

## Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm NS time

Chaired by Gerry W. Area 82 NS/NL Chair (filling in for Trudy A. Alt GSD)

***In attendance.***

***Gerry W. Area 82 Chair***

***Mark Z. (District 3) PI Chair***

***Heather C (District 1 and 2) Chair; CPC***

***Paul B. (District 6) Chair; PI***

***Angela B. (District 6) observer***

***Boyd B. (District 15) CPC-PI-Institutions (Filling in for the Chair Lesley O.)***

Gerry opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. asked for reports by District;

- **Heather C (District 1 and 2) Chair; CPC**

The CPC committee has been working closely with PI since we've been on Zoom. In the month of December we, (in conjunction with PI) have contacted all the homeless shelters and in house facilities in the Halifax area, to see if they needed pamphlets or if they were willing to display the new poster our PI committee had developed.. There were seven homeless shelters and two in-house facilities (Absom house and one other) who took advantage of our services. That was delivered before Christmas. I also contacted the RCMP and dropped off our information cards to detachments in Sackville, Cantallon (sp?) and Cold Harbour. We met the incoming PI Chair for 2021 , Clayton (?) via a Zoom meeting at the beginning of the month to familiarize him with his role. Most of the existing committee will be remaining to serve with him. Under the circumstances, it has been a productive month.

Thanks for my sobriety.  
Heather C.

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

It has been a very quiet month here in District 3. We are putting out an appeal to all the groups to try and get some members on the committee. We have done a lot of

restocking and planning for projects in the new year. Once we get into the New Year and get over the Christmas holidays, we will start doing our thing again and getting information out to wherever it's needed. Our report includes a lot of preparation and planning. We do, however, have everything we need to get started. We should not be much of a strain on the finances of the District because we have a lot of material already in stock. We are set and ready to go.

- **Paul B. (District 6) Chair; PI**

I went to the walk-in mental health clinic in Truro where I dropped off some pamphlets and gave them our 24 hour number. I did the same at Social Services. I went back in to the Souls Harbour Rescue Mission to see if they wanted some more pamphlets. They took some more and they still have our 24 hour number. And one of our members mentioned to me that to check out the halfway house in Truro. I dropped in at Queen Street and left a couple of pamphlet packages. They still had our health card posted with our 24 hour number.

A lot of our meetings are in person, but there are some who are still on the Zoom. Hill Group and Free Spirit Group are on Zoom while the New Freedom Group and Hubtown groups offer a combination of in person and Zoom meetings. It's changed us a little bit now and again, but we're in tandem with at Sunrise Trail Group. We do in person. Covid restrictions allow 10 people in our room. When more than ten people come the older, more stable members step outside into a different room. We ensure that anybody that visits can come into the room and we still maintain our social distancing.

- **Boyd B . (District 15) CPC-PI-Institutions committee member (filling in for Chair Lesley O.)**

- PSA's sent to radio stations. Standard letters sent out to distribution list of professional associations, community groups, unions and large local employers. Christmas PSA to be sent in a couple weeks. VOCM to be contacted by George to determine what promotions are available over Christmas season.
- Rogers Channel 9 – Seeking update from Rogers if they are still using our screen shot.
- Churches – Generally thought this is a good idea that we should resend out our letter and the AA for Clergy literature to local churches, however, potentially look to do this electronically rather than hardcopy. Work in progress.
- Recruitment for PI Committee Required – need new Treasurer, Secretary and new members in general. Service positions posted on the Intergroup website. Committee is actively recruiting. A couple of new potential members identified. Treasurer will be finishing at end of year, 2020.
- Newfoundland Herald – have received some pricing for space in the regular weekly publication, as well as the Christmas Cookbook edition. Committee agreed to proceed with regular weekly publication, but not with the Christmas cookbook.

- Literature order to be placed – need a variety of different pamphlets and books. Work in progress.
- RNC Association Crime Prevention Guide – committee agreed to proceed.
- Digital advertising (Static Ads) – Rough cost estimates provided, these included design fees, campaign fees and reporting fees. Committee will investigate further and look to potentially pursue in 2021.
- LGBTQ+ Meeting on Zoom – member wished to inform committee that this group has reached out to a number of outreach organizations to inform them of the new LGBTQ+ AA group in town (The Best Kind). In addition, member requested that if the opportunity arises during the course of our normal business, that we could pass along the information for the meeting to any groups that may benefit.
- Pearl, Loop and Shoreline, Buy & Sell – Treasurer to inquire about credit or 6 months free during 2021, given the decreased circulation over the pandemic shut down period.
- Her Majesty's Penitentiary (HMP) – Less volunteers willing to go out in the public. Secretary to ask Intergroup to send out an email looking for volunteers to chair meetings at HMP.
- Recovery Centre – Less volunteers willing to go out in the public. Recovery Centre would like additional meetings, at this time we are unable to accommodate; however, when things return to “normal” we should to re-establish a Sunday meeting.
- ATSA (Addiction Treatment Services Association): Looking to hold an information session on Addictions Awareness in January due to speaker availability.
- School presentations: Will defer for time being, given COVID concerns and restrictions.

***General discussion followed reports.***

- Gerry W. “ In early January of 2021, I will send out an email calling for resumes to fill the five co-chair positions (five for each province) based on the Motion passed at the October Assembly to elect co-chairs for PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections, and Grapevine.”

***“The elected Co-chairs of Committees will assist and work with the Chair (Alt. Delegate) for the abovementioned Committees. The Co-chair, with direction of the Chair, will provide support in districts and groups in engaging in building Committees in their communities passing information from GSO, help set up committees in districts that do not have committees, help facilitate workshops or any other assistance that required by the districts in the province, to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. The***

***Chair/Alt. Delegate will report on all the committees for both provinces at the service weekend as well as a yearly Area 82 Assembly. “***

“We hope to get a full slate for both provinces. A resume will be submitted to document your history in service and your willingness to serve. If the co-chair positions are appropriately distributed over both provinces, we can get as wide a representation as possible in all those committees. The call for resumes will go out in early January, and the positions will be voted upon at our Spring Assembly (May 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021”

- Heather C. “I'm Heather, and I'm an alcoholic. We have a new PCI chair, starting in January, Clayton. And but a lot of us are still staying on the committee. So that, you know, we can still be involved. We haven't had anybody step up for CPC chair yet, but I will still be stepping down. If a presentation is requested, we will respond as a combined PI and CPC committee, we'll just be looking after each other until a new CPC chair comes in. In January, we're revisiting the doctor's offices with a new poster we have developed. “
- Mark Z. “The posters have worked really well for us. We have two different sizes and 11 by 17 and a 24 by 36. We have several at key locations throughout our district. They're bright and are eye-catching. Everyone likes something for free. So all we do is ask permission. And they either say yes or no, we're getting a lot of yeses, and it's gone very well. We've placed some Big Books in libraries and high schools. They are free, so they love to have it. They're very grateful. Another thing that has worked well for us is the businesses that have electronic signs. And we've asked to have our information posted in their loop and a few of them have agreed and are still running our Alcoholics Anonymous name and phone number at no cost to us.”
- Boyd B. “A few years ago, we purchased some space on the back of the local buses, plus some internal ones for inside up near the ceiling. They have been running ever since. Even though there was only supposed to be a one year contract, hey never asked us to renew it. They simply continue on.”
- The meeting adjourned at 6:30 NS time
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January , 2021

Roughly transcribed by

Gerry W.