has a Webmaster hired to work on creating a better Area 82 website. It may be a good time to look at cost of supporting and hosting District websites. Blair will follow up with Area 82 at next Area 82 DCM meeting.

Approval of Reports

Motioned by Joe M., seconded by Chris V. All in favor. Approved

Visitors with District related business

None

Old Business

- a. District 2 Secretary
Called three times for nominations – no nominations

New Business

- a. Preamble Change
Joe M. followed up with Area Delegate and Big Book will not be changed and groups are autonomous.
- b. Fall Assembly
Blair reminded the groups on the importance of attending the Area Assembly as a budget for 2022 will be approved. More information to follow on Agenda for Assembly after DCM/Area Officers Meeting in September.
- c. District 2 Meetings
Will continue with meetings on the third Sunday of each month on Zoom till end of the year

The Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be September 19, 2021 at 2:00pm