

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE DECEMBER 2020 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The TVASC met on December 6, 2020. Meeting was called to order in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. There were 10 groups out of 27 present, 15 groups have voting rights.

ELECTIONS: THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP:

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:

South Church sent out a reminder for all groups to follow the specific guidelines set forth for in-person meetings held during the pandemic. Included are items such as wearing a mask the entire time you are in the meeting place is REQUIRED. Also, the cleaning and sanitizing of your meeting room and fixtures must be done as the meeting place has requested it be done. Let's be vigilant to make sure that we are following the Churches or meeting places guidelines for safety practices required during the pandemic. Groups are asked to not jeopardize keeping our meeting places by following guidelines that each individual meeting place requires regardless of any personal held opinion by a Group or Group member.

Garrett, Literature Chair reported that there is "in the works" newly updated schedules for the different Area-Regions such as Hartford County, etc. that we will be able to access on the ctna.org website that you can access and print out copies of schedules from the website, for any group needing paper copies of schedules.

For any 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: \$1,592.95. Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$154.36 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$16.80. Subtotal Bank Balance: \$1,764.11 Expenses: \$160.09. (Literature). Ending Checkbook Balance: \$1,604.02. Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance (**\$613.21**) 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: Absent. The new 2020 TVASC updated Policy has been posted to the TVA Area Page on Connecticut NA Region Website (ctna.org). When the pandemic is over, 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. Report read & accepted, Regional Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, Policy Chair.

Next Regional Meeting is December 19, 2020 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. 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, please do so!

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 the order for 1) **Making Headway** and 2) **1 order with no identification** and 3) **Steps are the Key Group's Literature Order** which has not been picked up since prior to the pandemic. Orders can be picked up outside in the parking lot after the monthly TVASC Meeting at South Church.

Three orders were filled totaling \$169.74 including shipping. Ordered directly from NAWS. Garrett has new orders for H&I, Lifeline to Recovery, and Renegade Recovery.

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. Bristol Hospital not allowing H&I in again for the time being due to spike in Covid-19 cases. Farrell Treatment also not allowing H&I in with the current situation, Manson Youth Thursday: Still not meeting. All members will need to retake online DCF Class. H&I is looking to purchase a low-cost laptop solely for the use of bringing NA meetings into facilities. The plan is to leave the device at Farrell Treatment center and its only access will be for Zoom NA Meetings for addicts there. H&I Subcommittee decided to continue meeting virtually and not pay rent to a meeting place at this time.

PR: Present. No news to report. Public Relations did not meet in November. Presentation Speaker OTF. Next meeting December 16, 2020 at Bridge Community Church, 43 School Street, Bristol, CT. (Lower level in the back).

ACTIVITIES: Present. Report read and accepted. Still OTF are Secretary and Alt. Treasurer. Treasurer gave report. Discussion about the Thanksgiving and Christmas Marathon Meetings. **PLEASE NOTE: AS OF THE ACTIVITIES MEETING ON 12/15/20, REGRETFULLY, THE CHRISTMAS MARATHON HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS WITH THE CURRENT LEVEL OF CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK.**

Next Meeting January 19, 2021 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. In-person meetings at Church of Christ, 1075 Main Street, Newington, CT 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. Saturdays. GSR, Alt. GSR, & Speaker Seeker are OTF.

ISSUES: ABSENT. Meeting in-person 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: ABSENT. 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.

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: ABSENT. Moved to First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain, 7 pm on Mondays.

STEPS ARE THE KEY: ABSENT

STOP AND RECOVER: ABSENT

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

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

SUNDAY NIGHT SURRENDER: ABSENT. Returned to in-person meetings, presently meeting in larger room. United Methodist Church, 99 Summer St., Bristol, 7 p.m. Sundays. Alt. GSR OTF.

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

TRUST THE DREAM: ABSENT.

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, Lifeline to Recovery, Renegade Recovery, Saturday Morning Surrender, Sunday Morning Serenity, Sunday Nite Sanity, 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, Spring into Recovery, Steps are the Key, Stop and Recover, Within Reach.

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

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN JANUARY IF NOT PRESENT: Issues, Making Headway, Sunday Night Surrender, Thru the Steps, Trust the Dream.

OLD 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!

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: There was much discussion about the purchase of a low-cost Laptop/Chromebook by H&I Budget funds that **have not** been used by other expenses during the pandemic for the purpose of bringing NA Zoom meetings into Farrell Treatment Center specifically. A couple of addicts in attendance at TVASC offered to donate the funds to purchase the device and if the motion is voted against by the groups, they are aware that they will not be reimbursed. If the groups do vote for the purchase, the addicts donating will be reimbursed from the H&I Budget.

Motion No. 1:

TVASC MOTION #1 12/6/20

Made by: Brandon M.

Seconded by: Nick P.

Motion: To purchase a Laptop/Chromebook for H&I to leave at Farrell Treatment Center. This Laptop/Chromebook would be used solely for Zoom H&I meetings that are currently unable to meet in person. It would also open up the possibility of adding more NA H&I meetings at that facility. The laptop that was being used is no longer accessible. Purchase price is \$244.59 and would come out of the H&I budget.

Intent: To carry the message to the still suffering addict.

GROUPS MUST VOTE.

There were no objections to TVASC being held hybrid for the January 2021 TVASC meeting.

AGENDA:

Stephanie, PR Chair brought up the possibility of obtaining a storage unit for all of the PR Supplies that often get passed from one member to the other and it would make sense to keep all of the supplies in 1 designated common storage space. The particulars including fees will be looked into and reported back at next TVASC to find out if it makes sense to obtain a unit. Activities Subcommittee may also have access to and utilize this storage space.

TVASC closed in the usual manner. The next TVASC meeting will be January 3, 2021 at 1:00 PM as a hybrid meeting. 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 January TVASC meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/124408128> Password: 06051

In loving service,
Doreen S.