

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The TVASC met on November 1, 2020 on Zoom. Meeting was called to order in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. There were 16 groups out of 27 present, 14 groups have voting rights. Welcome to new TVA's newly joined group: Renegade Recovery and New GSR Jackie for Renegade Recovery and Courtney, Alt. GSR for Women with Hope. Welcome! Thank You for your service!

ELECTIONS:

Vice Chair: OTF. Please announce at groups.

Alt. Treasurer: OTF. Please announce at groups.

Vice Policy Chair: OTF. Please announce at groups.

Alt. RCM: OTF: Please announce at groups.

OPEN FORUM:

A GSR asked about getting schedules for in-person meetings. The last printing of the schedules was March 2020 which are outdated particularly due to pandemic meeting closings and moving around and meeting times being erratic this year due to the pandemic. It was also brought up that it is unsure if we are supposed to be distributing paper items during the pandemic anyway. The RCM has a box of outdated schedules if anyone wants them but it was also brought up that the practice of distributing outdated schedules can be detrimental to a newcomer if they select a meeting to attend from an outdated schedule and show up to find that the meeting is not there. A suggestion was made to show newcomers how to access the ctna.org online schedule on their phone which would provide them with the most up to date information possible. Here is the link to the meeting search on ctna.org: <https://ctna.org> Another opinion stated that regardless of a schedule being out of date, there is value to newcomers who may not have a phone, the helpline # is on it and the space dedicated to collecting telephone numbers is of great value.

The required process for a new meeting to join TVA according to Policy was reviewed/discussed as we welcome Renegade Recovery Group to TVA! Policy will be updated to clarify the wording of the requirements which appear ambiguous. It is stated that the new Group must meet twice and then make a motion to join and be voted in only at Area (vote not sent out to groups). After the group is voted in, it is Policy that TVASC will provide the Group with a starter kit.

For groups who have not seen this information yet: Any meeting opening back up will need to fill out the meeting information form completely and it will get back up on the meeting search. To go directly to Meeting Change Form Link: <https://ctna.org/meeting-information-form/> This is on the Regional website ctna.org. Click on the link and fill out the form.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAIR: Present. Nothing to report.

VICE CHAIR: OTF.

SECRETARY: Present. Minutes read and accepted.

TREASURER: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached report. Beginning Balance: \$1,449.84. Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$185.00 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$0.00. Subtotal Bank Balance: \$1,634.84 Expenses: \$40.00. (Rent). Ending Checkbook Balance: \$1,594.84. Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance **(\$622.39)** 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 and now Fundflow may again be turned in at TVASC Meeting in person at South Church. Note: The TVA Treasurer checks the P. O. Box once monthly, the Friday before TVASC meets.

ALT. TREASURER: OTF.

POLICY CHAIR: Present. Nothing new to report. The new 2020 TVASC 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: Present. Regional Positions OTF: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, Policy, RD and RDA.

Anyone who attends Region on Zoom has to go through the Lobby now and be screened for admittance as an extra safety precaution. This will be handled by the host.

ALT. RCM: OTF.

LITERATURE CHAIR: Present. Accepting new orders. Literature Chair would like any Group who has not picked up previous orders to do so he can get organized as Groups are picking up and meeting in person again. Please contact the Literature Chair Garrett W. @ 860-685-1677, or email: weinberg135@gmail.com if you know someone who attends or can pick up Steps are the Key Group's Literature Order, which has not been picked up since prior to the pandemic.

Garrett will temporarily be ordering from NAWS as the Central Area's Literature Chair has been ill and hospitalized. TVA will pay the shipping fees that we will have to absorb until we can resume combining our order with Central Area. The shipping fees are included in the Literature Budget.

Also, the user-friendly TVA Literature order form (in both printable PDF OR Excel Spreadsheet with self-calculating format) is available on the TVA Area Page on ctna.org. This order form can be completed and emailed to Garrett, Literature Chair, for easy ordering. Please note: The Literature Chair must receive your group's payment for your order before he can place it. Here is the link (scroll down and find them under "Area Documents and Forms"): <https://ctna.org/areas/tva/>

H&I: Present. See attached minutes. Report read and accepted. Manson Youth Thursday: Still not meeting. January possible start date and all members will need to retake online DCF Class. Bristol Hospital just stopped allowing H&I in again for the time being due to a spike in Covid cases. Next meeting November 16, 2020. Meeting place to be determined.

PR: Present. See attached minutes. Report read and accepted. Presentation Speaker OTF. More money was collected for the bracelets sold and remainder of bracelets will be given out at future presentations. Accessed Google Drive and making a list of location of Literature Racks that need to be replenished when they can get into the locations. Next meeting November 18, 2020 at Bridge Community Church, Bristol, CT. (Lower level in the back).

ACTIVITIES: Present. See attached minutes. Report read and accepted. Discussion about the Thanksgiving and Christmas Marathon Meetings. Thanksgiving Marathon will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 26, 2020 in person at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain from 9 am-9 pm. Time slots for the groups are attached. Heather, Activities Chair needs to know Groups participating in the Christmas Marathon by third Tuesday of November so they will pick slots for the Christmas Marathon at the next Activities Subcommittee Meeting.

Next Meeting November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 74349702654 Password: 4FrQVV.

GROUP REPORTS:

BACK TO BASICS: ABSENT

EARLY STEPPING: PRESENT. In-person meetings at Bristol Recovery Club, 67 West St, Bristol, CT on Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

FREEDOM TO LIVE: PRESENT. Returning to in-person meetings at Church of Christ, 1075 Main Street, Newington, CT on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (in the Basement). THIS MEETING ALSO still available Hybrid on Zoom.

