

## Tunxis Valley Area Monthly Meeting Minutes **August 2015**

The TVASC met on August 2, 2015 at the YMCA in New Britain. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read and the 8<sup>th</sup> concept was read and opened for discussion. There was 22 of 33 groups present.

### **Open Forum:**

Board of Directors is OTF. If we do not send a recommendation to Region by September, the seat for our area will be open to the entire region. Requirements: 3 year term, 3 year clean time, 18 years of age, experience with finance and contracts. **PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT MEETINGS.**

John C. stated the importance of GSR's taking notes in the event minutes do not get out.

### **Committee Reports:**

Chair: - Tito C. Not present

Vice Chair: - Garrett W. attended all subcommittees. Activities is running the risk of closing, and is in DIRE need of support.

Secretary: - Allyse M. read the previous month's minutes, correcting the Reach Within group to have a 20\$ fund flow, they were accepted.

Treasurer: - Lisa A. read treasurer report and was accepted. Beginning balance = \$1,427.22, Deposits = \$ 200.64, Expenses = \$793.06, Ending balance = \$834.80, Prudent reserve = \$796.75, Actual balance = \$38.05.

Alt Treasurer: - OTF

RCM: - Devon B. read minutes and emphasized her frustration at region with verbal attacks and chaos. Business is not being conducted. Due to the chaos and confusion going on at region, Devon will provide the Regional minutes which Allyse M. will attach with TVASC minutes, to ensure nothing was missed in her report. The regional motion regarding Facebook has been amended to state "all social media" and will be brought back to be voted on in 60 days.

Alt RCM: - Jeremy Z. present.

Policy Chair: - John C. submitted a written report from the policy adhoc that met on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 pm. Please be sure to see report as there are suggested changes to the draft policy.

H&I: Shannon W. read her report H&I is still having trouble getting into prisons due to the rape elimination act. Farrell treatment on Saturday nights needs 2 male members. All panels are doing well. H&I meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at the Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main Street.

Public Relations: - John H. read his report, Vice Chair is OTF. Region was not attended and there was no minutes from Region to be reported. Hartford area is having a literature drop every second Saturday. There will be a regional learning day picnic with H&I in Wallingford on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Public relations will now have their own email

[tunxisvalley.pr@gmail.com](mailto:tunxisvalley.pr@gmail.com). Public Relations has moved to a new location to be able to use wifi. PR meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday now at the Bristol Public Library, Meeting Room 2.

- John asked why PR purchasing a laptop did not go back to groups for a vote seeing as it was a large dollar amount.
- Chair clarified that it was in their approved budget under miscellaneous and did not need a vote.
- Secretary noted that discussion was brought up in previous month, and unanimously there were no issues with the purchase.

Activities: - Not present. Liane R. read the report. 2 addicts were present for sub-committee. **ACTIVITIES IS IN DIRE NEED OF SUPPORT.** They meet the third Friday of every month at The Hospital of Central Connecticut. Sub-committee needs: a hard copy of format, hard copy of 12 traditions/ 12 concepts to be read at meeting and a hard copy of activities policy. All positions besides Secretary and Treasurer are OTF. PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT MEETINGS!!!!

### **Elections:**

Alt. Treasurer: - OTF

BOD: - OTF

### **Group Reports:**

Back to Basics- Present.

Brothers in Recovery- **Not present.**

Early Steppin- **Not present.**

Freedom Fighters- Present. Could use addict support.

Freedom to Live- Present. Fund Flow \$125.00

Friday Night Freedom- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Genesis- Present.

High on Recovery- Present. Needs addict support.

Issues- **Not Present.**

Latinos en Recouperacon- **Not Present.**

Lifeline to Recovery- Present. Needs support

Live and Let Live- Present. Needs support. Alt GSR OTF

Making Headway- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Monday Night Miracles- Present. GSR, Alt GSR OTF. Fund Flow \$170.00

Miracles on Arch- Present.

Not Alone Group- **Not Present.**

Principles before Personalities- **Not present.**

Promise is Freedom- Present.

Reach Within- Present. Alt GSR OTF

Saturday Morning Surrender- Present. GSR OTF. Fund Flow \$20.

Skies the Limit- **Not Present.**

Spring into Recovery- **Not present.**

Steps are the Key- **Not present.**

Stop & Recover- Present. Will be voting on two motions next business meeting.

