

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
November 21, 2021 at 2:00pm
Online via Zoom

Meeting Call to Order

DCM Blair A. called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Michael A. Seconded by Amy A. All in favor. Approved

The 12 Traditions

Read by Bernie S.

Interpretation of Tradition Ten

Chris V. read the short version: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy." Tradition 10 is very straight forward. AA is about one distinct singleness of purpose which is to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic

Interpretation of Tradition Eleven

Michael A. read the long form: "Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Tradition 11 is very straight forward. AA members should not brag about their sobriety, rather leave it to their friends and family to boast. AA members should keep their discussion in the rooms of AA.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Tradition Twelve

Bernie S. volunteered

Roll Call/Group Reports

Amy A. - GSR Downtown Dartmouth

Meetings are going well. Three birthdays will be celebrated in November. Hosting the Christmas Social at Club 24 on December 24 at 2pm-4pm

Michael A. - GSR Keep It Simple/Alt DCM District 2

Meetings are going very well. 25 people per meeting. Four birthdays at end of the month

Bernie S. - GSR Sunrise

15-20 people attend meeting each week. Few new people attending meeting. Two birthdays in November

Chris V. - Treasurer of District 2/Central Service Co-Chair

Blair A. - DCM District 2

Sandra B - Coly Village Big Book Representative
 Holding their Gratitude Meeting on December 20. Three birthdays in November.

Approval Of Minutes

Approval of minutes was missed during meeting. Will be incorporated into December meeting

Secretary Report

No report

Treasurers Report

\$2501 bank balance
 \$1601 in prudent reserve
 \$422 deposit from groups outstanding
 \$500 in two cheques plus rent of \$240 outstanding

District 2 Actual to Budget Aug 2021															
	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Variance
Revenue															
Group Contributions	600		200		500									700	100
7th Tradition	40													-	(50)
2020 Carry Over	2,179	2,179												2,179	-
Miscellaneous															
Total Revenue	2,829	2,179	200	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,879	50
Expenses															
Rent - Club 24	480			240										240	(240)
DCM	240								138					138	(112)
DCM - NS Service W/E	-													-	-
Alt DCM - NS Service W/E	-													-	-
Area 82 Assembly	-													-	-
Secretary	75													-	(75)
Group Insurance	50													-	(50)
Treasurer	30													-	(30)
Outreach	500													-	(500)
Workshop Committee	100													-	(100)
2020 Provincial	-													-	-
Miscellaneous	75													-	(75)
Total Expense	1,560			240					138					378	(1,182)
Net Income	1,269	2,179	200	(240)	500	-	-	-	(138)	-	-	-	-	2,501	1,252
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														Balance Check	0
														Prudent Reserve	1,601
														Total Cash	4,102

Proposed Budget for 2022 was reviewed by Treasurer

	Budget
Revenue	
Group Contributions	1,100
7th Tradition	50
2021 Carry Over	-
Miscellaneous	-
Total Revenue	1,150
Expenses	
Rent - Club 24	480
DCM	1,000
DCM - NS Service W/E	-
Alt DCM - NS Service W/E	-
Area 82 Assembly	-
Secretary	75
Group Insurance	50
Treasurer	30
Outreach	500
Workshop Committee	100
2020 Provincial	-
Miscellaneous	75
Total Expense	2,310
Net Income	(1,160)

2022 Budget to be reviewed by groups and approved in December.

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

Mike A. reported 4th Step workshop in October was very successful with 29 people in attendance. Public Information workshop planned for December 12 and Bridging the Gap in February.

DCM Report

The last month was busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service meeting where groups were reminded to submit their \$50 payment for the Group Insurance Policy. Central Service received donations from several groups last month which will help fund their expenses in 2022. No further positions were filled at Central Service, so the positions of Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary remain open for the 2022/2023 term. Several one-year positions also still remain vacant for Chair and Co-Chair of some of the sub-committees. A motion was approved to not offer a virtual round up in 2022 and Downtown Dartmouth will host the Holiday Social.

All the committees at Central Service are doing a great job at serving Districts 1 & 2 during the pandemic. PI has been very busy working with shelters, medical clinics, doctor offices, and guidance counselors. They also did a presentation at the Maritime Business College and are planning one for the NSCC. Corrections have volunteers ready to host meetings in Burnside once they are allowed to take place. Hospital Visitations had no requests for visits but are starting to distribute their communication package poster to nursing homes. Help Email had a busy month with 18 individuals contacting for various reasons. The Telephones are running well with five new people volunteering for the day time phones. Treatment is meeting twice a month at the Marguerite Center and hope to resume meetings at Detox in November. The Webmaster reported the meeting list changes are back to normal and the traffic on the website has dropped as a result of more in person meetings. Bridging the Gap, CPC, Literature, Newsletter, Entertainment, and Round Up did not report.

Area 82 has been in contact with the NS Department of Labour and Advanced Education Safety Branch to clarify what restrictions are in place for meetings. Proof of vaccination, entry ledgers, social distancing, and gathering limits are not necessary, but mask wearing is mandatory. I have forwarded this information from the Area Chair (Dwayne) and some service documents from the Area Delegate (Trudy) which will help groups host meetings safely. I strongly encourage your group to discuss this at your next business meeting, as it is the groups responsibility to enforce.

The new General Manager of GSO Bob W. released his first communication which talks about his primary focus being service and an update on GSO during COVID. Bob W. also wrote a Gratitude Letter, as November is thought of by many A.A.s as "Gratitude Month." It is a time when A.A. groups often choose to make special contributions to their local service offices or committees and to G.S.O. The reports from the 2021 Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the General Service Board have been distributed. AAWS is currently offering "A Trio of Holiday Special Offers!" on some literature items.

During the last week I have come to appreciate and understand the importance of the "upside-down triangle" in AA. It is ultimately the group conscience that decides how groups hold meetings, as Area or District have no authority. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas

about your role in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

Central Service Report

Chris V. reported Mid Winter Roundup will not be taking place in 2022. Rotation of officers at Central Service will be taking place in January.

Approval of Reports

Motioned by Mike A. Seconded by Amy A. All in favor. Approved

Visitors with District Related Business

None

Old Business

- a. District 2 Secretary
No nominations

New Business

- a. 2022 Budget Discussion
Discussed during Treasurer report
- b. Double Vaccination Requirement
Blair received notification from Mike H. (CS Chair) about complaint from a member who was denied access to a meeting as he was not double vaccinated. Emails sent from Blair to communicate Area 82's finding with NS government on requirements and double vaccination is not required. Mike A questioned about groups who are requesting double vaccination. Blair explained Area or District has no authority over what groups require to attend meetings. Blair hoped it was a group conscience to make this decision. Mike A questioned on weather masks were mandatory. Blair communicated masks are mandatory and advises groups to follow this as fines are high.
- c. Area Assembly Review
 - I. \$30,900 budget approved for 2022
 - II. Area Webmaster position to be investigated to see on cost of out sourcing position
 - III. No travel will be required by GSR/AGSR in Spring as a virtual Spring Assembly will be held to replace service weekends
 - IV. Area guidelines will be updated to reflect Area Officers requirement motion approved at 2021 Fall Assembly and motions from previous Assemblies. A motion to not read the minutes at Area Assemblies was defeated at Fall Assembly but groups may want to discuss in case it is brought up again.

Announcements

Best attendance at District meeting in last 6-8 months. Please bring back to your group about District going back to in person meetings as it will be discussed at December meeting.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

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