

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MARCH 2021 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The TVASC met on March 7, 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, 17 groups have voting rights. Welcome Colleen YB, new Alt. GSR for Saturday Morning Surrender, Matt M., Alt. GSR for Making Headway, Pat H., GSR for Genesis. 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 for 60 Days. 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**.

BOD Representative for TVA: Heather S. re-elected. Congratulations and Thank you for your service!

OPEN FORUM:

All Tunxis Valley Area Executive Committee and Subcommittee positions are OTF (60 days). Please announce at Groups. The positions will be voted on in May and start in June. All Executive Committee and Subcommittee proposed Budgets for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year are to be brought to April TVASC Meeting and will go out to groups to be voted on. They will be voted on at May TVASC Meeting and go into effect in June. Just a reminder of what TVA did last year in regard to Budgets and the pandemic. Quoted from the June 2020 TVASC Meeting Minutes: "The issue of new budgets for the coming year was discussed. There were no objections that all Executive Committee and Subcommittees will operate on last year's budgets until we reconvene and proposed new budgets are brought in and then sent out to the Groups for voting." Essentially, Tunxis Valley Area for the entire past year (2020-2021) Fiscal Year has been operating on the previous (2019-2020) budgets due to the pandemic. New Budgets to be submitted will be written as if we are returning to "pre-pandemic" normalcy.

PR is preparing to make a motion on obtaining the Storage Space that we have been discussing the past few months.

Nick, Vice Chair brought up that our current meeting place is not handicap accessible. First Church of Christ on Corbin Avenue has available room for us that is handicap accessible. The church has offered to match our current rent rate. It was brought up that WiFi is currently required in order to facilitate holding TVASC as an available Hybrid Meeting on Zoom. The status of WiFi at First Church of Christ will be confirmed before a motion is made to change our meeting place.

Marcin, from Early Stepping brought in more information regarding the new Polish Speaking Group. They are looking for funds to finance their Zoom Account in lieu of the usual \$50 Starter Kit including Literature. A motion will be made and getting them officially voted in to TVA and on the website schedule is in 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: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached report. Attended all subcommittee meetings. Emphasized the TVA Executive Committee is here to help any Group with specific needs. When Activities has the next Learning Day currently being planned it may be very helpful to have the TVA Executive Committee present at

the Learning Day to make addicts aware that the TVA Executive Committee is available to help Groups with specific needs. Spring into Recovery's Anniversary Party was a huge success. Lifeline to Recovery is in URGENT NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT. Perhaps we can discuss how TVASC can help Groups that are in need of support.

SECRETARY: Present. Minutes read and accepted.

TREASURER: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached report. Beginning Balance: \$2,419.62 Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$575.54 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$247.50. Subtotal Bank Balance: \$3242.66 Expenses: \$396.70 (Regional Fundflow, \$150, Literature \$246.70). Ending Checkbook Balance: \$2,845.96. Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance **\$628.74 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 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 is postponing making motions to next month to make clarifications to Policy and 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." Need to obtain additional information on the responsibilities of the TVA BOD representative. 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: Absent. CT Regional Fellowship Development Committee Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is attached to these minutes for Groups to vote on approval or denial.

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

Next Regional Meeting is March 20, 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 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) **I 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: Present. Report read and accepted. Meeting back in-person at Farrell Treatment 2 persons at a time. Just notified by Bristol Hospital that they may also return in-person 2 persons at a time. Please announce to groups that H&I has room for new panel members to go into facilities. **Please Note:** If you work in the facility or have a family member presently in treatment at the facility, you may not serve as a panel member as it poses a conflict in interest. H&I Chair needs to step down at the end of March due to school schedule.

PR: Present. Public Relations was not able to meet in February due to illness.

Next meeting is March 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 February 16th. Still OTF are Secretary and Alt. Treasurer. 4 people in attendance. Planning Learning Day to be held in May with PR and H&I. Discussing doing the Learning Day Hybrid.

Next Meeting March 16, 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=TnpheWxxWTBVMU80a2ZxZUhaVjUvdz09>

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 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. Secretary, GSR & Alt. GSR are OTF. **IN URGENT 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. **IN URGENT NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.**

MONDAY NIGHT MIRACLES: ABSENT

NOT ALONE GROUP: PRESENT. GSR and Alt. GSR are OTF. Fundflow \$75.00.

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. First Group Anniversary, March 18, 2021, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING SURRENDER: PRESENT. Meeting at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, Saturdays 10:00 a.m. Treasurer and GSR are OTF. Fundflow \$100.00

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.

STEPS ARE THE KEY: ABSENT

STOP AND RECOVER: ABSENT

SUNDAY MORNING SERENITY: PRESENT, Meeting is continuing on Zoom. Motion failed at Group Vote to impose time limit on sharing.

SUNDAY NIGHT SANITY: ABSENT. 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. 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, Freedom to Live, Friday Night Freedom, Genesis, Issues, Making Headway, Not Alone Group, Renegade Recovery, Saturday Morning Surrender, Spiritual Sisters, Sunday Morning Serenity, Sunday Night Surrender, 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, Sunday Nite Sanity, Within Reach.

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

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN APRIL IF NOT PRESENT:. High on Recovery, Lifeline to Recovery.

OLD BUSINESS:

These Regional Budgets were attached to be voted on by groups and brought back to March TVASC including: Public Relations, RD, Schedule Facilitator and WSR Budgets. There were NO OBJECTIONS to these Budgets being accepted. These motions **PASSED**.

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.

NEW 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

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.**

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

AGENDA:

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:** A motion was made to postpone the next TVASC Meeting to the second Sunday of April instead of the first Sunday, April 4th, which is Easter. The next TVASC meeting will be April 11, 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 April TVASC meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/124408128> Password: 06051

In loving service,
Doreen S.