



TSNAC Business Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2018

Fellows present:

Dana W. opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- 1) Please turn off cell phones
- 2) Request approval of group to record this meeting for secretary use only
 - a. Unanimously approved.
- 3) Open the meeting with moment of silence/ serenity prayer / traditions
 - a. Jesse read the 12 traditions
- 4) Introductions – pass contact/sign-in sheet
 - a. Introductions were made and sign-in sheet passed around
- 5) Reading/Approval of last month's minutes
 - a. Monica M. read the minutes as written
 - b. Christine made correction to Port of Hope being closed in Paragraph 10(b). They are open, they just didn't have patients for a few weeks.
 - c. Kimmie clarified that IMAX should be IMCI in Paragraph 9(c).
 - d. Paragraph 14(a) corrected to Dana.
 - e. Paragraph 15(c) corrected to "them."
 - i. Alex moved to accept the Minutes with corrections
 - ii. Kimmie seconded
 - iii. Minutes were approved as written with corrections
- 6) TSNAC Chair Report – Dana W.
 - a. Thanked everyone for GSRU assistance and support.

- b. Received email from Brad, TSNAC Area chairman. Dana replied with email of our participation in community events, committee meeting information, and literature information.

7) Treasurers Report – Tom S.

- i. Report available at meeting and read by Tom. Explanations for minor mistakes made on previous reports were provided. Tom indicates July report never approved, as errors were noted at last meeting.
- ii. Balance \$3,376.33 ending balance, amended and corrected report, as of August 2018.
- iii. Kimmie moved to accept report as read (amended and corrected for July)
- iv. Don seconded and approved
- v. August financial report read by Tom with ending balance of \$5,294.09
- vi. Susan motion to accepted as written, Don second, all in favor
- vii. Susan indicated that her homegroup treasurer, What It Is, was not indicating pink can contributions on their checks. Future checks will be indicated as pink can.

8) Literature Report - Brian

- a. Hard copy available at meeting. Brian read the literature report.
- b. VA standing order not needed and have gone back to inventory
- c. Beginning inventory \$8,735.59, distributed \$3,403.48, ending balance \$5,332.11
- d. Brian questioned literature given to Dana, which went to Nampa Work Center, by Don
- e. ISCI 12X12's not delivered, but rather went to Nampa Work Center – Tom indicates ISCI still needs 12X12's, as they have started study groups. Tom needs 20 English, as well as 5 12X12's and 5 Big Books in Spanish.
- f. Don sent email to Jamie about volunteering at IDOC. No response yet.

- g. Literature requests need to be made by the Monday prior to the TSNAC business meeting.
- h. Christine is concerned that literature distribution and delivery seems cloudy. Believes there should be chain of command for literature report. Jared is responsible for Port of Hope order communication to Brian. She is aware of inventory of literature in homes, garages, closets, rooms, etc. Susan, as women's corrections, delivers literature to correction facilities. Christine's concern is Canyon County literature delivery. Dana indicates those concerned need to attend meetings. In the absence of those specific chairs (Canyon County), we do the best we can to get volunteers to deliver literature. Jared indicates that some of the literature delivered to facilities gets lost at the facilities and don't go where they are supposed to go. Quarterly standing orders help to forecast money being spent and make sure we have inventory. IDOC, treatment, etc., do things in their own ways. We need necessary representatives at meeting, especially the quarterly contribution meetings. Susan indicates if books for ISCI were distributed, they should not have gone to Nampa Work Center.
- i. Brian questions who he should give literature to. Dana indicates either corrections or treatment chairs are the only ones literature should be given to. Thereafter, those chairs determine where the literature goes. Tom does not agree with those two chairs being responsible for all literature distribution. Susan stands by the truck, and distributed the literature to the volunteers going into the facilities. Tom sees that as solution. Susan would like the process to be more formal. Don has a point of contact at Nampa Work Center that he will provide to Susan.
- j. Brian indicated correction to the report, material delivered to Nampa Work Center.

