

District 2 Committee Meeting

August 16th, 2026

In person at Club 24

Meeting Opening

The Meeting opened by Bernie S. at 2:00pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Amy A.

12 Traditions read by Nancy S.

Concept 8 interpretation by Amy A.

September Concept 9 volunteer Beth P.

The 7th Tradition was observed.

Roll Call

Executive	GSR	Alt GSR	Observers
DCM - Bernie S	Nancy S – Sunrise Group		Michael A. Keep it Simple
Alt DCM – Amy A.	Arlene – Cole Hrb. Group		Alec C. - West End Step
Secretary – Vacant	Beth P – Downtown Dartmouth		Heather L – Central Service Chair
Treasurer - Vacant	Kenny – Keep it Simple		
	Jim – Early Risers		

Group Updates

Nancy S – Sunrise Group	Meets Tues at 7:30 – birthdays Sept 25 – Joe G. 50 yrs & Alan 25yrs
Arlene – Cole Hrb. Group	Group meets on Sunday night at 7:30 Open discussion meeting. Well attended with 25 to 30 people per meeting Birthdays on Sept 6 th – Bob 1 yr, David 3 yrs
Beth P – Downtown Dartmouth	Amy gave a birthday report – Jess M 1 yr, Bree 1 yr., Leonard 12 yrs, Jason S. 8 yrs
Kenny – Keep it Simple	Birthdays last Friday of the month Natalie 13 yrs, Carol 1 & Adam 2
Jim – Early Risers	Jim and Janet both celebrating 1 year. Last Saturday of September

Adoption of Previous Minutes

Approval of July 2026 meeting minutes adopted by Nancy and seconded by Amy A.

Secretary Report

Bernie S. will send new GSR information off to GSO for Kits and Area 82.

Treasurer Report

Bernie S. reports that 7th Tradition was 5 dollars at the last meeting and we had no expenses. Opening balance is \$2671.94 and Closing balance \$2676.94

Alternate DCM Report

Amy A – Held a workshop on Tradition 10 (a week early) attendance was low (3 people). The next workshop will be in October and will be on Tradition 11.

DCM Report

I attended the NS Archives meeting in July. Kathy has been receiving the minutes I have been emailing her and expressed her gratitude for that.

I attended the quarterly Area Officers meeting. As always, Basil gave a good presentation of the budget. The Area is doing well financially, but Basil encourages groups to continue to contribute as they see fit. Information on how to contribute to Area 82 may be found on their website www.area82aa.org

I attended the Active Committee meeting the end of July. There was a great presentation from the Area 83 Corrections Chair.

One thing that has come to my attention involves the 75th Anniversary of Club 24. Since I am the contact for the District 2 Committee, I was asked if I could speak at the event to tell those present how grateful District 2 was for Club 24. Unfortunately, I had to refrain from doing so.

The long form of Tradition Six says that while an AA group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. District 2 neither endorses nor opposes Club 24 and participation at their anniversary event whether by speaking or by putting on a meeting at the event would be a blatant disregard for that Tradition. As DCM, I will not be doing it. As groups in District 2, I would encourage you to abide by whatever your group conscience decides. Tradition Four states that each group is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

District 2 is currently without a treasurer and a secretary. The elections for the next two year term will be coming up in October and we may have most of the committee lined up by then, but until then we could still use an interim treasurer and an interim secretary.

There is an item under New Business concerning a change to the format of the Fall Assembly. I received an email from Paul B. Alternate General Service Delegate, advising us all that the hybrid format had been cancelled and that the Assembly would only be in-person. I responded by sending an email to the Area82 Chair expressing my discontent. I received a couple responses, one from George MacLean, Area Chair, one from Nick C., the Area Registrar. And one phone call from the Alternate General Service Delegate. Apparently, the district that is hosting the Assembly can not afford the equipment that this technology requires and they have no one with the tech savvyness to operate the equipment. Since the hosting committee ultimately decides these things, they opted not to use the hybrid technology. I was told that they are very sorry about this and that they apologize for any inconvenience. The Alternate General Service Delegate has offered to read a report from District 2 along with his own report as long as I keep it brief and I will.

Last week, I received an email from a member who had attended a meeting in Sackville with is in District One. He had a grievance about a newcomer he had brought to the meeting who was told his dog could not accompany him. I explained to him why the Group Insurance Policy does not allow non-service dogs in meetings. I also gave him a bit more info about service animals. Specifically, an emotional support animal is NOT a service dog. Service dogs are specially trained to assist individuals with walking, sitting, picking up fallen items, detecting seizures, etc. Service dogs are protected under public access rights. Emotional support animals are not trained and are also not protected under public access rights.

In love and service

Bernie S.

DCM District 2

Area 82

Central Service Representative Report

Heather L – reports that Central Service was also approached about the Club 24 Anniversary and had the same opinion as Bernie S. about Tradition Six.

The Annual Service Fair normally held in September will now be rolled into the Mid-Winter Round Up in February 2027. Attendance at the September event was never good, and the MWRU is a better venue with a bigger audience.

Seeking a group to host the Christmas Eve Social – please take this back to your groups. There is a budget for this.

Central Service has their first reading review of the 2027 Budget – this will be voted on in December 2026.

Currently meeting at Keshan Goodman library but in October they are moving to Northwood Community Centre at 185 Gary Martin Drive in Bedford.

The four district committees continue to work well – one idea that came up at the August meeting is to allow AA members who are house bound to reach out to Hospital Visitation and/or Treatment. Hospital Visitation could send volunteers to visit with them in their homes and perhaps have a meeting with them. Treatment is willing to Closing the Gap list to find someone to take them to a meeting if driving is an issue for them.

In September we will begin elections for the Sub-Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs. Please bring this back to your groups.

Yours in Service

Heather L.

Chair, Central Service

Approval of the Reports

Nancy S. moved that the reports be approved, and it was seconded by Amy A.

Elections

Amy nominated Beth as secretary; all were in favor, and she accepted.

No nominations for Treasurer.

Next meeting is September 20, 2026

Meeting closed at 2:45 with the Responsibility Pledge