

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE APRIL 2021 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
****BREAKING NEWS - TVASC IS MOVING OUR MEETING PLACE EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2021**
TO FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, 830 CORBIN AVENUE, NEW BRITAIN, CT**

The TVASC met on April 11, 2021. Meeting was called to order in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. There were 14 groups out of 28 present, 15 groups have voting rights. Welcome Miranda, representing Not Alone Group and Mary, new GSR for Sunday Night Surrender. Thank you for your service!

ELECTIONS: THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP:

All Executive Committee and Subcommittee Positions are out to the fellowship now until May TVASC. They will be elected at May TVASC meeting and the positions start in June. Positions out to the fellowship are TVASC Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Policy Chair, Vice Policy Chair, Literature Chair, RCM, Alt. RCM, Activities Chair, Public Relations Chair, H&I Chair. **PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS.**

OPEN FORUM:

The new Polish Speaking Group (Damy Rade) that meets exclusively on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. is now listed on CTNA.org.

The Regional Schedule Facilitator reported that paper schedules will not be printed and supplied again until the State of Connecticut is fully open. It is too costly to print schedules while meetings are often making changes and still in the process of closing, re-opening and meeting virtually due to the pandemic. If any group is in need of a paper schedule (for this geographical area) you may print schedules from this link: <https://ctna.org/find-a-meeting/>. The information in these schedules is as current as possible.

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: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached report. Highlights: Attended Activities that has been meeting on Zoom and they have a new Zoom ID and password which is the Regional Account and this login info is in attached Vice Chair report. Activities has the next Learning Day currently planned for Saturday, May 22, 2021 10 am – 2 pm. Also walks in the park (Walnut Hill) through May are planned. H&I Subcommittee was a no-show last month. Vice Chair is stepping in to help find out what is happening with H&I. PR met and is doing well. Renegade Recovery's Anniversary Party was a success and Renegade Recovery has added meetings on Sundays and Tuesdays 6 p.m. at Walnut Hill Park Rose Garden for Spring-Summer Season. Lifeline to Recovery is **STILL IN NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT**. Please do what you can to help this meeting avoid closing. Thank You.

SECRETARY: Present. Minutes read and accepted.

TREASURER: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached report. Beginning Balance: \$2,845.96 Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$531.00 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$98.60 Subtotal Bank Balance: \$3475.56 Expenses: \$549.52 (Regional Fundflow, \$400.00, Literature \$98.55, Funded New Group Zoom Membership \$50.97). Ending Checkbook Balance: \$2,926.04 Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance **\$708.81 ABOVE 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. Fundflow may be turned in at TVASC Meeting in person at First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Avenue,

New Britain. Note: The TVA Treasurer checks the P. O. Box once monthly, the Friday before TVASC meets. It was noted to remember to not put an Addict's last name on Treasurer's Report as a check payee.

ALT. TREASURER: OTF.

POLICY CHAIR: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached report. Policy Chair has made all updates needed to the Policy and is sending it over to the webservant. It was noted that any motion requiring the expenditure of over \$100.00 must go out to the groups to be voted on. To clarify what was stated in error last month, any motion that will necessitate a change in policy can be voted on at the Area level and does not need to go out to the groups for voting.

Policy Chair read from Policy (on page 11) under Vice Chair section B. responsibilities, item 3. the duties TVASC Vice Chair assumes in the event of a subcommittee chair being absent or does not fulfill the role of their subcommittee position:

1. TVASC Vice Chair
 - b) Responsibilities:**
 - (3)** Acts as Chairperson in the absence of Chair or Vice-Chair of a Subcommittee and facilitates the committee's function and purpose.

TVASC Vice Chair brought this question to the Policy Chair due to the sudden vacancy of the H&I Chair who needed to step down before commitment term ended. Vice Chair needed to know if he is supposed to step in until a new H&I Chair is elected.

Policy Chair has hard copies of previous budgets so if anyone needed that information for preparing budgets, please contact Mike C, Policy Chair.

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: Absent. Report read by Liane, Chair. See attached report.

Regional Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, Policy Facilitator, WSR (Writing Steps for Recovery) Chair, Webservant, Alt. Webservant. Regional Budgets included in the attached RCM Report will be voted on at April CTRSC Meeting.

Next Regional Meeting is April 17, 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. Report read and accepted. Accepting orders. Literature Chair would like any Group who has not picked up previous orders, please do so! PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE LAST MONTH LITERATURE CHAIR WILL HOLD THE FOLLOWING UNCLAIMED ORDERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP FOR OVER 1 YEAR. IF NOT PICKED UP BY MAY TVASC, THEY WILL BE DONATED TO TUNXIS VALLEY AREA AND DISBURSED AS NEEDED.: 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) 1 order with no identification and 2) 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 First Church of Christ.

