

Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

May 30th, 2022

Meeting opened at 6:05 pm NS time

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

In attendance.

Gerry W. Area 82 Alt-GSD

Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI, CPC and Literature)

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

John W. (District 3) DCM , Area 82 NS Corrections Co-Chair

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

Gerry explained that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of better minutes and asked if anyone had any objections. No-one did.

Gerry referenced the location of the March minutes on the Area 82 Website at <https://area82aa.org/area-docs/> but did not review them. (Sense of the room was that the minutes are available and that no corrections were necessary)

- As you know we just finished the Spring assembly. Two ad-hoc committees will be formed to make recommendations on financial practises and Area 82 Guidelines.
- Hybrid meeting of Makkovik Group has been going for over a month now. Well attended with three new sober members in the community.
- As an offshoot of the Makkovik meeting, I have been assigned the task of finding out what has been done in the past regarding translation of the Big Book into Inuktitut. I've been meeting with GSO literature staff and have developed a couple of quotes for translation services plus many more leads (especially Area 90) to follow up.
- I have been attending a monthly North America Alternate Delegates meeting where the Alt GSD's share what works in their areas
- I also attend a monthly Inter-Area Remote Communities Workgroup Meeting
- Planning a page on our Area 82 website to list vacant Area positions and the job description
- A suggestion was made at the Assembly Workshop that we have a speaker who could address some aspect of Service / Committee work to open our monthly Active Area Committees.

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

Most people know that I'm no longer with the District 15 CPC-PI committee. I'm still connected via the Co-Chair of PI position I hold in Area 82.

District 15 Public Information Committee Report for May 17, 2022

1. Literature distribution in public places – Ongoing (all). Reminder – whenever we are in public places (e.g. hospital bulletin boards, doctor's offices, pharmacies, supermarkets, etc.) we should all be checking to see what literature (pamphlets, cards, meeting lists, posters, etc.) may be displayed, always keep in mind and update as required. Chair advised we need to review how much literature we have after the recent convention and then the wellness expo, should we attend.
2. PSAs , ads, letters to professionals, associations, labour unions, churches, schools, EAP/EFAPs, larger businesses, e.g Bell, that have regular communication with their employees. This generally occurs every 1-2 months. PSAs and letters went out again in the past month.
3. Recruitment for PI Committee Required - Recruitment efforts should be ongoing as more participation is needed, but it has been difficult to date to recruit new people.
4. Digital & other advertising (Static Ads) – Member indicated that a one page overview of the recent social media campaign was circulated. The ad was targeted to a localized (St. John's) area, at a cost of \$1,857.04 which, according to the number of clicks on the ad, reached 4134 people. Of the three images used in the ad, the one depicting a scene of the city of St. John's was most popular. During the same period last year, there were 87 calls to the Intergroup Office, while during the same period this year, there were 175 calls. While a direct connection can't be drawn for certain, it certainly appears the campaign was a success and something we should consider doing again in the future. Discussion ensued as to "strategic advertising", i.e. making the best use of the funds available to us at the best times. For example, would we discontinue the XMAS campaign on VOXM and instead do another social media campaign? Would winter be a better time than summer? Member indicated that ideally, a social media campaign would be run 3 or 4 times per year. This would require increased funding and there was discussion as to whether we could avail of government funds that might be available. It was pointed out that this would appear to contravene our 7th tradition. Member. indicated he could try to get the issue of potentially increasing our funding on the agenda for the next Intergroup meeting. We might also consider approaching District 15 for additional funding.

New Business

Spring convention – The recent convention was a great success with about 147 people registering. While the event roughly broke even, considering attendance after 2 years without a convention, it did quite well. Parking was not a problem (3 areas were available), access to the kitchen was good and there were no complaints. There are a lot of kitchen supplies left which can be used for the next convention. An inventory has been made of these supplies, which are at the Intergroup Office. A lot of books were sold and about 25 pamphlets were taken by attendees.

Paradise Wellness Expo – This event, sponsored by the Town of Paradise, will take place June 11 & 12, 2022 from 12 to 5 each day. Participation is limited and costs \$20 per day for each entrant. We participated last time and were well received. It was unanimously decided that we would apply to participate again. Chair will look after getting the necessary supplies, including the pop up banner, and staff for the booth.

Request from mother of inmate – Chair indicated she received a call from AA member regarding an inquiry from the mother of an inmate at the Stephenville men’s facility. She was upset that there were no meetings available at the facility, though whether that is in fact the case has not been determined. Chair attempted to contact the facility directly but her calls to date have not been returned. Member knows some members in Stephenville area and may be able to connect with someone to get more information. Discussion ensued as to whether we could or should look to liaise with facilities outside our local area, i.e. is this outside our mandate? Should we approach Intergroup or District, or perhaps Area 82, to see if there is interest in bringing meetings and/or materials to inmates who currently do not have access to such services.

Reports

Intergroup – Report unavailable.

Treasurer - Current balance of \$2,004.61, with no expenses outstanding at this time. Report approved and adopted.

Institutions Report:

Current meeting Coordinators as follows:

- HMP – Mondays – 6-7PM, Meetings are ongoing, with about 5-6 attendees at each meeting. Three new people are being screened to facilitate meetings. There are currently 11 people. Member indicated he would like to have 16-18 people available to facilitate the meetings.
- Recovery Centre – Saturday – 6-7PM
- Recovery Centre – Tuesday, 8-9PM
- Recovery Centre – Wednesday, 8-9PM
- **Note: Recovery Centre meetings are currently suspended for renovations. Patients are staying at the Extended Stay Hotel, but meetings are not currently being held.**
- Eastern Health Drunk Driving Program – as required. No recent contact

Volunteers needed for all meetings.

Area 82 Committee – No report

ATSA (Addiction Treatment Services Assoc) – Nothing new. Will be conference on May 27/22

School presentations – deferred to September. Contact will now be through one central location, with referrals then being made to individual guidance counsellors.

Meeting ended with the I Am Responsible pledge

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 14 , 2022, 6PM, at the Intergroup Office

(End of District 15 Report)

- ***John W. (District 3) DCM , Area 82 NS Corrections Co-Chair***
 - In-house meetings have recommenced at the Crosbie House every Tuesday night.
 - The Recovery Houses in Kingston and Wolfville are sending clients out to live meetings
 - Meeting frequently with Dave A of Area 81 with a visit to Springhill planned for when meetings start up again and we are allowed back in the institution. Historically this facility was served by Area 81 and 82. The commitment lapsed because of the deaths of some long-time attendees from NS and the advent of covid. I plan to re-establish that commitment from Area 82
 - A list of contact information for all Correctional Institutions in Nova Scotia has been compiled by one of our DCM's and passed on to me for use when the institutions are open to us again.
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- ***Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI)***

Hi, everyone. Good evening. My name is Clayton and I am chair of the District 1 and 2 PI Committee.

The public information committee has done some good work over the past month.

- We put together a bunch of pamphlets and different packages with the 12 Questions and there's a business card and a few different things for the doctors offices and clinics.
- One of the members of the committee and another AA member who drives around Halifax as part of his work, were able to deliver most of them within a day, I still have to follow up on it.
- We are finally able to start to get out there and deliver some more materials.
- Music for Mental Health event coming up in Eastern Passage on June 4th . We put together a package of information for them
- We are currently very low on supplies. Our next committee meeting will be happening soon and we will be putting together an order soon.

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- The meeting adjourned at 6:50 NS time with the Responsibility Statement
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on May 30th , 2022

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>

Roughly transcribed by

Gerry W.

