

## Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

**July 27, 2020.**

Meeting Opened and Chaired by Trudy A. (Area 82 NS/NL Alt-GSD) at 6:00 pm NS time with the Serenity Prayer.

Trudy asked for a volunteer to transcribe minutes from the Zoom audio recording of the meeting. Klaus volunteered.

### **Reports from the Committees**

District 1 (Jessica Treatment Co-Chair)

- Jessica reports that currently they are not going into treatment facilities, however, Jessica was able to distribute pamphlets and Big Books prior to pandemic restrictions.
- Jessica is uncertain when they will be allowed back into treatment facilities and Jessica is hoping this will be sooner than later.

District 1 & 2 (Leah C. PI Chair)

- Leah says the committee has been telephoning various agencies and have also been sending out informational letters with links. In particular the committee has included a link to About AA Newsletter for Professionals where practitioners can sign up for a free subscription sent by email.
- Leah and Heather (District 1 & 2 CPC) met to compile a list of agencies they were wanting to send information.
- Leah contacted three legal aid offices and they were interested in receiving literature and offered to distribute them to lawyers.
- The PI/CPC have reached out to addiction counsellors inviting them to a presentation in September.
- PI/CPC have contacted Doctors Nova Scotia and they have agreed to post information on their website. Leah will follow-up.
- PI/CPC are looking for volunteers to help with telephoning agencies.

District 1 & 2 (Heather C. CPC Chair)

- Heather reports that the PI and CPC Committees are working to add more information, and links on their district webpage.
- PI and CPC discussed the possibility of creating their own webpage.

District 1 & 2 (Tom Mid-Winter Round Up Chair)

- Tom asked meeting attendees to spread the word there will be a virtual Mid-Winter Round-Up on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Theme is “No Matter What”.
- Look for a flyer coming soon both in print and online.
- The committee is looking for an Entertainment Chair and Entertainment Co-Chair.

- Next Mid-Winter Round-Up meeting on Zoom is Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 pm NS time for those interested in participating.
- See [www.aahalifax.org](http://www.aahalifax.org) for more information including the Zoom meeting ID and Password.
- Trudy commended the Mid-Winter Round Up Committee for their service and dedication.

#### District 3 (Mark Z. PI/CPC Chair)

- Aylesford group has donated about a dozen Big Books to the PI/CPC Committee with an inscription of the donor including the District phone to be donated to all the high schools in the District.
- The PI/CPC Committee approached business with electronic signs to provide AA contact information. The Aylesford Lions Club as well as the village of Kingston have agreed to post information on their signs free of charge.
- Mark met with and will meet with Jo (District 17 PI/CPC Chair) next week as both District 3 and 17 are close together in order to share resources and ideas.

#### District 6 (Paul W. PI Chair)

- Prior to the pandemic Paul would check pamphlets at hospitals, doctors' offices and clinics in waiting rooms and under new protocols patients are now waiting outside until their appointment time and in one clinic they shut down their waiting room. Paul is considering contacting offices and mailing them pamphlets to give out to patients they think may need it.
- Mark noted that literature and pamphlet racks have been removed from offices.
- Leah said District 1 & 2 are sending out letters to organizations and agencies with links to pamphlets and information.
- Klaus mentioned that District 10 prepared Doctor's Kits as suggested in the CPC workbook that include a letter and a few pamphlets that members could take to their health professionals whenever they had an appointment.
- Pete suggested that members could contact doctor's offices, the police, and other agencies by telephone. He wondered whether we could ask doctors who are members of AA for their suggestions about contacting other physicians.

#### District 10 (Klaus B. PI/CPC Chair)

- Klaus will follow-up to see if Big Books are currently on the shelves in local libraries as they were replaced a number of months ago because Big Books went missing.
- Klaus followed up with GSO and the District 10 Helpline is now posted on the aa.org website.

#### Area 82 (Kathy C. NS Archivist)

- Kathy received an email from GSO Archives Department requesting information in order to update their workbook. Kathy feels confident she can provide them with that and she will send them a reply.
- Kathy asked that we continue to let others know she is collecting artifacts for the time capsule and that she will keep it open for the rest of the year and into next year if needed.
- Kathy appreciates that Mark sent her information of the history of the Aylesford group in District 3 and she received a hat from a member in District 10 and she hopes to fill a chest of artifacts.

- Monique asked if we can email Kathy names of people who have passed away and Kathy said she will source out information about them and add them to the Memory Book.
- Trudy asked Kathy to forward the email from GSO to Gerry W.
- Trudy commented that she cannot think of anyone better to represent NS Archives other than Kathy.

#### Area 82 (Trudy A. NS/NL Alt-GSD)

- Trudy received an email from Shannon (NFLD District 12 Treatment) that the committee received a number of volunteers to go into treatment facilities when they are able as well as members to chair internet meetings.
- Trudy is working with the Area Webmaster to get it updated as soon as possible. The Area Webmaster's term ends on December 31, 2020 and the area will be accepting resumes at the October,2020 Assembly. Trudy asked that if anyone is interested in applying they can: review the guidelines on the area webpage, call Trudy, and/or email the current webmaster Matt for more information about the position.
- The Remote Communities Chair voted in the last assembly has stepped down. Area 82 is also looking for a Remote Communities Chair and will accept resumes at the next assembly.
- Trudy reminds everyone that elections will be happening in October,2020 and she encourages people who are interested in service to attend the Active Committees Zoom meetings. Trudy asks that we please get the word out.

#### **General Discussion**

- Pete wondered if people were contacting the RCMP as well as the local police. Leah mentioned that three detachments carry their district business cards that police officers give out and the detachments also post signs in their buildings. Mark says in previous years they have made contact and thinks perhaps it is time to follow up.

Meeting Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday September 7, 2020 at 6:00 pm NS time; 6:30 pm NL time**

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