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: Absent. TVASC Vice Chair will login for the next H&I Subcommittee Zoom Meeting to facilitate meeting, answer questions and provide meeting information until a new H&I Chair and Vice Chair are elected. Please announce at Groups that a new H&I Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected as soon as possible. Also, announce to groups that H&I has room for new panel members to go into facilities, in particular Bristol Hospital wants to bring NA Meetings in. Vice Chair proposes that H&I operates on same budget as last year for now.

PR: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached Report. Highlights:

Old Business: Steph, PR Chair called Bristol Central/Eastern and they are open to accepting literature. She will print out local meeting schedules from the website.

New Business: Learning Day May 22nd 10AM to 2PM.

Next meeting is April 21st at 6:30 via ZOOM. Zoom Meeting ID: 833 1070 3097 Passcode: 06010
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83310703097?pwd=MTlnQksvQWtHckVuV3ZhbUttL1ZhQT09>

ACTIVITIES: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached Report and Flyers. Activities met on Zoom March 16th. All Activities Subcommittee Positions are OTF. Learning Day to be held May 22, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Hybrid) at First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Avenue, New Britain and on Zoom along with PR and H&I. Activities is presenting "A Walk in the Park" (We will meet at the Music Shell at Walnut Hill Park at 12 p.m.) every Saturday in May except the 22nd. See Attached Flyer.

Next Meeting April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. **PLEASE NOTE NEW ZOOM MEETING LOGIN:**
TVA Activities subcommittee meeting Meeting Virtually, Zoom Meeting ID: 869 5407 1711, Password: 06111
Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86954071711?pwd=TnphcWxxWTBVMU80a2ZxZUhaVjUvdz09>

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. Meeting in person at Church.

GENESIS: PRESENT. Alt. GSR is OTF. FUNDFLOW: \$70.00.

HIGH ON RECOVERY: ABSENT. Meeting in-person at First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain 6 p.m. Saturdays. GSR, Alt. GSR are OTF.

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

LIFELINE TO RECOVERY: ABSENT. Meeting in-person at Right Now Ministries, 147 West Main Street, New Britain, Mondays 5:30 pm. GSR & Alt. GSR are OTF. **IN URGENT 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. IN URGENT NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.

MONDAY NIGHT MIRACLES: ABSENT

NOT ALONE GROUP: PRESENT. GSR OTF. Fundflow \$86.00

PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES: ABSENT.

PROMISE IS FREEDOM: ABSENT

REACH WITHIN: ABSENT

RENEGADE RECOVERY: PRESENT. Alt. GSR is OTF. Meets at First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain. Thursdays 6 – 7:15 pm. Note: Renegade Recovery is also meeting on Sundays and Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Rose Garden at Walnut Hill Park for the Spring and Summer Season.

SATURDAY MORNING SURRENDER: PRESENT. Meeting at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, Saturdays 10:00 a.m. Treasurer GSR and Alt. GSR are OTF.

SPIRITUAL SISTERS: PRESENT. Meeting on Zoom. Women’s Meeting with Step Writing followed by sharing.

SPRING INTO RECOVERY: ABSENT. Moved to First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain, 7 pm on Mondays. GSR & Alt. GSR are OTF.

STEPS ARE THE KEY: ABSENT

STOP AND RECOVER: ABSENT

SUNDAY MORNING SERENITY: PRESENT, Meeting is continuing on Zoom. Fundflow: \$80.00.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT SURRENDER: PRESENT. Meeting on Zoom. Returning to in-person May 2nd. United Methodist Church, 99 Summer St., Bristol, 7 p.m. GROUP IN NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT. Fundflow: \$50.00

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

TRUST THE DREAM: PRESENT. Meeting is reopening at Church. See attached flyer. Reopening business meeting Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. OTF: Secretary, Treasurer and Alt. GSR.

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.

GROUPS PRESENT WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Early Stepping, Freedom to Live, Friday Night Freedom, Genesis, Issues, Not Alone Group, Renegade Recovery, Saturday Morning Surrender, Spiritual Sisters, Sunday Morning Serenity, Sunday Night Surrender, Trust the Dream, Women with Hope.

GROUPS WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS: (need 2 consecutive attendances): Back to Basics, High on Recovery, Lifeline to Recovery, Miracles on Arch, Monday Night Miracles, 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 APRIL IF PRESENT: Sunday Nite Sanity.

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN APRIL IF NOT PRESENT: Making Headway, Thru the Steps.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #1: To obtain a storage unit (5’ x 8’ x 10’ high) at Web Self-Storage in Plainville (Uhaul) for \$74.95 per month or \$899.40 a year for the use of Tunxis Valley Area Executive Committee and all Subcommittees. This will be paid out of Tunxis Valley Area Treasurer’s Budget.

Intent: To keep archives and inventories in one central location for better oversight and convenience.

