

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE JANUARY 2021 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The TVASC met on January 3, 2021. Meeting was called to order in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. There were 15 groups out of 28 present, 14 groups have voting rights. Welcome Jana H., new Alt. GSR for Sunday Morning Serenity. Thank you for your service!

ELECTIONS: THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP:

Vice Chair: Nick P. elected. Congratulations! Thank you for your service.

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 question was brought up about why did Activities cancel the Christmas Marathon without bringing it to the Groups for a vote? The circumstances surrounding the situation were that only 3 addicts with voting rights were present at the Activities Subcommittee Meeting that met Tuesday, December 15th on Zoom (10 days before the Scheduled Marathon). Of the 3 present, 2 did not feel safe or comfortable with going forward and holding the Marathon due to the current level of Coronavirus Outbreak in the State of Connecticut. The Marathon could not be held with only 1 remaining committee member facilitating it. A motion was made at Activities Subcommittee meeting and it was voted that the Marathon would be cancelled due to safety concerns about the pandemic. Policy Chair noted that what Activities did was within their rights. The Women with Hope Group offered to facilitate the Marathon Meeting and Women with Hope's GSR reported that the Christmas Day Marathon was successful. Expressions of gratitude and appreciation were reported by addicts in attendance at the Marathon. Another observation noted is that historically Activities receives very little Addict Support in attendance at their monthly subcommittee meeting. If Groups or Members have any issue with how Activities plans events and such, these members are encouraged to attend and take part in the Activities Subcommittee meeting to be a part of the planning process, volunteer to do the work necessary to hold events, and to be included in any votes regarding Activities Events.

Marcin, GSR Early Stepping has brought to Area a Polish Speaking Meeting that has been meeting on Zoom and they are interested in the Group joining Tunxis Valley Area.

Liane, Chair brought up that when writing motions, many addicts use the same general line for the intent: "To help the addict who still suffers" which is our primary purpose. However, it is requested that when writing motions, make an effort to elaborate from that one general line of intent to clarify a more specific intent relative to your individual motion. This will help clarify the true intent and help facilitate the voting process.

For any groups who have not seen this information yet: Any changes to a meeting will need to have the group 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: \$1,604.02 Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$180.00 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$0.00. Subtotal Bank Balance: \$1,784.02 Expenses: \$9.65. (Literature). Ending Checkbook Balance: \$1,774.37. Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance (**\$442.86**) 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. Policy Chair encourages all to look over and become familiar with the current policy, especially if concerns arise about motions and what circumstances must be brought to the groups to be voted on. 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 and accepted. Reported that many areas in Connecticut Region cancelled Christmas Marathons due to the Pandemic. The CTCNA 2022 Convention Committee Kickoff Meeting is February 13, 2021 on Zoom. Positions already elected for Committee last year will stand as the Convention was simply postponed to 2022 due to the Pandemic. Regional Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, Policy Chair.

There is a Regional Motion and Budgets for groups to vote on which are attached to these minutes. See attached.

Next Regional Meeting is January 16, 2020 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. Anyone who attends Region on Zoom has to go through the Lobby 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.

For any group needing paper copies of schedules, the printable meeting schedules have been implemented. These can be found here <https://ctna.org/find-a-meeting/>. We broke the region up mostly by geographical areas rather than by ASC. This is partly due to some areas having some meetings that cross geographical lines.

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. H&I did not meet in December. Bristol Hospital, Farrell Treatment and Manson Youth (Thursday) are not allowing H&I in for the time being due to spike in Covid-19 cases. For Manson Youth all members will need to retake online DCF Class. H&I purchased a low-cost laptop solely for the use of bringing NA meetings into facilities. At present, Farrell Treatment is the only facility allowing the device in. After

minor technical difficulties, they got the device up and running and working well. The device is staying at Farrell Treatment center and its only access will be for Zoom NA Meetings for addicts there.

PR: Present. Report read and accepted. See Attached Report. Stephanie, Chair attended Regional PR. Gathered info on what other Area PR subcommittees have been doing during shutdown. Introducing ourselves to local youth officers was a viable suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS: We have previously announced that the position of Presentation Speaker was OTF. We reviewed TVA PR policy closely and deduced that the listing of Presentation Speaker and where it is listed (with other subcommittee positions) was misconstrued. The qualifications for Presentation Speaker are in policy to ensure that qualified trusted servants speak at presentations. This is not a position that needs to be filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Subcommittee made a motion that the policy be clarified. The qualifications for Presentation Speaker should be distinguished as qualifications for any addict chosen to speak at a presentation and NOT as a subcommittee position. Motion **PASSED**.

