

New Start History – 12/27/2023

Prior to Covid in 2020, this meeting had roughly 40 to 50 attendees, celebrated sobriety birthdays by holding its own fund for birthday night, had weekly speakers and had many members with long-term sobriety.

COVID happened, and the club shut down for over 6 months. Most meetings went zoom, and when they returned back to face-to-face it like starting from scratch. In 2021, the club reopened and the rent for New Start Tuesday 6-7 was paid until December; so, Heather, Melissa, and I resurrected this meeting and began building it from the ground up. We changed the format to a topics meeting where AA topics were chosen from a topics box and discussed. “New Start, Tuesday nights from 6-7”. In 2022, through group conscious the meeting went back to a speaker meeting the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesday of the month, and birthday night the 4th Tuesday of the month. We have a business meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month, with rotating service positions.

The members before COVID brought us birthday money they’d collected, for us to use in our meeting. We also sat down at a business meeting with several prior meeting members to discuss the group’s number. There was a desire by prior members to create a New Start zoom meeting, which exists today, Tuesdays from 6-7. It was decided they would create their own group # through GSO.

The 2024 New Start meeting has 30-40 attendees each meeting, honors celebrating sobriety milestones, honors Traditions, and is always focused on the newcomer. We have a program to offer a signed Big Book to a newcomer with 24 hours on birthday night. The group concentrates on Carrying the Message, practicing the principles in all our affairs and principles over personalities!