

Tunxis Valley Area Monthly Meeting Minutes July 2015

The TVASC met on July 5th, 2015 at the YMCA in New Britain. The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read and the 7th concept was read and opened for discussion. There was 21 of 33 groups present.

Open Forum:

None

Committee Reports:

Chair: - Tito C. addressed the Brothers in Recovery group about their exploring new areas. He stated whatever the executive body could do to help they would, and offered to attend their business meeting.

Vice Chair: - Garrett W. attended all subcommittees. Public Relations needs a Vice Chair, and activities is in dire need of support.

Secretary: - Allyse M. read the previous month's minutes and they were accepted.

Treasurer: - Lisa A. read treasurer report and was accepted. Beginning balance = \$1,113.65, Deposits = \$ 763.15, Expenses = \$449.58, Ending balance = \$1,427.22, Prudent reserve = \$796.75, Actual balance = \$630.47.

Alt Treasurer: - OTF

RCM: - Devon B read minutes and brought a regional motion back regarding the use of Facebook to conduct business by the CTRSC of Region. Much discussion occurred on the pros and cons of social media, and the integrity of the motion regarding personalities. Privacy settings to hold anonymity were discussed as well as want for more clarity of what the motion is specifically stating.

Alt RCM: - Jeremy Z. not present.

Policy Chair: - John C. gave a verbal report and will submit a written one to be attached with area minutes. Policy is still out to the fellowship. Policy adhoc meets from 12:15-12:45 on the first Sunday of each month before area. Next meeting will be August 2, 2015 at 12:15 at the YMCA in New Britain. Policy will no longer be voted in as one, we will vote on each change separately, making sure to be clear on what we are voting in. Each GSR needs to keep notes of changes to bring back to groups in order to keep copy costs down.

H&I: Shannon W. gave a verbal report and will submit a written one to be attached with area minutes. All is well. H&I meets the third Thursday of each month at 130 West Main Street in Plainville.

Public Relations: - John H. read his report, Vice Chair is OTF. Health Fair July 16th, 1-4pm at 67 Martin Luther King Blvd. PR meets the third Wednesday of every month on 43 School Street in Bristol. PR submitted for a laptop that was purchased.

Tito addressed the body on whether or not they were okay with a laptop being purchased under the itemized budget of “miscellaneous”. Much discussion occurred, such as questions for the need of a laptop, and why wouldn’t every sub-committee then get one. John stated the laptop would be used for presentations and PR related service. At the end of discussion all GSR’s unanimously had no issues with the check being cut for the laptop.

Activities: - Not present. Devon B gave a verbal Report. Comedy show was a huge success! Need rent from area, and a copy of activities policy. TVA learning day picnic July 12th, 2015 11:30 am – dusk, at Paderewski Park in Plainville. Chair, Vice Chair, and Alt Treasurer OTF.. NEEDS SUPPORT!!!! Meets on the 3rd Friday at the Hospital of Central Connecticut at 6:00 pm in the dining room.

Agenda:

1. Rent for Policy adhoc.
 - a. John went to make sure the meeting space was available and the “lady in charge” who quoted him 10.00\$, did not have the authority to do so. It should be \$15.00

Elections:

Alt. Treasurer: - OTF

Group Reports:

Back to Basics- Present. Need addict support! 19th anniversary July 17th, 2015. Food, fun, and fellowship 6-7pm, ticket topic meeting 7-8:15 at the Plainville Congregational church 130 West Main street Plainville.

Brothers in Recovery- Present. Summer outing planned for July 18, 2015 Norton Park in Plainville 12:00 – 6:00 pm RAIN OR SHINE!

Early Steppin- Present.

Freedom Fighters- Present. Thanked area for \$50 for literature but decided to use own money. Also exploring options of areas to best serve group. Having adhoc for policy.

Freedom to Live- Present.

Friday Night Freedom- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Genesis- Not Present.

High on Recovery- Not Present.

Issues- Not Present.

Latinos en Recouperacon- Not Present.

Lifeline to Recovery- Present. Sec, Tres, Alt GSR OTF, need addict support!! Anniversary July 20th 4:30 – 5:30 food, fun and fellowship. Ticket topic meeting 5:30 – 6:30. Saint Mark's Church 147 West Main Street New Britain.