B. We will be reaching out to local towns, youth officers and other substance abuse officials to introduce ourselves and offer our services for those interested. For now, Stephanie will reach out to Plainville and Bristol and Liane will reach out to Berlin and Southington STEPS.

Fundflow of \$249.00 for the Fundraising Bracelets sold was sent to TVA Treasurer.

Next meeting is January 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Bridge Community Church, 43 School St., Bristol, CT 06010

ACTIVITIES: Present. Report read and accepted. Activities met on Zoom December 15. Still OTF are Secretary and Alt. Treasurer. Treasurer gave report, see attached report. A motion was made to cancel the Christmas Marathon amidst safety concerns around the current state of Coronavirus outbreak in the local area. The vote on this motion resulted in the cancellation of the Christmas Marathon by Activities Subcommittee (on 12/15/20). However, Women with Hope Group chose to facilitate the Christmas Marathon and held it at the same time and same place using the meeting slots previously established by Activities Subcommittee. **ACTIVITIES IS IN NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.**

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. FUNDFLOW: \$125.00.

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: PRESENT. Meeting in-person at the Church, 55 Chapman St., New Britain, CT Wednesdays at 7 pm. Secretary and Alt. GSR OTF.

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. **GROUP IS IN URGENT NEED FOR ADDICT SUPPORT.**

MONDAY NIGHT MIRACLES: ABSENT

NOT ALONE GROUP: ABSENT

PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES: ABSENT.

PROMISE IS FREEDOM: ABSENT

REACH WITHIN: ABSENT

RENEGADE RECOVERY: PRESENT. 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. FUNDFLOW: \$50.00.

SPIRITUAL SISTERS: Absent. FUNDFLOW \$20.00. Meeting on Zoom.

SPRING INTO RECOVERY: PRESENT. Moved to First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain, 7 pm on Mondays. FUNDFLOW: \$40.00 GSR & Alt. GSR are OTF. Will hold late Anniversary Meeting day after Valentines Day, 2-15-2021 @ 6 p.m. See attached flyer.

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

TRUST THE DREAM: PRESENT.

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

WOMEN WITH HOPE: PRESENT. Meeting at South Church, 90 Main St., New Britain, CT, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Marathon held was a success. Donations \$50.00.

GROUPS PRESENT WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Early Stepping, Freedom to Live, Friday Night Freedom, High on Recovery, Issues, Lifeline to Recovery, Renegade Recovery, 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, Making Headway, Miracles on Arch, Monday Night Miracles, Not Alone Group, Principles Before Personalities, Promise is Freedom, Reach Within, Spiritual Sisters, Steps are the Key, Stop and Recover, Within Reach.

GROUPS ELIGIBLE TO REGAIN RIGHTS IN FEBRUARY IF PRESENT: Spring into Recovery.

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN JANUARY IF NOT PRESENT: None.

OLD 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.

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 sick and suffering addict.

GROUPS MUST VOTE.

MOTION PASSED 1-3-2021

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.

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:

Regional motion and budgets are attached to go out to groups for vote.

Connecticut Regional Motion:
Made by: Garrett W.

Motion: To set forth standard practice of having every RSC member to email a report in to the webservant/secretary by 8 pm the day before the RSC meets. The webservant/secretary will compile all reports and send out to every member of the RSC.

Intent: To keep better assurance that all members will receive all reports available before the RSC meets.

Marcin, GSR from Early Stepping is bringing a new group that is currently meeting on Zoom only. This is a polish speaking group. When a flyer is received on this new group it will be emailed to all on the same list as those who receive these minutes. When Marcin makes a motion for the group to be added to TVA, the new group will be voted into the Area.

NOTE: Please bring to Groups the attached information comparing the costs to obtain a storage space to be utilized by both Public Relations and Activities as a designated common area to store valuables such as archives, presentation supplies and literature. Groups should review as a motion may be made next Month as to a choice which will then most likely go out to the Groups for a vote.

AGENDA: None.

TVASC closed in the usual manner. The next TVASC meeting will be February 7, 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 February TVASC meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/124408128> Password: 06051

In loving service,
Doreen S.