

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE JULY 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The TVASC met on July 5, 2020 on Zoom. Meeting was called to order in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. There were 8 groups out of 26 present, 7 groups had voting rights.

ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair: OTF. Please announce at groups.

Alt. Treasurer: OTF. Please announce at groups.

Vice Policy Chair: OTF. Please announce at groups.

Activities Chair – Heather S. re-elected. Congratulations!

OPEN FORUM:

South Church opened on July 1 and has emailed their protocol requirements for reopening meetings, please see attachment. Groups meeting at South Church are now allowed to resume meeting there with a limit of 25 attendees maximum for an indoor gathering. Requirements for Groups reopening include monitoring attendees temperatures as they arrive. Anyone who measures 100.4 or higher will be denied admittance. Face masks must be worn. Attempts to maintain a distance of 6 feet from others must be made at all times. Attendees must sanitize hands when entering and exiting the building. One person in the restroom at a time. Every Group must sanitize the restroom, chairs, benches used and any common surfaces that are touched (door handles, light switches, tables) after the meeting. Each Group must document that cleaning has been done by filling out a log that will be posted in the meeting room. Each Group must provide its own cleaning and sanitizing supplies.

A question was asked, “If the Meeting Place reopens, is the Group obligated to re-open?” It was stated that Area does not dictate to any group whether they should or should not open. Neither does the meeting place dictate to any group whether they should or should not open. Each Group is autonomous and it is always up to each individual Group’s conscience and what they as an individual Group choose by Group vote where and when they want to meet.

There was discussion about the possibility of TVASC returning to our meeting place at South Church and other options for how TVASC will meet with a straw poll taken when TVASC arrived at the New Business portion of the meeting. See New Business for the results.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAIR: Present. Nothing to report.

VICE CHAIR: OTF.

SECRETARY: Present. Minutes read and accepted.

TREASURER: Present. Report read and accepted. Beginning Balance: \$763.69. Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$50.00 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$0.00. Subtotal Bank Balance: \$813.69. Expenses: \$12.00 for increase in the TVA Post Office Box Renewal. Ending Checkbook Balance: \$801.69. Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance (1,415.54) BELOW PRUDENT RESERVE. Groups who have Fundflow for TVASC may send checks to: TVASC, P. O. Box 431, Plainville, CT 06062 or by Pay Pal to email address: Ronnpk@aol.com which goes directly into the TVASC Account.

ALT. TREASURER: OTF.

POLICY CHAIR: Present. Nothing new to report. The updated Policy has been posted to the TVA Area Page on Connecticut NA Region Website (ctna.org). When groups return to their meeting places, TVA will decide if we are going to print paper copies for groups. The new updated Policy is available to download online at: https://ctna.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/TVA-POLICY-May_15_2020_Final.pdf

VICE POLICY CHAIR: OTF.

RCM: Absent.

ALT. RCM: Absent.

LITERATURE CHAIR: Present. Nothing new to report. Holding Literature that was previously ordered until Groups return to their meeting places. If any Group has a specific need to obtain their Literature Order, please contact the Literature Chair Garrett W. 860-685-1677.

H&I: Present. Report read and accepted. No meeting last month. Presently only 1 group going into facility 2 at a time and the rest of the panel goes in via Zoom on a big screen. All other facilities in our Area are currently still not allowing H&I to come in.

Regional H&I has discussed and started preliminary planning for an upcoming H&I Learning Day for Prisons. Brandon, Chair has information for anyone interested in getting involved with upcoming H&I Learning Day.

H&I requested using H&I budget normally used for paying H&I rent to pay for the Zoom membership fees for bringing in the Zoom Meetings to a facility.

PR: Present. Report read and accepted. Met on June 17, via Zoom. Old Business: Brandon has the supplies from the former chair and will arrange getting them to Stephanie. Stephanie spoke with the Church and they are hesitant to re-open due to the cost of disinfecting meeting areas. So far, September is earliest the Church may re-open. New Business: Discussed meeting in the parking lot of the Church, weather and permission permitting. Most presentations have been cancelled and any planning of presentations has been halted until State and Town re-opening progresses further. Need to compile a list of locations of the Literature Racks. Next meeting will be July 15, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 833 1070 3097. See attached minutes.

ACTIVITIES: Present. Report read and accepted. Met on June 16. Heather S. re-elected Chair, Denise P. elected Vice Chair, Sharon B. elected Treasurer. Secretary and Alt. Treasurer are OTF. Next Meeting July 21, 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 74349702654 Password: 4FrQVV. See attached minutes.

GROUP REPORTS:

BACK TO BASICS: ABSENT

EARLY STEPPING: ABSENT

FREEDOM TO LIVE: PRESENT

FRIDAY NIGHT FREEDOM: PRESENT

GENESIS: PRESENT

HIGH ON RECOVERY: ABSENT

ISSUES: PRESENT

LIFELINE TO RECOVERY: PRESENT

MAKING HEADWAY: ABSENT

MIRACLES ON ARCH: ABSENT

MONDAY NIGHT MIRACLES: ABSENT

NOT ALONE GROUP: ABSENT
PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES: ABSENT
PROMISE IS FREEDOM: ABSENT
REACH WITHIN: ABSENT
SATURDAY MORNING SURRENDER: ABSENT
SPRING INTO RECOVERY: ABSENT
STEPS ARE THE KEY: ABSENT
STOP AND RECOVER: ABSENT
SUNDAY MORNING SERENITY: PRESENT, meeting is continuing on Zoom until further notice.
SUNDAY NIGHT SANITY: ABSENT
SUNDAY NIGHT SURRENDER: PRESENT
THRU THE STEPS: ABSENT
TRUST THE DREAM: PRESENT
WITHIN REACH: ABSENT
WOMEN WITH HOPE: ABSENT

GROUPS PRESENT WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Freedom to Live, Friday Night Freedom, Genesis, Issues, Sunday Morning Serenity, Sunday Night Surrender, Trust the Dream.

GROUPS WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS: (need 2 consecutive attendances): Back to Basics, Early Stepping, High on Recovery, Making Headway, Miracles on Arch, Monday Night Miracles, Not Alone Group, Promise is Freedom, Reach Within, Saturday Morning Surrender, Spring into Recovery, Steps are the Key, Stop and Recover, Sunday Night Sanity, Thru the Steps, Within Reach, Women With Hope.

GROUPS ELIGIBLE TO REGAIN RIGHTS IN AUGUST IF PRESENT: Lifeline to Recovery.

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN AUGUST IF NOT PRESENT: Principles Before Personalities.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

More discussion took place about our options for the August TVASC Meeting. The choices presented were: 1) Returning to South Church in person and following the rules set forth by South Church. 2) Developing a “hybrid” Meeting so addicts can choose to attend in person or by Zoom; or 3) Continue on Zoom and revisit the subject at August TVASC. One main concern was the current limit of 25 attendees and TVASC does not turn away any addict from attending. A straw poll was taken and it was unanimous that we will continue on Zoom for August TVASC and revisit the subject at August meeting.

AGENDA:

It was discussed that if Brandon, H&I Chair brings receipts for Zoom Membership fees to next TVASC, he can be reimbursed from H&I Budget money normally allocated for paying rent for their meeting place which is not being paid to the meeting place during the pandemic.

TVASC closed in the usual manner. The next TVASC meeting will be August 2, 2020 at 1:00 PM on Zoom. Here is the Zoom link for August TVASC meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/124408128> Password: 06051

In loving service,
Doreen S.