

Minutes of

DISTRICT 2 COMMITTEE MEETING

January 21, 2024 at 2:00pm

In Person at Club 24

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Bernie S at 2pm with the Serenity Prayer.

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Joan. Concept One – Joanne had volunteered but was not able to attend so Bernie did that.

Concept One: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Volunteer for Concept Two in February : Joanne O.

Approval of Agenda

Motioned to approve the agenda by Amy, seconded by Joan. All in favour.

Motion passed.

7th Tradition

The 7th was collected.

ROLL CALL: in attendance.

Executive	GSR	Alt GSR	Observers
DCM – Bernie S	Amy A. – Downtown Dartmouth		
Alt DCM – Alex C.	Joan M – Keep It Simple		
SECRETARY – Absent		Michaela Alt GSR – Cole Harbour	
TREASURER – Blair A	Peggy – Colby Village		Paul B – Central service Chair

Roll Call/GSR Reports

Peggy V from Colby Village Big Book Study Group reported that their group is doing well. She has been newly appointed so did not have a written report this time.

Amy A. GSR for Downtown Dartmouth reported that the group has strong attendance and strong participation. Seventh tradition is going well. One birthday this month. Karen G.

Michaela Alt GSR from Cole Harbour reported that their group has 25-30 in attendance each week. Again, there appear to be more women in attendance. They were open over the holidays and numbers were not down. Earlier this month they had 2 birthdays one of which was Michaela with 5 years and John with 29 years.

Paul B was present as the newly elected chair of Central Service. He will present his report later.

Alex C was present as Alt DCM and will give her report later.

Joan M from Keep It Simple reported that their group continues to flourish and they continue to see an increased presence of female members. They had a couple very large meetings, one on christmas day and one on boxing day. Keep It Simple continues to be on rotation for detox and now for the mental health meetings at Simpson Landing. Also for Bryony House and Marguerite Center.

Approval Of December Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Joan M. Seconded by Amy. All in favour.
Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Secretary Report

Secretary was absent as she was out of the country on a retreat. Bernie has been in contact with Cheryl and during the conversation Cheryl had

mentioned stepping down but was not sure she would do that. Her and Bernie (DCM) would speak after she returns and see how that is going. As DCM, Bernie will assume secretarial duties in the interim.

Treasurer Report – Blair A

Blair went over the financial report he had emailed to everyone. The contribution of \$1000 that we had given to GSO has just been mailed. That hasn't been cleared through the bank yet. We have an operating balance of \$2616.54 with the \$1000 check outstanding and a deposit outstanding of \$645.50 which puts our adjusted bank balance at \$2264.04 plus our prudent reserve of \$1607.09 which puts total cash available at \$3869.13

We decided to wait one more month to vote on the district budget. Some discussion followed about groups not distributing their excess funds correctly. For example, district is doing well and does not need large contributions from groups. What's been happening is District has been having a large amount of funds at the end of the year and we have to give our money to GSO when each group ought to be giving their money directly to the service entities that require it. This could be arrived at better by reading the financial statements for each entity and then deciding who needs the money more.

Alt DCM Report – The workshop in February would have fallen on the weekend of the roundup. Since we had difficulties last time we re-scheduled to having it on the third Sunday, Alex thought it best to have it on the first Sunday of the month. Feb 4, 2024 at 1 pm. Workshop will be on Tradition Three.

DCM Report

I attended the Christmas Social on Christmas Eve. It was well attended by both districts.

I was in attendance at the New Years Dance. It was actually my wedding

anniversary. The dinner was great, the music was great, the fellowship was great.

I was able to attend the Central Service meeting this month. That was held on January 9, 2024. The new executive committee did a fine job.

I attended the Assembly Committee meetings on December 21 of last year and on January 11th of this year. At the first meeting, Foster L. was elected Committee Chair, Michelle W was elected Secretary, Noelle D became Hospitality Chair and Pedro was elected Technology Chair.

Joan from Keep It Simple had been nominated as co-chair but after some discussion it was decided that sitting GSRs or alternates could not serve on the committee. At January's meeting, that decision was overturned. Marie from the Acceptance Group was elected co-chair and Chris V. from Downtown Dartmouth was elected Treasurer.

Positions still available for the Assembly Committee are Co-Treasurer, Registration, Co-Registration, Co-Hospitality, Transportation, and Co-Technology. Next meeting for that is February 15, 2024 at 630 pm.

I had received 2 cheques from Foster that were accidentally given to him but should be for the district, one from Fall River Group and one from Early Risers Group. I'll be letting all groups know that the district has a treasurer.

I received email from Area concerning the deadline for Spring Assembly agenda items. That date is February 1, 2024. After that, the Area chair will prepare the agenda and have it sent to us to forward to your groups. We talked about that last month and we will be discussing it under Old Business.

I was able to locate the email I received from Area which clarified the situation with the vacancies of treasurer and archivist. I had forwarded that email to Cheryl but there was some confusion and it was not forwarded to the GSRs. I re-forwarded it. And I have a copy here. I hope this sheds light on the situation. As for making the area aware of our dissatisfaction for the way this was handled, the DCMs for District 6 and District 3 have already done so and by us doing it also I feel we will just be restating the obvious.

Mid winter roundup is on the weekend of 9-11. This will be the first time these districts have held a 3 day roundup since Covid so I hope attendance is good to encourage such events in the future.

Bernie read the letter from Area concerning the decisions made on the vacancies of Area Treasurer and NS Archivist. Some discussion followed and it was determined that the meeting held by Area without the DCMs knowledge was conducted according to Area guidelines and the outcome of that meeting would have been the same even if the DCMs had been present.

Central Service Report

Paul B, newly elected Chair for Central Service was present and reported that he was grateful to be at our meeting and wanted to applaud all the women who were currently at the district table. Paul stressed that communication was vital to service and he is hoping to meet once a month with his executive committee and once a month with the whole central service committee. There was a very lively discussion about the budget that he hopes to have finalized by the next meeting. Midwinter roundup appears to be going well. And Gilles has been re-organizing some things so he might be calling people at odd hours. Paul also mentioned that Central Service is looking for a co-chair.

Bernie also had a flyer for an information session on Plain Language Big Book. Paul from central service had more information on that because Paul serves on the GSO Literature Committee.

Paul asked the committee if anyone on it had been in contact with 211 because apparently someone has and has released contact info for individual members. Bernie assured Paul that no one from District 2 has updated anything with 211.

Approval of Reports

Motion to approve the reports by Joan Seconded by Blair. All in favour.

Motion passed.

Visitors with District Related Business – None.

Old Business

We had discussed the situation with the Area Vacancies. Completed.

Gave update on fall assembly committee. Completed

No items to go on spring assembly.

New Business

GSRs who have not already done so should go over the district budget with their groups. So we can approve it at February meeting,

Next meeting February 18, 2024 @2:00 pm

3rd Sunday of every month