FRIDAY NIGHT FREEDOM: PRESENT. Resumed meeting at Church and no longer being held on Zoom.

GENESIS: ABSENT

HIGH ON RECOVERY: PRESENT. Meeting in-person at First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain 6 p.m. GSR & Alt. GSR are OTF. Policy Change to vote on next Business Meeting.

ISSUES: PRESENT. Meeting re-opened at the Church, 55 Chapman St., New Britain, CT Wednesdays at 7 pm.

LIFELINE TO RECOVERY: PRESENT. Meeting in-person at Right Now Ministries, 147 West Main Street, New Britain, Mondays 5:30 pm. GSR & Alt. GSR are OTF. In need of Addict Support.

MAKING HEADWAY: PRESENT. Reopened at Bridge Community Church, 43 School Street, Bristol, CT, Thursdays, 7 – 8:15 p.m.

MIRACLES ON ARCH: ABSENT

MONDAY NIGHT MIRACLES: ABSENT

NOT ALONE GROUP: ABSENT

PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES: ABSENT. Meeting in Rockwell Park, Bristol, CT Sundays, 6-7 pm.

PROMISE IS FREEDOM: ABSENT

REACH WITHIN: ABSENT

RENEGADE RECOVERY: PRESENT. New TVA Group, Welcome! Meets at First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain. Thursdays 6 – 7:15 pm.

SATURDAY MORNING SURRENDER: PRESENT. Meeting re-opened at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, Saturdays 10:00 a.m.

SPRING INTO RECOVERY: PRESENT. Moved to First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain and meeting is resuming meeting time of 7 pm on Monday, November 9.

STEPS ARE THE KEY: ABSENT

STOP AND RECOVER: ABSENT

SUNDAY MORNING SERENITY: PRESENT, Meeting is continuing on Zoom. Secretary OTF.

SUNDAY NIGHT SANITY: PRESENT. Meeting at South Church, 90 Main St., New Britain, Sundays 7 pm. Alt. GSR OTF.

SUNDAY NIGHT SURRENDER: PRESENT. Returned to in-person meetings, Sunday, September 13, 2020. Presently meeting in larger room. United Methodist Church, 99 Summer St., Bristol, 7 p.m. Alt. GSR is OTF.

THRU THE STEPS: PRESENT. Meeting is continuing on Zoom until further notice. Alt. GSR is OTF.

TRUST THE DREAM: PRESENT

WITHIN REACH: ABSENT. Meeting re-opened at South Church, 90 Main St., New Britain, CT, Thursdays, 12:00 p.m.

WOMEN WITH HOPE: PRESENT. Meeting re-opened at South Church, 90 Main St., New Britain, CT, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

GROUPS PRESENT WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Early Stepping, Freedom to Live, Friday Night Freedom, High on Recovery, Issues, Lifeline to Recovery, Making Headway, Saturday Morning Surrender, Sunday Morning Serenity, Sunday Night Surrender, Sunday Nite Sanity, Thru the Steps, Trust the Dream, Women with Hope.

GROUPS WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS: (need 2 consecutive attendances): Back to Basics, Genesis, Miracles on Arch, Monday Night Miracles, Not Alone Group, Principles Before Personalities, Promise is Freedom, Reach Within, Steps are the Key, Stop and Recover, Within Reach.

GROUPS ELIGIBLE TO REGAIN RIGHTS IN DECEMBER IF PRESENT: Renegade Recovery, Spring into Recovery.

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN DECEMBER IF NOT PRESENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

More discussion ensued about where TVASC members want to meet for November TVA meeting. CT State guidelines are moving to phase 3 on October 8, 2020 which the guidelines states: For a commercial establishment/places of business: Indoor gatherings are 50% capacity, capped at 100 people. There is no WiFi at South Church so a hybrid meeting is impossible or will present technical difficulty. Brandon, H&I Chair offered his personal hotspot to be used for the meeting. After extensive discussion a vote was taken and to have a hybrid meeting received the majority of votes. The TVA Chairperson and a few other members will conduct a brief trial meeting between now and the next TVA to see if the hotspot will operate okay. TVA Secretary will notify this body whether or not the trial meeting works sufficiently and if we have the go ahead to conduct November TVA Meeting as a hybrid meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Some members offered to invite other members to their home or another agreed upon meeting place in order to assist and familiarize any member wanting to attend TVASC who are uncomfortable with or do not have access to Zoom Meeting technology. You may contact TVA Secretary for more information by email to: hulahooper7910@att.net.

NEW BUSINESS:

Garrett, Literature Chair asked to place the Literature Order with NAWS without charging Groups or Subcommittees the shipping charges. Intent is to maintain continuity with the usual process for ordering until the Central Area Literature Chair is back. There were no objections and the shipping charges will be paid out of the Literature Budget.

Jackie, GSR for Renegade Recovery made a motion for the Group to be added to the TVA Roll Call. The Group was voted in. Welcome to TVA Renegade Recovery!

Motion was made for TVA to remain meeting Hybrid for December TVASC. There were no objections.

November TVASC Hybrid was a success! In person attendees were 15 and Zoom attendees were 13 so total was 28. 28 would not be allowed in the Church, 3 would have been turned away so Hybrid is AWESOME!

AGENDA: None.

TVASC closed in the usual manner. The next TVASC meeting will be December 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM as a hybrid meeting. Tentatively, members can attend in person at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT OR join the meeting via Zoom. Here is the Zoom link for November TVASC meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/124408128> Password: 06051

In loving service,
Doreen S.