

TUNXIS VALLEY AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MAY 2021 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The TVASC met on May 2, 2021. Meeting was called to order in the usual manner. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were read. There were 13 groups out of 28 present, 16 groups have voting rights. Welcome Emily, new GSR for Saturday Morning Surrender and John H., new GSR for Trust the Dream. Thank you for your service!

ELECTIONS:

Chair: Nick P. elected.
Vice Chair: Colleen YB elected.
Secretary: OTF.
Treasurer: OTF.
Alternate Treasurer: Doreen S. elected.
Policy Chair: Heather M. elected.
Vice Policy Chair: OTF.
Literature Chair: Garrett W. re-elected.
RCM: OTF.
Alternate RCM: OTF.
Activities Chair: OTF.
Public Relations Chair: Stephanie B. re-elected.
H&I Chair: Brandon M. re-elected.

Congratulations to all elected Trusted Servants and Thank You for your service!

PLEASE ANNOUNCE POSITIONS STILL OUT TO THE FELLOWSHIP AT GROUPS.

OPEN FORUM:

Steps are the Key Group is closing. The remaining funds are going to be fundflowed and any literature will be brought to Area next month.

Woman with Hope Group is struggling and close to folding. The Group is in URGENT NEED of Addict Support.

Discussion began about TVASC returning to meeting completely in person. Several ideas were brought up about how we are planning to conduct the meeting so that all Addicts will feel safe and comfortable attending in person. Regardless of any personal opinions, we must follow the guidelines of the Church that we agreed to when we contracted to rent our meeting space from them. To clarify the requirements of the Church (as there seemed to be some confusion about what the actual requirements are) here is the actual wording of what we agreed to abide by in choosing to meet at First Church of Christ. This is a copy of the actual form the Church has the renter sign:

REQUIREMENTS WHILE USING FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

The following safety measures are based on CDC, State of CT and local guidelines:

- MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN ENTERING BUILDING & IN ALL COMMON AREAS
- SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 FEET APART) MUST BE PRACTICED
- BUILDING USAGE WILL BE RESTRICTED TO AREA(S) AS ASSIGNED BY GLENN
- NO KITCHEN USAGE ALLOWED
- BATHROOM USAGE WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE ONE NEAREST MEETING ROOM(S) OR AS ASSIGNED BY GLENN
- BATHROOM SANITIZING PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED
- ACCESS TO BUILDING WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE ENTRYWAY/EXIT
- NO SINGING DURING EVENTS WILL BE ALLOWED

*Note: Please read this notice to all participants at your event

I have read the above and agree to abide by these conditions:

Representative for: _____ Date: _____

A motion was made to have mask wearing mandatory during the entire duration of the TVASC Meeting (except when reading, chairing or sharing). To clarify, First Church of Christ requires masks to be worn when entering the building and in all common areas, restrooms and when walking around the meeting room. The only time masks can be removed are when seated and 6 feet apart from others. A straw poll was taken, “Do we want mask wearing to BE MANDATORY for the entire duration of the TVASC Meeting? OR Do we want mask wearing NOT TO BE MANDATORY for the entire duration of the meeting? (Meaning that masks can be removed only when sitting - 6 feet apart and not moving about the room) The majority voted that mask wearing is NOT TO BE MANDATORY. Please be sure all Addicts understand the guidelines we agree to follow as we do not want to jeopardize losing our meeting place.

The new Polish Speaking Group Damy Rade (“We can do it” – English Translation of Group Name) that meets exclusively on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. is now listed on CTNA.org. A motion will need to be brought to TVASC to vote in the group to join Tunxis Valley Area and be added to the roll call.

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.

SECRETARY: Present. Minutes read and accepted.

TREASURER: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached report. Beginning Balance: \$2,926.04 Deposit – Groups Fund Flow: \$542.00 Area Literature Order Deposit: \$0.00 Subtotal Bank Balance: \$3468.04 Expenses: \$708.22. Ending Checkbook Balance: \$2,759.82 Prudent Reserve 25% of Budget: \$2,217.23. Actual Balance **\$542.59 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.

ALT. TREASURER: OTF.

POLICY CHAIR: Present. Report read and accepted. Policy Chair has sent Policy with updates to the Webservant and also to Heather, newly elected Policy Chair. It will stay on the CTNA.org TVA Area page for a month for review and for stamp of approval. Any changes made in the last year have been incorporated into the submitted Policy.

