

Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

May 31st, 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

Trudy D. GSD

Mark Z. (District 3) PI Chair

Paul W. (District 6) Chair; PI

Paul B. (District 1) DCM

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

Kathy S-C (NS-Archivist) Chair

Arlene P. (Area 82 Remote Communities) Chair

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

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

Good day, friends, Mark alcoholic. I started off because I've got nothing to report. We've been in total lockdown. We are not even allowed to leave our community. We were all prepared to start visiting hotels, motels, campgrounds. We have all our information and pamphlets ready to go. We are down to 17 cases (Covid) today, we're heading in the right direction. So I think we're geared up and ready to start getting out there again, looking forward to it. I've also been preparing for the NS provincial round up where I'm doing a CPC -PI workshop during that event. It is finalized and I'm ready to go. But that's all I have.

- ***Kathy S-C (NS-Archivist) Chair***

I gave my report with respect to the Archives at the DCM meeting and at the Assembly. I'm looking forward to June 5th which is the Stepping Stones, Lois and Bill Annual picnic. I have already registered for that. I've already had bits and pieces of those two presentations that I went to one with Bill W and the Marty Mann tone. Next on my agenda will be the NS Provincial Roundup on June 12th where I will be doing a

presentation (that the Area 82 Executive will be helping with). That meeting will be from 1130 to 1230.

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

I'm Paul W and I'm district six PI Chair. There is not much going on right now that I can report on but I am wanting to get back into the police stations in check how things went there. Last year I had taken some pamphlets into RCMP in Bible Hill and in the Truro police station. want to go back and see if they need more pamphlets or have any questions for me. They were well received, when I went there the first time and they had no problem with me bringing them in. There's also a few other places I want to go back and check. The last one I went to was a mental health clinic in the hospital in Truro. The pamphlets seem to go, so people are taking them and I've been replacing them. Right now, it's difficult to get around because traveling is restricted.

Paul W. asked if anyone in the meeting had current contacts within the federal penal system. Paul B (DCM District 1) stated that his contacts within the federal system told him that they were not allowing and contact with outside groups at this time. A further discussion developed the address and contact information for Dave A in Area 81 who was well connected in this area.

- **Arlene P. Remote Communities Chair**

Like the other folks I don't have a written report because it was just last weekend when we all got to chat.

I was writing down yesterday some thoughts have come to mind from some of the suggestions that I was given over the weekend. It's nice that we've got extra money in the budget this year because we're not traveling anywhere. I could spend them on PSA, or advertising or whatever. But I got to find out what kind of infrastructure is available there. Like what kind of media what's the best route also to I don't want to start putting PSAs out for Alcoholics Anonymous and not know proper phone numbers or proper contacts. I'm still just learning what's available, what can be utilized, and then go from there.

I want to get a hold of GSO to answer Bert F. regarding a translation of the Big Book and other literature in Inuktitut I got to get a hold of them first, and then go from there. I'm hoping to be able to do that later on this week.

I do not yet have an actual committee. I've been working with Trudy and Gerry to get started. We're starting from scratch. So it's sort of just trying to get some ideas. Figure out what to do where to go. I would like to invite anyone else that would be willing to come along for the ride.

- (From Gerry W.) Jill Williams, RSW, will be starting an addictions unit in Goose Bay in 2022. She has indicated that they want us to be part of their program., to come in and put off meetings. So whether the guys on the ground are able to do that or not, she was equally excited about doing it virtually. We can do it as a zoom meeting. But even more exciting was the fact that she offered access to a complete list of aboriginal contacts for

every native community within Labrador and Natuashish where she has contact information for it.

There has been a very tentative start to a Remote Communities workbook. This would help us with defining the scope of the committee. There's very little done on this right now, I've just changed first couple of pages. I am using (with their permission) the RC Workbook from BC, Yukon area 79. Over time, we'll modify this to suit our needs. Right now it's more like a template, a starting point.

- **Paul B. District 1 DCM**

I don't have anything to any of the reports that are mentioned. But I'd like to ask how we can assist the Webmaster? Could we invite him to come to our active committee meetings, so we can maybe assist and help in any way we can..

- **Gerry W.**

He's moving this weekend, otherwise, he'd be here tonight. Leah has expressed willingness to sit on a committee to help him. He's got some ideas as well that he thinks can help improve our website.

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

I do not have my normal, written report from our secretary. She's, in line to rotate out and has become extremely busy. We had a limited agenda at the last CPC meeting. Our main topic was digital advertising. We did have a fairly new member of the committee join us some months ago who has a background in that area. We had a brief discussion with him regarding the effectiveness of the medium. The decision will be based on a bang for your buck type thing. He claims it's quite expensive with much of the costs being absorbed by middle men. We put that on hold for further discussion at some other time. We also wanted to make space at our next meeting in June that we will have some some of our funds for PSA and advert slots on the local radio station. Apparently radio advertising is quite a bargain these days, because of COVID. Our information went on air just before the 2:00pm COVID update every day. We had several new people come in, during that period, what we call jokingly call zoom babies. Although they never had the opportunity to get to, to a live meeting, they were quite successful in joining AIA and getting sobriety on zoom meetings alone. As far as our committee is concerned, it's almost at a standstill now for the summer, but perhaps we can get something in place before we actually shut down during July and August.

General discussion followed reports.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:30 NS time

- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on the 28th of June, 2021

Roughly transcribed by

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