Live and Let Live- Not Present.

Making Headway- Present. Alt GSR OTF. Fund Flow \$70.

Monday Night Miracles- Not Present.

Miracles on Arch- Present.

Not Alone Group- Not Present.

Principles before Personalities- Present.

Promise is Freedom- Present.

Reach Within- Not Present. Fund flow \$20

Saturday Morning Surrender- Not Present.

Skies the Limit- Not Present.

Spring into Recovery- Present.

Steps are the Key- Present. Fund flow \$40.

Stop & Recover- Present. Fund flow \$50.

Sunday Morning Serenity- Present.

Sunday Night Sanity- Present.

Sunday Night Surrender- Present.

The Healing Starts Here- Not Present.

Thru The Steps- Present. GSR & Alt GSR OTF. Fund flow \$20.64.

Top of the Hill- Not Present.

Trust the Dream- Present.

Within Reach- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Women with Hope- Present. Need addict support!!

Old Business:

Motion #1- Made by Allyse M. seconded by Heather S.

To change Section VII, Sub Section A in the draft copy- to read as follows:

A. Motions:

1. Any motion over \$100.00 shall automatically be tabled for 30 days.
2. GSR's will bring all motions over \$100.00 back to their groups for consideration in order to reflect a clear conscience of the TVASC.
3. Any motion under \$100.00
 - a) May be voted upon when the motion is made by a GSR or Sub-committee at the TVASC or:
 - b) That motion can be tabled back to the groups by a GSR for consideration which would supersede the above vote in section 3a.

Intent: To clarify policy on this matter for future groups, be financially responsible, and to allow TVASC the ability to conduct limited emergency business if needed.

Passed: 15-1-5

Motion #2- Made by Allyse M. seconded by Heather S.

To change Section IV, sub-section C in the draft copy of 2015 policy to read as follows:

B. Area will vote to provide a new group a start-up kit of \$50.00 which includes:

1. Readings
2. Schedules
3. Treasurers Workbook
4. Left over funds will be used for any NA approved literature or NA approved items their group conscience sees fit specific to their group's format.
5. Groups will be given an order form to fill out and will be ordered by the treasurer
6. This financial decision will not have to go OTF for further approval.

Intent: To clarify policy on this matter for future groups, be financially responsible, and to allow new groups the ability to carry the message to the still sick and suffering addict.

Passed: 15-1-5

The motion #3 on last month's minutes was out of order due to lack of quorum to conduct business.

New Business:

Motion #1- Made by Danny W. Seconded by Ryan B.

That when an initial TVASC quorum is met at the beginning of the meeting of 51%, then no matter what remaining GSRs are present for any motion made thereafter, a majority vote will be represented of those groups remaining.

Intent- To better serve ALL members of Narcotics Anonymous, specifically, those represented by TVASC.

Motion #2- Made by Danny W. Seconded by Ryan B.

Any voting member (group) of TVASC that is absent for 2 consecutive TVASC meetings will automatically lose their voting right with no need for a vote. Additionally, said group will need to be present for 2 consecutive TVASC business meetings in order to regain it's voting right with no need for a vote.

Intent- To better serve all addicts affected by motion made, and to ensure adequate and accurate quorum is made and kept.

Motion #3- Made by Roland O. Seconded by Danny W.

To add \$60.00 to the policy budget for rent (price was misquoted). Rent should be \$15.00 per month.

Intent- To be financially responsible and serve TVASC.

Regional Motion #1- Made by Devon B. Seconded by Tammy W.

That the CTRSC (defined as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, RD, AD, any and all subcommittees and subcommittee chairs including PR, H&I, WSR, any and all adhoc committees, Exec Dir, Policy facilitator, any and all resource positions, web servant, alt web servant, schedule facilitator, and any WSC nominee) not use Facebook in providing NA services (services defined as all duties and responsibilities for trusted servants and subcommittees as set forth in CTRSC Policy.)

Intent- That we be in spiritual conscience with the principle of anonymity expressed in the 11th tradition and consistent with the 2nd concept which states the final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the groups.

The Tunxis Valley Area meeting closed at 2:55pm in the usual manner. The next Area meets August 2, 2015 at the YMCA, 50 High Street, New Britain at 1:00 pm. Please announce positions that are OTF at the meetings you attend.