

Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

January 25th, 2021

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm NS time

Chaired by Gerry W. Area 82 NS/NL Alt GSD

In attendance.

Gerry W. Area 82 Alternate GSD

Trudy D. Area 82 GSD

Mark Z. (District 3) CPC-PI Chair

Kathy S.C. Area 82 NS Archivist

Arlene P. Area 82 Remote Communities Chair

Ray S. District 12 DCM, Treatment Committee

Troy S. (District 1 & 2) Corrections Chair

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

- **Catthy MacN. District 1 and 2 Literature Chair (emailed notice)**

I cannot get to the Monday meetings as I chair my home group that evening. However, you could let everyone know that the Bookstore at Club 24 in Dartmouth is still open every Saturday morning from 11-1.

I have ordered 40 copies of the new book that AAWS has published (“A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous”). It was meant for the convention in Detroit last year. Price is yet to be determined but under \$20 for sure.

- **Troy S (District 1 and 2) Corrections Chair**

I'm the outgoing chair for Corrections but there's nobody nominated to take over that position yet. We really haven't been in a position to hold the in-person meetings at the central Nova Scotia regional correctional facility for 10 and a half months. The provincial government laid out new guidelines today, however I have yet to hear back from the head Kahunas over there. They also have staffing issues currently. I think we'll probably know about access within a week. Our committee really wants to get back to those in

person meetings. In the interim, we have been placing and replenishing literature for the inmates and also in the library at the facility. We drop that off (contactless) wrapped up in plastic, and they leave it for a few days. And then they distribute by their caseworkers. We also have some people in the committee that have been doing "one on one" step work over the telephone with some of the inmates. Troy also passed on the information for the Upcoming Virtual Mid-Winter Roundup (February 12th, 13th and 14th)

- **Arlene P. Area 82 Remote Communities Chair**

Hi folks, I'm just getting oriented here. I've got a huge pile of info from 2003 to 2000, the end of 2008. I plan to email Kathy for any help from the Archives This weekend coming, Gerry, Trudy and I are getting together to strategize a little regarding the Remote Communities committee. I'm literally just starting and learning trying to learn where we left off.

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

Hi friends. I'm Mark and I'm alcoholic. It's still pretty slow going down here. Still waiting for life to return to normal. There's a new medical clinic that opened up in Middleton, and I went there today. They accepted a couple of our 11 by 17 laminated posters for display in their facilities. Because they're laminated, the hospitals and medical clinics are quite willing to take them. There is also a new library opening tomorrow. I plan to visit tomorrow to see what they will take for AA information. Hopefully, they have a corner to host our display case containing all our pamphlets and contact information. At least I can leave them some pamphlets and a handful of bookmarks with our name and number on it. We have also put a version of our laminated sign on a wooden backing. This gives it more stability. I have approached a county Councillor (who put me on to Public Works) where we were given permission to put our signs on street poles or light fixtures near stop signs. We are in the works now of getting nine or 10 of those wooden backed posters made. When we're stopped in traffic, the sign is right there in your face as you're waiting. We also have various sized signs displayed in store front, medical clinic windows, fire hall as well as some electronic signage. We also have a series of metal signs attached to the posts where Service Groups such as Kiwanis, Rotary etc display their existence. We paid for the metal signs, and they agreed to keep them there in perpetuity. Because we're not allowed to hand out pamphlets anymore right now, we are putting signage wherever we can.

- **Kathy S.C. Area 82 NS Archivist**

Hi, everyone. Kathy, again, still alcoholic. Still your archivist.

I recently attended a zoom meeting from Area 16 (Georgia). It was awesome. Drew H. conducted an "evening with Bill W" in pictures. The presenter really knew his AA history.

A couple of the districts have now started up newsletters. So I've approached, approached the District 10, working with Patricia, H and F I'm providing them with tidbits of history for inclusion in their newsletters. When I saw that Basil was starting a newsletter in district nine, I emailed him and offered the same. He loved it. I was able to send him some information that I had found on the very first meeting in Sydney. I'll be throwing more history down his way for their newsletters. I'm thinking about writing a

letter offering the same service to any Districts who might want to avail of it. I will send it off to our Area 82 Secretary Monique for distribution to the DCM's.

Because the pandemic is still ongoing, and I have not been able to travel around much, I have also decided to keep the time capsule open until the end of 2021. So hopefully, hopefully, the creek don't rise and COVID don't kill us, I'll be able to get around again. At the end of 2021 I'll seal it, not to be opened until the year 2045.

- **Ray S (District 12 DCM, Treatment Committee)**

Hi folks, I'm Ray, I'm alcoholic When I got involved last year, I discovered that the committees in Corner Brook had all dissolved and nothing much was happening. Shannon P and I got together and we took on the responsibility of the Humberwood Treatment Center. We got it up and running. We now have one meeting a week on Thursday in the Center. A recent internal endeavour has provided funding for taxis to allow clients at the Humberwood to attend an outside AA meeting on Monday nights. We now have a new committee and a new Chair in place for the Humberwood treatment center. The new chair is Loyola G. backed up by Cindy P and myself.

We plan to have a workshop in March for all volunteers going into the Humberwood to get everybody onto one page, carrying a consistent message. what the message should be in that place, you know, and that's basically where we're to. I'm hoping in the near future to get the PI committee up and running again.

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

Based on the detailed report that Boyd B. presented for District 15 last month, I know that CPC-Pi are quite active but have not been showing up at this meeting consistently. I am part of the group which puts off meetings at the Penitentiary. They have been meeting face to face for the past four months with reduced numbers due to Social Distancing.

General discussion followed reports.

- Gerry W. " In early January of 2021, I sent 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 28th – 30th, 2021”

- The meeting adjourned at 6:45 NS time
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on Monday the 22nd of February , 2021
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>

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