

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 2021 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The TVASC met on February 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 Elinor S., new GSR for Spiritual Sisters, Tarik C. representing High on Recovery, Mari representing Genesis, and George T. representing Renegade Recovery. Thank you for your service!

ELECTIONS: THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP:

Alt. Treasurer: OTF. PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS.

Vice Policy Chair: OTF. PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS.

Alt. RCM: OTF: PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS.

BOD Representative from TVA: OTF. PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS.

OPEN FORUM:

It was brought up as a reminder that regarding elections of Executive Committee or Subcommittee Positions that are OTF at TVA; if you are a GSR or Alt. GSR for a Group and are nominated and elected for an Executive or Subcommittee position, you must step down from the GSR or Alt. GSR position in order to assume the new position as wearing two hats is not permitted at the Area Level.

Requirements for TVA BOD Representative which is a three (3) year Commitment that is now OTF and will be elected in March are in the bylaws for BOD (Board of Directors) and were read by Heather S.: Candidate must be 18 years of age or older, must live in the state of Connecticut, must have experience with service (preferably large events) and have some knowledge of budgets and contracts. Heather will send a copy of the bylaws to Mike, Policy Chair. Three years clean time was also recently voted on and added to the requirements. It was also brought up that the BOD Rep. does not need to come to the TVASC and give a report as the RCM covers this content. However, in the current TVASC Policy it states, "BOD member to bring report to TVASC every month." This may need to be changed in Policy as it has never been enforced.

Carleen, Thru the Steps GSR brought up that the Schedule Facilitator Budget sent out last month is out of order because it was lacking the previous year's budget and expenditures and was not titled. The budget has been amended and is attached to these minutes with the other budgets going to the groups this month to be voted on.

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. Attended all subcommittee meetings.

SECRETARY: Present. Minutes read and accepted.

TREASURER: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached report. Beginning Balance: \$1,774.37 Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$905.25 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$0.00. Subtotal Bank Balance: \$2,679.62 Expenses: \$260.00 (Rent and H&I). Ending Checkbook Balance: \$2,419.62. Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance **\$202.40 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 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 will make motions next month to make clarifications to Policy or removal of items that need to be removed from the current policy including removing the line in Policy that states, "BOD member to bring report to TVASC every month." Nothing else 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 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. See attached Regional Minutes. The Regional Budgets that need to go out to the Groups and be voted on are in these attached minutes.

A Motion was made at Region for Region to obtain a second Zoom license. Intent is to allow more subcommittees to be able to use the account. After much discussion a straw poll was taken. Group conscience was taken to move forward with a second license.

The CTCNA 2022 Convention Committee Kickoff Meeting is Sunday February 14, 2021 on Zoom. Positions already elected for Committee last year will stand as the Convention was simply postponed to 2022 due to the Pandemic. Here is the link for the CTCNA 2022 Convention Kickoff Meeting on Zoom, Sunday 2-14-21 @ 1:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting Passcode: 735282 <https://ctnac.org/>

Regional Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Secretary, Alt. Treasurer, Policy Chair.

Next Regional Meeting is February 18, 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 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) **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 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: Absent.

PR: Absent. Liane, TVA Chair read the Public Relations Report and it was accepted. See Attached Report.

Next meeting is February 17th 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. Activities met on Zoom January 19th. Still OTF are Secretary and Alt. Treasurer. Please bring ideas for new activities to the next meeting. **ACTIVITIES IS IN NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.**

Next Meeting February 16, 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: ABSENT. 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. FUNDFLOW: \$180.00.

GENESIS: PRESENT. Alt. GSR is OTF. FUNDFLOW: \$75.00.

HIGH ON RECOVERY: PRESENT. 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 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. Secretary, 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. **GROUP IS IN URGENT NEED FOR ADDICT SUPPORT.**

MONDAY NIGHT MIRACLES: ABSENT

NOT ALONE GROUP: PRESENT. GSR and Alt. GSR are OTF.

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. First Group Anniversary, March 18, 2021, 6 p.m. See Attached Flyer.

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

SPIRITUAL SISTERS: Present. Meeting on Zoom.

SPRING INTO RECOVERY: ABSENT. Moved to First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain, 7 pm on Mondays. GSR & Alt. GSR are OTF. Anniversary Meeting to be held day after Valentine's Day, 2-15-2021, 6 p.m.

STEPS ARE THE KEY: ABSENT

STOP AND RECOVER: ABSENT

SUNDAY MORNING SERENITY: PRESENT, Meeting is continuing on Zoom. Motion to impose time limit on sharing is OTF. Intent: Due to meeting attendance being very large, a time limit will allow more addicts to share.

SUNDAY NIGHT SANITY: ABSENT. 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: PRESENT. Meeting is continuing on Zoom. 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.

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

GROUPS WITH NO VOTING RIGHTS: (need 2 consecutive attendances): Back to Basics, 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 MARCH IF PRESENT: Genesis, Making Headway, Not Alone Group, and Spiritual Sisters.

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN FEBRUARY IF NOT PRESENT: Freedom to Live, Sunday Night Surrender, Sunday Nite Sanity.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Budgets:

Motion #1 Admin. Budget: Passed

Motion #2 Schedule Facilitator Budget: Called out of order. Amended Budget sent back out to Groups for revote.

Motion #3 Webservant Budget: Passed.

Regional Motion #4 (for Policy Change): Made by: Garrett W. Seconded by Michael.

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.

Motion: Passed.

Information was brought to Groups 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 the information as a motion may be made as to a choice which will then go out to the Groups for a vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

These Regional Budgets are attached to be voted on by groups and brought back to March TVASC including: Public Relations, RD, Schedule Facilitator and WSR Budgets.

AGENDA:

Qualifications for the still open TVA Position were read for Alt. Treasurer, Vice Policy Chair and Alt. RCM.

Marcin, GSR from Early Stepping reported on the status of the new Polish Speaking Group that is currently meeting on Zoom only, Wednesdays, 7 p.m. They need to provide an address to fill in the meeting information form to be registered on ctna.org. They are presently working on a flyer for the 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Some members offer 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

TVASC closed in the usual manner. The next TVASC meeting will be March 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.