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. Absent at time for report. No report submitted this month.

Next Regional Meeting is May 15, 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 can only accept the completed order forms. No orders written on a plain piece of paper will be accepted. Money Orders (payments) must be submitted with the completed order form. Too many complications arise when orders are brought in incomplete. 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: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached Report. Congratulations to elected Trusted Servants: Chair – Brandon M., Vice Chair – Keith T., Secretary – Miranda B, Orientation Chair – Nick P. Thank You all for your service! Literature is needed for Bristol Hospital and Farrell Treatment and will be ordered. The laptop was picked up from Farrell Treatment and returned to Area. Panel Coordinators needed and still OTF are for Bristol Hospital 1st 2 Saturdays, Farrell Treatment Saturday and Farrell Treatment Tuesday. H&I has moved their subcommittee meeting day to the 3rd Thursday of every month, 6-7 p.m. Next meeting is May 20, 2021 in person at Bridge Community Church, 43 School Street, Bristol, CT.

PR: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached Report. Congratulations to elected Trusted Servants: Chair – Stephanie B., Vice Chair – Sharon, Secretary – Liane, Orientation Chair – still OTF. Next meeting is May 19, 2021 in person at Bridge Community Church, 43 School Street, Bristol, CT at 6:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES: Present. Report read and accepted. See attached Report and Flyer. Activities met on Zoom April 20th. 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. **ACTIVITIES NEEDS ADDICT SUPPORT.**

Next Meeting May 18, 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: ABSENT. 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 back to full capacity at Church with masks still being worn. Fundflow \$298.00.

GENESIS: PRESENT. Alt. GSR is OTF.

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: 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. It was reported at May TVASC that Monday Night Miracles Group is closing.

NOT ALONE GROUP: PRESENT. GSR 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. 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, and Alt. GSR are OTF. Fundflow \$100.00.

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

SPRING INTO RECOVERY: ABSENT. 7 pm on Mondays. GSR & Alt. GSR are OTF. Meeting at Walnut Hill Park in the Rose Garden starting on May 10th for the Spring - Summer season as they do every year.

STEPS ARE THE KEY: ABSENT. It was reported at May TVASC Meeting that Steps are the Key Group is closing.

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT SURRENDER: PRESENT. Returned to in-person May 2nd. United Methodist Church, 99 Summer St., Bristol, 7 p.m. Secretary and Treasurer are OTF **GROUP IN NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.**

THRU THE STEPS: PRESENT. Meeting is continuing on Zoom. Alt. GSR is OTF. Fundflow: \$100.00
TRUST THE DREAM: PRESENT. Meeting reopened at Church. 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: ABSENT. Meeting at South Church, 90 Main St., New Britain, CT, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Group is struggling and close to folding. **GROUP IS IN URGENT NEED OF ADDICT SUPPORT.**

GROUPS PRESENT WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Friday Night Freedom, Genesis, Issues, Making Headway, Not Alone Group, Renegade Recovery, Saturday Morning Surrender, Spiritual Sisters, Sunday Morning Serenity, Sunday Nite Sanity, Sunday Night Surrender, Thru the Steps, Trust the Dream.

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 JUNE IF PRESENT: NONE.

GROUPS LOSING RIGHTS IN JUNE IF NOT PRESENT: Early Stepping, Freedom to Live, Women with Hope.

OLD BUSINESS:

TVASC PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR 2021-2022.

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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. **GROUPS MUST VOTE. PASSED AT TVASC 5-2-2021.**

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.**

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

AGENDA:

At this time, it was reported that Monday Night Miracles Group will be closing.

Please Note: This is the last TVASC Meeting in which the Hybrid (Zoom) format will be offered as an option for attending this meeting for now. A Hybrid trial at our new location revealed itself to be less than satisfactory with very poor sound quality and additional technical difficulties. Gratefully, meeting virtually allowed TVASC to meet without interruption and any excess difficulty through the lockdown period of the pandemic.

TVASC closed in the usual manner. **The next TVASC meeting will be June 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM. in person only at our **NEW LOCATION** First Church of Christ, 830 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT**

In loving service,
Doreen S.