Sunday Morning Serenity- Present. Fund Flow \$38.38.

Sunday Night Sanity- Present.

Sunday Night Surrender- Present.

The Healing Starts Here- **Not Present.**

Thru The Steps- Present. GSR & Alt GSR OTF.

Top of the Hill- Present. Fund Flow \$30.00.

Trust the Dream- Present.

Within Reach- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Women with Hope- **Not present.**

### **Old 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.

**Passed 16-3-3**

**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.

**Passed 10-9-3**

**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.

**Passed 18-1-2**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> tradition and consistent with the 2<sup>nd</sup> concept which states the final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the groups.

**Motion amended at Region – Please see new business.**

**New Business:**

**Motion #1-** Made by Liane R. Seconded by Matt M.

When voting on motions, each group vote will be recorded by calling out group names and asking for their specific vote (yay, nay, abstain). Secretary will keep track of which groups vote and which do not on individual motions. That information will be included in TVASC minutes next to group attendance so groups can follow activity closely.

Intent- accountability amongst GSR's in the area, and transparency to better serve groups and the still suffering addict.

Discussion Pros and Cons:

Pros:

1. To keep clear who was here and stayed and who didn't.
2. We can see how our GSR's are voting for our groups.
3. We already take a lot of time counting and recounting hands, this won't take any longer.

Cons:

1. We elect TRUSTED servants, we shouldn't be keeping a close eye on our GSR's.
2. This will be too time consuming.

Groups need to vote.

**Motion #2-** Made by Lisa A. Seconded by Liane R.

To add in Add Section VII, Sub-Section H:

Number 2- to read as follows:

To help maintain financial accountability as well as allowing business to continue more efficiently; when a member requests financial reimbursement the following shall be submitted to the treasurer; the receipt, committee's/service board, the line item from the budget it is to be deducted from, and the person's name the check is to be written to.

Intent- to allow the treasure maintain financial responsibility to the TVASC expediting the flow of business more efficiently during the ASC meeting and enabling the person maintaining that particular budget financial accountability.

Discussion: None

Groups need to vote.

**Motion #3-** Made by Lisa A. Seconded by Liane R.

To add in Add Section VII, Sub-Section H:

Number 3- To read as follows:

To help maintain financial accountability to the TVASC the treasurer may bring to the ASC any expenditures or requests for reimbursements he/she feels is unclear or questionable allowing for discussion and possibly a further vote of TVASC.

Intent- To allow the treasurer to maintain financial responsibility and accountability to the Tunxis Valley Area and the TVASC.

Discussion:

1. Do we need to put this in policy? Isn't this something we can already do?

Groups need to vote.

**Motion #4-** Made by Liane R. Seconded by Crystal C

To extend voting on policy until September ASC.

Intent- To give more time for groups to have input on policy draft

Discussion:

1. Are we voting it in as one? (Yes).
2. How do we change what we are not in favor of? (You can always make a change to policy through a motion).

**Passed by clear majority.**

**Motion #5-** Made by Matt M. Seconded by Crystal C.

To change TVASC Meeting to September 13, 2015.

Intent- To have better attendance

**Passed by clear majority.**

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

Groups need to vote.

## Agenda:

### 1. Issues at Region, ways to possibly decrease the chaos?

#### Discussion:

- The executive committee should be responsible for keeping order at meeting. If the chair cannot keep order we need a new one.
- Motions are not even being brought to the table due to lengthy back and forth arguments, so bringing a motion won't be effective right now.
- Recommend that region have in policy something similar to our area where the chair may ask a disruptive person to leave.
- Has anyone gone to world service for help? (Yes, was told to call police).
- There is a comprehensive kit offered by world to better our service bodies, reach out for resources with this conflict.
- RCM to bring recommendations, not Alt due to conflict.

### 2. Pros and cons on motions sent in minutes

- Can the secretary add pros and cons discussed for each motion into the minutes.

### 3. Set date to proof read for policy.

#### Discussion:

- Threw different dates out, before or after we vote on policy?
- Does it really matter it's just grammatical?
- Heather picked September 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Tunxis Valley Area meeting closed at 3:00pm in the usual manner. The next Area meets September 13, 2015 at the YMCA, 50 High Street, New Britain at 1:00 pm. Please announce positions that are OTF at the meetings you attend.