

## Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm NS time

Chaired by Gerry W. Area 82 NS/NL A-GSD

***In attendance.***

***Gerry W. Area 82 Alt-GSD***

***Mark Z. (District 3) PI Chair and Area 82 PI Co-Chair***

***Boyd B. (District 15) PI and Area 82 PI Co-Chair***

***Sharon G (NL-Archivist) Chair***

***Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI)***

***Paul W (District 6) Chair; PI***

Gerry opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Gerry reviewed the minutes from our July meeting. And welcomed Sharon G (NL Archivist) to her first Active Area Committees meeting.

- **From Boyd B. (District 15 PI and Area 82 PI Co-Chair)**

District 15 committees shut down during the summer so there is nothing much new to report. We were able to finish up the Bridging the Gap contact list for NL. This will be passed on to the Grace Center as well as District 1 and 2 where it will be useful to their formative BTG committee.

- **From Mark Z. (District 3) Chair PI/CPC.**

We have been in contact with a mental health organization to coordinate a public information display. That should happen before the end of the month.

We're still on the agenda for a presentation to the municipality of the County of Kings. They haven't forgotten us, but things are slow with COVID.

I placed a paragraph in our newsletter to all our groups in our District that CPC / PI committee is looking for members and that the Area 82 co chair positions need to be filled. I also put that through to all the provincial DCM'S for them to pass along passing it

along. A lot of them shut down for the summer, so I'll approach them again early next month.

We have a couple of local festivals such as the Apple Blossom Festival, the Lawrencetown Exhibition and the Hants County Exhibition days. Each of those festivals, puts out a flyer, brochure or booklet of all the events. I will check with them to see if they would put a public service announcement in their publication.

I was talking to the Rotary Club who put out an annual publication. It's quite a thick, glossy, well-done publication that goes right through the Annapolis Valley. It provides information about all the businesses in the valley and what those businesses do. And it's just a promotion of the valley business. They have agreed to put some information on AA in their publication as a public service announcement.

- ***From Sharon G (NL-Archivist) Chair***

I took on the position of chair for Newfoundland / Labrador Archives. I haven't accomplished much over the summer. Because the Archives are stored in the same building, I plan to coordinate with the St John's Intergroup and hopefully use their office as a staging area as my committee forms and gets started. I have a pool of active women AA's here to draw from. I have talked to Kathy S-C. She is a great source of experience and I hope to draw on that knowledge and experience as we move ahead.

- ***Clayton B. (Districts 1 & 2 PI)***

Good evening, folks. My name is Clayton. Our PI committee met in person on August 14<sup>th</sup> in Sackville..

I contacted some folks with Canadian Forces medical facility in Halifax. They took some posters, business cards, pamphlets. I was able to provide a number of pamphlets, that were specifically focused on armed service members.

I also gave some of the military focused pamphlets to the veterans group.

We investigated putting our public service announcement sign up at a prominent spot just by Cobequid. Road and Sackville. It's a high traffic area and will only cost \$100 per month.

Another member looked into radio station 97.5 FM community radio in Sackville. They have agreed to broadcast our AA public service announcement. Radio station CKDU of Dalhousie University is also going to do that for us.

The Sackville business association does a flyer for its members which gets distributed all over the Sackville area in restaurants and businesses are going to put a PSA in that flyer on our behalf.

We also discussed the Area 82 website and would like to suggest the use of Tabs on the site like those in use by Area 81

- **Paul W (District 6) Chair; PI**

I'm Paul W I'm an alcoholic and I'm district six PI Chair.

I've been visiting Visitors Information Centers and medical facilities.

The Visitors Information Center in Tatamagouche took our contact information.

Truro Information Center is still closed

Stewiacke was open but are not displaying many pamphlets. They did take our 24 hour number and post it.

I went to a medical center in Stewiacke as well they were willing to post our 24 Hour number. They still had a few brochures there but they didn't have our 24 hour numbers

- **Gerry W. (Alt GSD.)**

We have a liaison with the treatment facility in the nearby community of Harbor Grace. We have been providing AA zoom meetings for them, when they asked for it. We hope to build on that as we go forward.

Ray S. (DCM) from District 12 informed me that they are back into the Humberwood facility with live meetings.

**General discussion followed reports.**

**Mark Z shared.**

We approached the village of New Minas and had our contact information added to their service club sign alongside information for the Rotary, the Kinsmen, the RCMP. The sign is made of metal, and is therefore, permanent. It will be there as long as that structure stays up. They cost about \$115 each at the time (a couple years ago). It was money well spent.

- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 NS time
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2021

Roughly transcribed by

Gerry W.

