

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
January 17th, 2021, 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 – a motion to approve the agenda was made by Beth P. and seconded by Bruce W.

The 12 Traditions - were read by Mike H.

Interpretation of Tradition One - Bob R.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Tradition Two – February 2021 – Ryan K.

7th Tradition – was not collected.

Roll Call/Group Reports

Blair A. - DCM for District 2

Michael A. – Alt. DCM District 2

Chris V. – District 2 Treasurer

Beth P. – District 2 Secretary

Ryan K. - GSR Cole Harbour Group

Bob R. – GSR Keep it Simple Group

Bruce W. – GSR Downtown Dartmouth Group

Joe M. – GSR Sunrise Group

Mike H. – Central Service Chair

Approval of previous months minutes – Approved by Michael A. and seconded by Joe M.

All in favor.

Secretary Report – No Report

Treasurers Report

| December 2020 | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$2201.22 opening balance | \$154.00 revenue |
| \$176.03 expenses | \$2179.19 Closing Balance |

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report – Michael A. is holding a workshop entitled “The Role of the Telephone Committee and How the Committee is Key in Carrying the message outside the rooms of AA”. Feb 7th and Feb 11 at Club 24 see the flyer for times and details.

DCM District 2 Report

January 16, 2021

The last month was busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service Meeting, and my home group regular and business meetings. The Literature Committee guidelines motion was discussed at Central Service and it was motioned to vote on it at the February Central Service meeting. Sandy D. was elected as Co-Chair of the Telephones and Sherry G. was elected as Chair of Help E-Mail. Many positions still remain vacant for Chair and Co-Chair of the Sub committees. Central Service is also in need of a Secretary for a one-year term. If current sub-committee positions have no one to step up to continue the service of their sub-committee, AA Halifax’s link to individuals outside of AA will fail. Responsibilities will fall upon a few, and it won’t be sustainable for very long.

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 have been delivering pamphlets and posters to health care centers, shelters, and businesses. Eastlink and Seaside FM have agreed to air our current PSA. Meetings at Detox and Corrections are cancelled. Hospital Visitations was able to do a face-to-face visit outside at The NS Rehab Center and Zoom meetings or phone calls are available. The Help Email was slow with only three inquiries from new members. The Telephone Committee reported the telephones are running smoothly and working on updating the 12 Step call list. The Webmaster was busy updating meeting changes, enhancing the security of the website, and researching simpler web hosting solutions. When your group starts to hold in person meetings or making changes to their zoom meetings please remember to notify the Webmaster and Newsletter Committee.

Literature sold \$335 in books in December, purchased \$1,189 worth of books, and is ordering the new book “A Visual History of AA”. The Newsletter is doing their best to keep the information up to date in the Newsletter and Meeting List. Entertainment has no activities planned due to the restrictions on social gatherings. The Ad-Hoc Technology Committee is no longer active in Central Service, but Marie is available for any technology consultation. The virtual “No Matter What” 2021 Mid-Winter Roundup on February 13 & 14 will now have a reduced cost of \$600 and the Committee is working on ways for members to make a donation electronically.

The minutes for the December Area 82 DCM Meeting have been distributed along with updated

2020 Financials. The updated Area 82 Guidelines have been received and distributed. A communication and a request for resumes for the new Area 82 Committee Chair positions was received from Gerry W. (Alt. DSD) and distributed to groups. The first ever virtual Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) will be held February 26-28 (<https://www.neraasa.org/register/>). Registration for the virtual 57th Annual International Women's Conference on February 18-21 is now open.

I have been in contact with a couple members to fill the role of Secretary for District 2 but have no nominations at this time. I am looking forward to working with the new executive and GSR's of District 2 during the next two years. 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

Central Service's January meeting had 26 people in attendance.

With only PI, Phones Chair and Co-Chair, Hospital Visitation, and Help Desk voted in newly thus far, the opportunities for official AA Service work is still possible for those who feel they are ready to give back to the AA community.

Concept 1 states that the final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.

Our "Declaration of Unity" states: This we owe to AA's future: To keep our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

These are no small declarations, and in my unqualified opinion, needs to be in the teachings of AA from Sponsor, to Sponsee. As well, advocated within the groups as topics, and group conscience requirements at the business meeting levels.

To keep our fellowship united as a collective conscience, we need continuity through AA Service representation. So, please take back to your groups the requirements that Central Service has with regards to Service Position openings.

Lastly, the Literature Proposal has been tabled for February to discuss after members take it back to their groups for collective opinion.

Welcome all to 2021.

Yours in service,

Michael H., Central Service Chair, Districts 1 and 2, Area 82

A reminder that any group advertising on the website for in person meetings they must be doing it according to health prodigals.

Michael H.

Central Service Chair

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

Visitors with District related business - None

Old Business

1. Old Business
 - a. Central Service Elections – take back to your groups that we need chairs and co-chairs. All vacant; positions are listed in the newsletter.
 - b. District 2 Secretary - Please take this back to your groups that this position is available. Beth doing them if we meet on Zoom until a replacement is elected.
 - c. Group Forms – to register as General Service Rep at GSO Blair (DCM Dist. 2) has distributed the form online. Get your address, email, and phone number to Blair so you can get your GSO package.
 - d. New Signing Officers at Bank – Signing officers not yet changed and we are going to add Michael A and Chris V. Blair will set up an appointment at the bank.

2. New Business
 - a. District 2 Meetings in 2021
 - i. Date, Time, and Location – we will continue to meet via Zoom until the June Meeting. Bob R made a motion that we continue to meet on Zoom until June Bruce W seconded. We can reassess at any time.
 - ii. Agenda – Is there a better time to meet? We will keep it as is – every third Sunday of the month.
 - b. 2021 Budget – we reviewed the proposed 2021 Budget and will vote on this in February. The table has decided that we will take the 2021 proposed budget as it is and GSR's can discuss with their groups. The Treasurer will also provide a narrative to accompany this document.
 - c. DCM will get this to all GSR's so that they can review this with their groups.

Announcements – Cyril S. has passed away. Lefty will be celebrating 50 years at DDG Feb 22nd.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be February 21st at 2:00pm