

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

The TVASC met on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the YMCA in New Britain. The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm in the usual manner. Audrey S read the service prayer. Ryan B read the 12 traditions. Sarah N read the 12 concepts. The 12<sup>th</sup> concept was read and opened for discussion.

- John C shared that this reminded him of revamping policy and setting aside his will for the groups will. He wanted to thank everyone for their input and help, it allowed for the groups will to be done. He also likes that the service prayer was implemented into the beginning because to him it is a reminder that he is not her for himself.

2 new GSR's this month, welcome Vinny and Sarah!!

There was 23 of 31 groups present. 4 of the present groups currently do not have voting rights so there were 19 voting members present.

### **Elections:**

Alt Treasurer: OTF

Alt RCM: OTF

### **Please announce at meetings.**

### **Open Forum:**

None

### **Committee Reports:**

Chair: - Tito C. had nothing to report.

Vice Chair: - Garrett W. Not present.

Secretary: - Allyse M. read the previous month's minutes changing the actual balance in the treasurer's report to the correct amount \$218.81. Allyse asked when to upload minutes to the area page and it was stated that once they are approved they can go up. Also brought up she was receiving GSR reports but the groups were not present for attendance or area, and wanted to clarify that a GSR report sheet does not count as being present. Minutes approved.

Treasurer: - Lisa A. Treasurer report was read and accepted. Beginning balance \$1020.56, Deposit \$637.03 Subtotal \$1657.59. Expenses \$384.56, Ending balance \$1273.03 Prudent Reserve \$801.75, Actual Balance \$471.28. A motion was made to fund flow, someone asked what if we decide to host the CAR, that is not for another month or two we will be ok to fund flow. Report approved.

Alt Treasurer: - OTF

RCM: - Devon B. read her report, which is attached. She handed out schedules. There was much discussion about the BOD signing a 4 year contract with the Stamford Hilton, or looking to move around. Region asked areas to take a straw poll. (BOD does not have to listen to us, however, are in spiritual alliance with us.)

- Heather S stated that: the Hilton in Stamford is the only hotel that has responded to us, we have been kicked out of most hotels. The Stamford Hilton is also the only hotel to agree to take the alcohol off their bars.
- Tasha C stated it doesn't matter where the convention is, we are the ones who make it, not the place.

Clear majority was in favor of signing the 4 year contract. Devon discussed dates with Adam H for hosting a CAR workshop, a motion was made and passed by clear majority to give Devon the authority to look into facilities and prices, and pick a date. Thanks Devon 😊

Alt RCM: - Thank you Jeremy Z for your service. Position OTF.

Policy Chair: - John C. gave a verbal report. Policy will be on the website by the end of December. The motion that was passed in August about a group losing their voting right after 2 consecutive absences, has caused for a change of wording in policy section 5 rules of order C5, it's not 2/3 majority vote, it's 2/3 majority vote of member who have their voting right.

- John S questioned this as to not being in line with Robert's Rule, should be 2/3 of present voting members.
- Tito C stated we can change it, but this is current policy.
- John C added that our policy supersedes Robert's Rule.

On page 17 of our policy under the subcommittee clean time requirement there is a typo, it should say 3 years not 2, please change in your copies!! Working on a GSR packet.

H&I: - Shannon W. read the report and corrected a few things, Jimmy C was voted in as regional H&I chair. Garner CI is in need of support. Regional H&I has a workshop at the convention, TVA doesn't specifically have one. Panels are doing well. The next meeting will be Thursday December 17, 2015 at the Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main Street at 6:30pm.

Public Relations: - Sarah N read the report. All positions are filled!!! Hartford PR has been dissolved, and most PR subcommittees are struggling for support. A New Britain Housing Authority presentation is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12pm 300 East Main Street, New Britain. Next meeting is December 16, 2015 at the Bristol Public Library, 5 High Street, meeting room 2 at 6:30pm.

Activities: - Not present. Matt M read the report. Sharon B was voted in as Alt. treasurer. There will be a New Year's Eve Dance with a speaker meeting before. Speakers 6pm, dance 9pm-1am. Tickets are \$5. There was a paper passed around for anyone that wants to sell

tickets, it will be given to Liane R to get in contact with you. The next meeting is December 18, 2015 Hospital of Central Connecticut at 6:00 pm in the dining room

**Group Reports:**

Back to Basics- Present. Alt GSR OTF. Fund flow \$35.

Brothers in Recovery- Not present. (Lost voting right)

Early Steppin- Present. Fund flow \$50.

