



TSNAC Business Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2018

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. Paula 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
 - i. Regina moved to accept the Minutes with corrections
 - ii. Paula seconded
 - iii. Minutes were approved as written with corrections
- 6) TSNAC Chair Report – Dana W.
 - a. Dana is back from Phoenix. AA still very active down there. Dana is trying to make it around to different meetings. Ran into someone in Mountain Home bringing meetings to the jail there. They desperately need literature. Dana hopes to see more home group reps at these meetings.
- 7) Treasurers Report – Tom S.
 - a. Within 14 cents of bank balance, we have extra 14 cents. Written report available at meeting. Beginning balance \$5,398.34. Ending balance \$3,777.27. 4th quarter order totaled \$3,033.78. Pink can contributions exhausted. Prudent reserve,

event fund and BBQ fund are established. Tom indicates we should discuss 1st quarter book order at next meeting since we don't meet in December. 4th quarter distribution will be made Monday.

- i. Christine moved to accept report as read
- ii. Jared seconded
- iii. Accepted as written

8) Literature Report - Brian

- a. Brian not in attendance. Susan reports 4th quarter book distribution will be distributed Monday.
- b. Mountain Home jail reps will request literature.

9) Corrections Report – Susan D.

- a. Few new volunteers going to prison. Women's PRC has new volunteer for weekly meetings. First Saturday of the month at Alano Club at 10:00 a.m. meeting for new volunteers. Instructions for how to become a volunteer and then they discuss issues in the prisons.
- b. She has a facility with a report that Christianity is being pushed, and atheism at another meeting. TSNAC has official outline for meetings. Serenity Prayer (references God), but meetings are to be religion neutral. She will determine if this is being reported by one inmate, or a group conscience.
- c. She sees Bridge the Gap is back on track and folks are grateful for that.
- d. Tom received letter from Rob (minister) requesting literature. He gave the letter to Susan.
- e. There are donated Grapevine for prisons, which Susan believes should also go to the minister.

10) Hospital/ Treatment Report – Jared

- a. Safe Haven might not be open much longer. TSNAC continues to try to support.

- b. Jared went to McCall and did the TSNAC table. Communication was the main issue. He communicated the new volunteer meeting to those interested in corrections.
- 11) Bridge the Gap Report - Jesse
- a. Written report available. 4 applications received and connected.
 - b. Hotline is functioning again. Treatment center folks can use the number to speed up the process. Bridges can be done within a day or two.
 - c. Preamble at Allumbaugh changed, to include Bridge the Gap.
 - d. There seems to be a need for applications in Spanish. Tom suggests computer can translate docs to Spanish through MSN. Susan says there are translation services, but you need to keep it at about 5th grade level. Higher levels can be misinterpreted. If we need to have form translated, we should have a live Spanish speaking person to check it to make sure it's not gibberish. Tom suggests meetings in Nampa/Caldwell may be able to assist. Jesse says Matt N. spoke at a banquet last night and he indicated that he does translation. Jared suggests area and national level be contacted. Dana agrees GSO should be contacted. Tom would like on agenda for next month, suggesting that members reach out and see if we can find a solution. Dana also believes someone at the prison should be able to translate for their buddy.
- 12) Intergroup Report – Kimmie P.
- a. Kimmie not in attendance. Intergroup is in charge of central office and consists of members from area home groups.
 - b. Tom has report and read to committee. \$1,292.08 balance treasurer's report. Mark S. is stepping down as webmaster. Setting June 8, 2019 Founder's Day picnic.
 - c. CP/CPI needs chair for Boise area.

- d. 2020 Fall Assembly needs group for planning.
 - e. Central office will soon have bling chips and audio books.
 - f. Intergroup needs group secretary.
- 13) Special Needs Report - Regina
- a. No written report.
 - b. Deaf group going. Having trouble getting folks there. Also looking for ASL translators who could be available at home group meetings. Deaf don't want to be singled out. Maybe homegroup could have one meeting a week with translator available.
 - c. Paula ran into sign language lady, who works for Road to Recovery group, and was signing at that meeting. Dana suggests intergroup could help with that connection.
- 14) Picnic Report - Dana
- a. Nothing to report until January, when Dog Pile will be solicited to run the picnic again.
- 15) Webmaster Report
- a. Regina reports new volunteer meeting not on website yet. Again, asks for assistance on website review for accuracy and content.
- 16) CP/CPI Report – Tom
- 17) Workshops (What are up-coming that we should have a presence at) - Dana
- a. Gratitude Dinner, November 9th at 5:00 p.m. at the Basque Center. We haven't had presence there for a while. Jared suggests pink can be there. Christine motions, Tom seconds. Jared will handle. Monica will get water jug to Jared.
- 18) Old business
- a. Guidelines – Tom asked everyone to review after last meeting. Susan says guidelines indicate literature that is no longer used. Jared says District 4 put

together an ad hoc committee, which seemed to be extremely effective, to revise and update their guidelines. Dana asked Christine to head up committee, Paula motioned, Regina seconded. Unanimous.

- b. Telephone – Regina researched the issue. She reached tech support. There is a credit card on file, just missed the setting for automatic refill. Card expires in 2022. Regina and Jesse did some testing. Right now, the line is going directly to Jesse’s phone. It can be set up, to go to phone and then shoot back to voicemail. Currently going to Jesse’s voicemail. Regina will reroute to TSNAC voicemail. Jesse has only received one phone call, Grapevine rep discussing literature to prisons. The number is a TSNAC number, not just BTG. Susan suggests that if we only had one phone call in a month, and Jesse is willing to continue taking the calls, she suggests Jesse continue to take those calls, and then have messages go to TSNAC voicemail. Jesse is enthusiastic about it. Susan motioned leave as is, with Jesse answering phone, and with voicemail going to TSNAC voicemail. Also, show Jesse’s number to appear as TSNAC....as Regina and Jesse agree. Paula seconded. Unanimous.
- c. Treatment format – BTG added to format. Jesse read the changes. Language was added between the 9th step promises and closing prayer. Jesse indicated after first reading, 3 people got pamphlets and wanted to discuss BTG. Each meeting is autonomous – no vote needed to incorporate. Jared suggests this be addressed in revised Guidelines. Tom says groups are autonomous, not meetings. Tom believes the language could be the same for each facility. Christine indicates Port of Hope doesn’t do BTG and they don’t allow phone calls. She will discuss with them. Dana thinks we keep it general and each facilitator can adjust as appropriate.

19) New Business

a. Mountain Home – Chris – does both sides meetings. They need BTG, most importantly. They need literature desperately. Chris indicates they will accept literature for the library. He believes as long as the books can be opened and without contraband, he thinks they will allow inmates to have personal books. Soft sided would be his preference. Susan sees \$177 in discretionary funds. She knows there is are extra books in storage. Susan motions 12 soft back Big Books to be used for Mountain Home. Paula indicate also Daily Reflections in storage. Review with Brian what else can be distributed. Jared seconds. Unanimous. Tom asks for Chris to attend next month and let us know how distribution goes. Susan will get Mountain Home on standing order once they determine what exactly the needs is.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 with responsibility prayer.