

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The TVASC met on October 4, 2020 on Zoom. Meeting was called to order in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. There were 11 groups out of 26 present, 15 groups have voting rights. Welcome to new GSR's Denise, Sunday Morning Serenity and Carie, 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:

No new subjects brought up in Open Forum.

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: Absent. Report given by Ron M. and accepted. Beginning Balance: \$1,479.59. Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$50.00 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$0.00. Subtotal Bank Balance: \$1,529.59 Expenses: \$79.75. Ending Checkbook Balance: \$1,449.84. Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance **(\$767.39) 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. Note: The TVA Treasurer checks the P. O. Box once monthly, the Friday before TVASC meets. The current elected TVA Treasurer will be contacted to ascertain his intentions for fulfilling or not fulfilling the commitment of TVA Treasurer.

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: Absent. Nothing to report as nothing happened at Region that effects Tunxis Valley Area.

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.

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. Report read and accepted. See attached minutes. Manson Youth Thursday: Still not meeting. January possible start date and all members will need to retake online DCF Class. Next meeting October 19th 2020. H&I is looking for a new meeting place.

PR: Present. Report read and accepted. Presentation Chair OTF. Public Relations did not meet in September. Next meeting will be October 21st, 6:30 p.m. and they will resume meeting at Bridge Community Church, Bristol, CT. Church is just asking PR to sanitize the meeting room and practice social distancing.

ACTIVITIES: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached minutes. Activities will be not be holding the Halloween Dance this year. 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. See attached flyer.

Next Meeting October 20, 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: ABSENT. 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.

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.

MAKING HEADWAY: ABSENT. Meeting at Paderewski Park, Plainville, CT, Thursdays, 6 p.m. (Note: changed meeting time from 7 pm to 6 pm).

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

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

SPRING INTO RECOVERY: ABSENT. Meeting at Rose Garden, Walnut Hill Park, Mondays 6:30 p.m.

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT SURRENDER: ABSENT. 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.

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, Friday Night Freedom, High on Recovery, Issues, Lifeline to Recovery, Saturday Morning Surrender, Sunday Morning Serenity, 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, Promise is Freedom, Reach Within, Spring into Recovery, Steps are the Key, Stop and Recover, Within Reach.

GROUPS ELIGIBLE TO REGAIN RIGHTS IN OCTOBER IF PRESENT: None.

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN OCTOBER IF NOT PRESENT: Freedom to Live, Making Headway, Principles Before Personalities, Sunday Night Surrender.

OLD BUSINESS: There was more discussion about various items of concern in regard to TVASC returning to an in-person meeting, developing a hybrid OR remaining on Zoom including the still mandated 25 persons indoor attendance limit, the requirements we would need to follow if we did return to in-person for example, forming committees for who would be responsible for sanitizing meeting place, monitoring temperatures and monitoring number of meeting attendees, etc. Also, if we were to attempt a hybrid Area Meeting, we would need to find out if WiFi is adequate at the meeting place (currently South Church) and if the meeting will be able to be conducted without tremendous technical difficulty. After much discussion a vote was taken with 11 votes for TVASC to remain meeting on Zoom for October, 5 votes to develop a hybrid meeting and 0 votes to return to a full in-person meeting. TVASC will remain on Zoom for the October Meeting and revisit the subject then.

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: 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.

AGENDA: None.

TVASC closed in the usual manner. The next TVASC meeting will be November 1, 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.