

## Tunxis Valley Area Monthly Meeting Minutes **January 2016**

The TVASC met on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at the YMCA in New Britain. The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm in the usual manner. Matt M read the service prayer. Elsie V read the 12 traditions. Heather S read the 12 concepts. The 1<sup>st</sup> concept was read and opened for discussion, there was no discussion.

5 new GSR's this month, welcome: Sarah, Sherria, Jeff, Sam, and Elsie!!

There was 22 of 31 groups present. 4 of the present groups currently do not have voting rights so there were 18 voting members present.

### **Elections:**

Alt Treasurer: OTF **please announce at all meetings you attend!!!!**

Alt RCM: Congratulations Miriam D!

Activities: Congratulations Mike L!

BOD: Congratulations Sam H will be recommended to Region.

### **Open Forum:**

1. Nate: My group did not vote on motion #2, we thought it was out of order, it was written piggy backed based on the presumption that motion #1 was approved.

Tito: It was originally one motion, and was broken out into two to be more clear. It was discussed in December area at length when the motion was made. Did any other groups have the same thought? (No other groups did).

2. Sam H: I would like to orientate people for PR after area. If you can't make it to the PR subcommittee or would like to get orientated here, please stay after area.
3. Liane R what do people think about having a google group / Facebook page for our area? We could communicate, and get announcements out. For instance many of us showed up early to work on a GSR orientation packet, but none of us knew the Policy chair wasn't going to be here. If we had a google group he could have just posted to that.

Devon B: I think a google group would be more appropriate for us than Facebook.

Tito: Why don't people get some ideas, talk to their groups, and we will come back and discuss next month.

## **Committee Reports:**

Chair: - Tito C. had nothing to report.

Vice Chair: - Garrett W. attended all subcommittees, all is well.

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

Treasurer: - Lisa A. Treasurer report was read and accepted. Beginning balance \$1273.03, Deposit \$405.52 Subtotal \$1678.55. Expenses \$690.68, Ending balance \$987.87 Prudent Reserve \$801.75, Actual Balance \$186.12. A motion was made not to fund flow, we have many expenses coming up: hosting CAR, big H&I literature order, rent, and schedules. Lisa has been doing this commitment alone with no Alternate since June, it's not fair, if someone does not step up and take alternate she is considering stepping down.

Alt Treasurer: - OTF **PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT MEETINGS!!!!!!!!!!**

RCM: - Devon B. read her report. A Flyer was put out for the CAR workshop 2/27/2016 from 12-4 at St. Mark Church in New Britain. Devon emphasized the importance of GSR's attending the work shop, to take the motions back to groups. There was much discussion on how to get the CAR report out, Liane R made a motion to have a link to the CAR report in the minutes and GSR's can decide how their groups want to handle it. Motion passed. All positions OTF. February CTRSC will be held in the southern Fairfield area.

Alt RCM: - Miriam D voted in.

Policy Chair: - John C. not present.

H&I: - Shannon W. read the report. Rushford will now require drug and TB testing for H&I members. Shannon was elected for Regional H&I vice chair. Regional H&I will be having a workshop at the convention Saturday 1/9/16 at 9:15am. Bristol Hospital on Wednesdays nights need 1 female, and 1 male panel member. The next meeting will be Thursday January 21, 2016 at the Plainville Congregational Church, 130 West Main Street at 6:30pm.

Public Relations: - John H read the report. All positions are filled!! Regional PR will have a presentation at the convention Saturday 1/9/16 in the waterside room from 10:30-11:45am. A Spanish speaking phone-line coordinator is needed. The next meeting will be Wednesday January 20, 2016 at the Bristol Public Library, 5 High Street meeting room two at 6:30pm.

Activities: - Mike L read the report. Mike L was voted in as Chair. Matt M was voted in as Vice Chair. Subcommittee agreed to not hold a Valentine's Day dance, but will be looking to hold a comedy show in March or February. The next meeting will be Friday January 15, 2016 at the Hospital of Central Connecticut at 6pm.

## **Group Reports:**

Back to Basics- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Brothers in Recovery- Not present. (Does not have voting right)

Early Steppin- Present. Anniversary meeting 3/13/16 10:30-12.

Freedom Fighters- Not present. (Lost voting right)

Freedom to Live- Present.

Friday Night Freedom- Not present.

Genesis- Present. GSR OTF. Fund flow \$60.

High on Recovery- Present. (Regain voting right for February TVASC)

Issues- Not present. (Does not have voting right)

Latinos en Recouperacon- Present. Alt GSR OTF. Fund flow \$10.

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

Live and Let Live- Present. GSR OTF. Alt GSR OTF. Treasurer OTF. DESPERATE NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT!! Anniversary party 2/1/16. 6:00-7:00 FFF, 7:00-8:15 speaker meeting.

Making Headway- Present.

Monday Night Miracles- Not Present.

Miracles on Arch- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Not Alone Group- Present.

Principles before Personalities- Not present.

Promise is Freedom- Present. ALT GSR OTF.

Reach Within- Not present.

Saturday Morning Surrender- Present. GSR OTF. (Regain voting right for February TVASC)

Spring into Recovery- Present. GSR OTF. ALT GSR OTF. (Does not have voting right)

Steps are the Key- Present. Alt GSR OTF. Secretary OTF. Treasurer OTF.

Stop & Recover- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Sunday Morning Serenity- Present. A motion was made to extend meeting to 75 minutes, motion is out for 60 days.

Sunday Night Sanity- Present. Alt GSR OTF.

Sunday Night Surrender- Present. Fund flow \$49.00

Thru The Steps- Present.

Top of the Hill- Present. Speaker seeker OTF.

Trust the Dream- Present. GSR OTF. ALT GSR OTF. (Regain voting right for February TVASC)

Within Reach- Not present. (Does not have voting right)

Women with Hope- Not present.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Motion #1**

To take a second attendance half way thru area.

Intent- to ensure quorum is kept to conduct business.

**Passed 15-2-1**

#### **Motion #2**

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.

**Passed 12-2-3**

**New Business:** None.

### **Agenda:**

1. Developing an area google group for information sharing.
  - Discussed at length of all different options, who would be part of the google group, what would be shared, flyers, events etc. Was suggested to get more information and ideas and talk about it next month.
2. Making Headway would like to ask executive board if it is possible to have someone physically attend groups who have lost voting rights to be sure the group is aware they have no voting rights.
  - Executive board said they will divide the groups and amongst them get to the groups.

- The minutes clearly state who has voting rights and who doesn't, minutes are all online.
- Some groups may need support and they not even have anyone to send to area.

The Tunxis Valley Area meeting closed at 2:55pm in the usual manner. The next Area meets February 7, **2016** at the YMCA, 50 High Street, New Britain at 1:00 pm. Please announce positions that are OTF at the meetings you attend.