Freedom Fighters- Not present.

Freedom to Live- Present. Fund flow \$100.

Friday Night Freedom- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Genesis- Present. GSR OTF.

High on Recovery- Present. (Does not have voting right)

Issues- Present. Alt GSR OTF. (Does not have voting right)

Latinos en Recouperacon- Present. GSR OTF. Alt GSR OTF. Fund flow \$23.

Lifeline to Recovery- Present. GSR OTF. Alt GSR OTF.

Live and Let Live- Present. GSR OTF. Alt GSR OTF. DESPERATE NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT!!

Making Headway- Present.

Monday Night Miracles- Not Present. Fund flow \$21.63

Miracles on Arch- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Not Alone Group- Present.

Principles before Personalities- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Promise is Freedom- Present.

Reach Within- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Saturday Morning Surrender- Present. GSR OTF. (Does not have voting right)

Spring into Recovery- Not present. (Lost voting right)

Steps are the Key- Present. Alt GSR OTF. Fund flow \$30.

Stop & Recover- Present. Alt GSR OTF, speaker seeker OTF.

Sunday Morning Serenity- Present. Fund flow \$103.35.

Sunday Night Sanity- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Sunday Night Surrender- Not present.

Thru The Steps- Present. Fund flow \$15.80.

Top of the Hill- Not present.

Trust the Dream- Present. Alt GSR OTF. (Does not have voting right)

Within Reach- Not present. (Lost voting right)

Women with Hope- Present. Alt GSR OTF. GSR OTF. Fund flow \$26.74.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Regional Motion #1-**

To have all CTRSC minutes and reports distributed to RCM's and Admins through the CTNA website.

Intent-to set clear communication policy for the region and to maximize the function of the website.

Referred back to the web servant who identified that we closed many of the mailboxes down because they were not being utilized. Amendment – to add all subcommittee chairs and positions.

**Passed: 13-1-4**

### **Agenda:**

1. Activities – positions open 6 months, what are we going to do?
  - Devon B- every time I announce we are on the verge of folding, people show up and stick around for a month, and then we don't see them again.
  - Korrin L- maybe if you change the day or time more people can attend.
  - Devon B- that may change the availability of the people that do serve, there will always be a night of the week that people can't come because of work, school, home group, etc.
  - Sarah- The requirements to take the chair and most trusted servant positions requires 1 year in activities service and some of the positions have a 3 year clean time requirement. I go and serve but I don't have those requirements yet.
  - Matt M- Can't we wave the 1 year in service requirement.

- Devon B- that is there for a reason, there are a lot of responsibilities that come along with that position.
- Matt M- there are people who meet the requirements that can help
- Tito asked everybody who does not attend activities subcommittee to raise their hands (nearly the entire room raised their hands). He then started calling on people and asking why they don't go. The majority said work, a prior commitment, or home group. Tito suggested bringing that information back to the subcommittee.
- Allyse M- If you look at all the subcommittee reports almost all of them have single digit attendance, Hartford PR just dissolved, people aren't serving period the issue is bigger. When GSR's give their report they should be reading these things to their groups, not just the motions that need to be voted on.
- Can it continue to operate as is without positions filled?
- Subcommittees operate under area and in order to function properly need to have commitments fulfilled
- Tito- this should be announced everywhere. GSR's are NOT doing their job if people are saying they did not know activities is struggling.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Motion #1-** Matt M/ Heather S.

To take a second attendance half way thru area.

Intent- to ensure quorum is kept to conduct business.

Discussion: People are coming here for attendance, and leaving, yet they get to keep their voting rights.

Pros: Will hold GSR and group accountable to conduct business.

- Took a count of voting members at this time for an example, 4 of 19 voting members were no longer present.

#### **GROUPS NEED TO VOTE!!**

##### **Motion #2-** Matt M/ Ryan B

Any groups that are not present for second attendance should be counted as an absence.

Intent- to conduct business at area. To hold GSR / Alt. GSR's accountable for their commitments.

Discussion: When you take an area level commitment you know area is 1-3pm the first Sunday of the month. The motion passed in August to have group's lose their voting right, but people come for attendance and leave, business conducts until 3.

**GROUPS NEED TO VOTE!!**

The Tunxis Valley Area meeting closed at 2:55pm in the usual manner. The next Area meets January 3, **2016** at the YMCA, 50 High Street, New Britain at 1:00 pm. Please announce positions that are OTF at the meetings you attend.