- k. Susan did not get Treasure Valley Work Release Center literature.
- 9) Corrections Report – Susan D.
- a. They are going to reinstate volunteer meeting. 1st Saturday in September at 10 a.m., at Alano Club. All volunteers going into corrections facilities invited. New volunteer for Treasure Valley Work Release. Literature distributed. Still lots of people coming to meetings.
- 10) Hospital/ Treatment Report – Jared
- a. Jared met Brian at GSRU to retrieve literature.
 - b. Safe Haven still difficult keeping volunteers. Jared will try to find a group who can take care of this. Allumbaugh as well. Try to get groups to support.
 - c. When he brings literature to meetings, he is able to put literature in their hands.
 - d. Jared also knows of pink can contributions not being identified as pink can funds.
 - e. District 3 Bylaws, their splits will be based on biggest needs. Hopes to have larger contributions and more participation from District 3.
- 11) Bridge the Gap Report - Jesse
- a. Thanked Tom for getting him up to speed on position. July – August, 5 contacts made, ACJ and SICI and CAPP. Unsuccessful bridge – in Wyoming. Jesse attempted to make contact. Believes it was thru the hotlines. Thinks they may not be up to speed on bridge the gap.
 - b. 5 applications made and 5 bridges made.
 - c. Jesse goes into treatment facilities and concerned about bridge the gap applications for those folks. He wanted to bypass the mail process, to speed up the process. Facilities suggested the telephone number on the pink fliers could be the point of contact for those folks.

- d. Inmate led facility do their own meetings, and no one from TSNAC bringing in meetings. ISCI is inmate led. Susan and Chris can answer questions about the meetings going into the facility.
 - e. Dana suggests if inmate has less than 30 days before release, BTG process is difficult in that timeframe.
 - f. Tom indicates those in treatment center can fill out the application and Jesse can carry the application out. Not true for corrections.
- 12) Intergroup Report – Kimmie P.
- a. They did not meet last month. Nothing to report.
- 13) Special Needs Report - Regina
- a. Regina not in attendance. She emailed a new ASL flyer for distribution regarding new meeting and also emailed Monica the TSNAC Bylaws for editing. Also requested that chairs emails their reports to David, with cc to Regina.
 - b. Tom concerned that we are not saying thank you to the groups and telling them where their money is going. He will send the financial report to David again.
- 14) Picnic Report
- a. Nothing
- 15) Webmaster Report
- a. Nothing
- 16) CP/CPI Report – Tom
- a. They are still not communicating with him when he has offered TSNAC participation. October assembly will have TSNAC participation. 3rd Tuesday of the month at City of Trees Church, 7:00 p.m. is their meeting.
- 17) Workshops (What are up-coming that we should have a presence at) - Dana
- a. Area 18 Fall Assembly in McCall.
- 18) Old business

a. None

19) New Business

- a. Brian would like to have 4th quarter book order prior to next TSNAC meeting. He will send out current quarterly order for chairs to review.
- b. Kimmie – She took pink can to her homegroup. Her homegroup makes a quarterly contribution for pink can, so she is returning the one she took to her group.
- c. Brian – ISCI book request 20 English 12x12's and 5 Big Books in Spanish, which went to Nampa. Brian has those available. Tom will take it to ISCI. Kimmie motioned to provide Tom with books. Don seconded. Unanimous.
- d. Brian – Susan's request for Treasure Valley Work Center – he will check to see if the order was left at storage.
- e. Brian – Q4 last orders \$3,800 or more. Based on financials, he's not sure we will have those funds available. He will send Q4 standing order for close review and prioritization. Jared noted lots of Daily Reflections going out, and suggests standard AA literature take priority. District 3 GSR's will bring to groups and come back with consensus.
- f. Tom reviewed distribution of literature guidelines and we are in compliance. Tom suggests Big Books and 12X12's take priority. Susan did a lot of work with VRCs and determined lots of Big Books piled up at facilities. That is why more Daily Reflections are going to some facilities. Big Books and Daily Reflections are most useful to inmates. Susan will talk to all volunteers about the Q4 standing orders. Tom's experience is Big Book small version is the preferred for inmates, to have a personal Big Book.
- g. Fern's GSR wants coins provided to Port of Hope, by TSNAC. Dana indicates that is NOT literature and will not be provided by TSNAC.

- h. Brian's group suggested Event Fund/PRASA – should that be used for literature, instead of attending a function, if we are short on funds. Dana says every 4th quarter is a panic. It passes and we don't run out of money. Dana indicates we have more money now than in previous years. Standing orders are to project what we anticipate needing. Prior to the quarterly standing order being placed, chairs need to closely review those standing orders. Bylaws require we send someone to PRASA (or other event). Tom believes National Bridge the Gap or National Corrections should be attended, not PRASA. This committee decides which function is attended.
- i. Brian read paragraph of current bylaws, which are in the process of being modified. Monica will have proposed draft of new bylaws at next meeting. Tom read proposed revision to PRASA paragraph. Tom indicates PRASA mentioned in several other paragraphs in bylaws, which will need to be addressed. Dana suggested everyone review the bylaws and bring proposed changes to next meeting. Tom will step in as chair during Dana's absence.

20) Jared motioned to close the meeting. Chris seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. with the Responsibility Prayer.