Made by: Colleen YB

Seconded by: Matt M.

GROUPS MUST VOTE – PASSED AT TVASC 4-11-2021

Motion #2: Requesting \$50.97 financial help from Tunxis Valley Area for 3 months Zoom Account membership fee in lieu of receiving the \$50.00 Starter Kit including Literature that would normally be given to a new Group joining TVA. Group will provide TVA Treasurer with a receipt.

Intent: To support the new Polish Speaking Group meeting exclusively on Zoom.

Made by: Marcin

Seconded by: Matt M.

MOTION PASSED AT AREA

Motion #3: To set forth standard practice of having every TVASC trusted servant email a report to the secretary by 7:00 pm the day before TVASC meets. The secretary will compile all reports and send out to every member of TVASC.

Intent: For the secretary to have time to compile and send out current reports to all TVASC members so both in-person and Zoom attendees can be informed in time for TVASC meeting.

Made by: Carleen, Thru the Steps

Seconded by: Dondi S.

It is a policy change (changes Secretary's responsibilities in policy) therefore, **GROUPS MUST VOTE.**

NOTE OF CLARIFICATION: It was determined after this motion was already sent out that it wasn't necessary to send this motion out to the groups for voting. It was found by the Policy Chair in Policy that a change in policy can be voted on at the Area Level and does not necessitate going out to the groups unless GSR's do not feel they can vote their group's conscious without the Group's input.

MOTION PASSED AT TVASC 4-11-2021.

Regional Motion #1: To approve the CT Regional Fellowship Development Committee Budget for 2021-2022. See attached Budget. **GROUPS MUST VOTE**

MOTION PASSED AT TVASC 4-11-2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

TVASC PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR 2021-2022. SEE ATTACHED BUDGETS FOR DETAIL.

Motion #1: To keep TVASC Chair Budget at \$50.00 for 2021-2022 for incidentals and copies. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Motion #2: TVASC Vice Chair Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is \$150.00 for Meeting Room Supplies (Paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, disinfecting supplies) and copies. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Motion #3: TVASC Secretary, Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is to stay at \$400.00 for Envelopes, Postage Stamps and Copies to provide meeting correspondence to the Area. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Motion #4: TVASC Treasurer, Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is \$2,528.00 for schedules, P.O. Box Fee, Meeting Room Rent, Group Starter Kits, Area Storage Space Yearly Rental Fee. Increase is due to added line item for new Area Storage Space. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Motion #5: TVASC Policy Chair, Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is to stay at \$270.00 for monthly Policy Reports, miscellaneous printing and yearly Policy Copies. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Motion #6: TVASC Literature Chair, Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is to stay at \$250.00 for Basic Supplies, Copies and Shipping. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Motion #7 TVASC Public Relations Subcommittee Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is to stay at \$2,225.00. Please see attached Budget for detailed line items. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Motion #8 TVASC Activities Subcommittee Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is to stay at \$1,700.00. Please see attached Budget for detailed line items. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Motion #9 TVASC H&I Subcommittee Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is \$1,370.00. Please see attached Budget for detailed line items. Intent: To be financially responsible to Tunxis Valley Area. **GROUP MUST VOTE.**

Note: TVASC RCM was absent at April TVASC Meeting so RCM Budget stands as it was last year until a proposed new Budget is received and will then go out to the groups.

Motion #10: To move Tunxis Valley Area Service Committee Meeting Place from South Church to First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Avenue, New Britain. Made by: Colleen, Seconded by: Miranda. Intent: For the TVASC Meeting Place to be handicapped accessible. **MOTION PASSED AT AREA. WE ARE MOVING!!**

AGENDA:

Discussed moving from South Church to First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Avenue, New Britain effective May 2, 2021. Motion was made and there were no objections. We are officially moving the TVASC Meeting Place commencing with the next Area Meeting.

Discussion about whether we are going to continue meeting with a Hybrid option. Literature Chair, Garrett has been using his personal computer equipment to facilitate our Hybrid Meetings. If we want to continue offering the Hybrid option, we may need to find others who are offering the use of their personal equipment for this purpose. Vice Chair, Nick noted that the laptop that was purchased for H&I to provide Zoom Meetings at Farrell Treatment Facility may not be in use there since H&I can go back into the facility now and that equipment may be used for Area Meetings.

It was agreed that we will meet Hybrid for the May TVASC Meeting and we will see how it goes with the new location.

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 is uncomfortable with attending in person or is 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

TVASC closed in the usual manner. **PLEASE NOTE:** The next TVASC meeting will be May 2, 2021 at 1:00 PM as a hybrid meeting. Members can attend in person at our **NEW LOCATION First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT** **OR** join the meeting via Zoom. Here is the Zoom link for May TVASC meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/124408128> Password: 06051

In loving service,
Doreen S.