

Meeting held on Sunday, June 10, 2007 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle Hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5:00 PM. Serenity Prayer, followed by twelve steps and twelve traditions. Brief check-in. In attendance: Kim B (chair), Jenny RW, Aaron, Ed W, Isaac H, Curtis B, Lisa P, Richard C, Bruce, David B, Kenn C, Paul. Lisa serves as spiritual reminder. Curtis serves as timekeeper.

Officer Reports:

1. **Recording Secretary (David B)** – Minutes to approve from May. Corrections to typos. Names appear associated with comments in minutes. Should we do that? Factual tasks should be identified, but not opinions. **Motion that we don't list names with specific opinions (Jenny/David): passes 11-0-1. Motion to approve with changes to #14 and #22 (Jenny/Curtis): passes 9-0-2.**
2. **Treasurer (Curtis B)** – Reports to approve for March and May. We are doing okay, but we are not receiving a lot of money from people for 7th tradition. What we take in for contributions is \$400 less than expected in the budget. We have already paid expenses for Eric and Kim to attend the ABM. **Motion to accept May treasurer's report (Paul/Ed): 10-0-2.**
3. **Meeting List Coordinator (David B)** – David brought two sample copies of the meeting: one in 9pt font and one in 8pt font. *Action: David will add a notice to call NEI about sexual anorexia. Action: David will contact Annie R about Osterville meeting.* New Provincetown meetings. Isaac and Kenn will review the next meeting list before July. David won't be here in July, so Jenny will take responsibility for the list.
4. **Newsletter Editor (Eric G)** – There wasn't a newsletter last month. Curtis will write an article about 7th tradition contributions.
5. **Corresponding Secretary (Kevin N)** – Not present. The mailing went out late. The flyer for the July VT weekend needs to go into the next mailing.
6. **Phone Coordinator (Kenn C)** – Kenn doesn't have the numbers for May yet, but he's getting it. The volunteer for Wednesdays would like a backup.
7. **Internet Coordinator (Tom K)** – Tom is not here, but he e-mailed the web report today.
8. **Literature Coordinator (Ed W)** – We got one order for today for two books, but Ed doesn't have any books. So he will put in an order for books.
9. **Activities Committee (Jenny W, Lisa P, David B, Isaac H)** – Committee met this afternoon. We would like to propose Aug 18 or 19 for picnic & meeting on Spectacle Island. It has walking trails, beach, visitors center. Group meets at Long Wharf at 10:30. Meeting 11:45 – 12:45. Then lunch. Then people do what they want on the island. Ferry tickets: \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$7 children. **Motion that we do this (Jenny/Isaac): 11-0-1. Motion that it becomes family-friendly, but only the meeting portion is not family-friendly (Jenny/Ed): 8-1-2.** Minority opinion: can't express it in words, but it just feels wrong. **Revote: 9-1-2. Motion for Halloween Party at Grace Church in Newton on October 27 (Jenny/David): passes 12-0-0. Motion that we hold a Fall Conference on November 17 at UMass Boston from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM (Jenny/David).** Does it cause fatigue having two conferences during the year? Didn't we consider going further west for the Fall Conference? Opinion that people in Boston won't go to Worcester. WNEI commented that our Fall Conference may conflict with their conference. Suggestion that we call the conference something else to make it sound more fun. **Motion passes 12-0-0.**
10. **Vermont Coordinator (Eric G)** – Eric is not here. Isaac and Lisa are willing to facilitate. *Action: Isaac will try to recruit more facilitators. Action: Isaac will create July flyer tonight.*
11. **Outreach Coordinator (Lisa P)** – No report.

Old Business:

12. Spring Conference Report – Eric collected surveys on Spring Conference. He has not compiled the report.
13. ABM Delegates – There is 1 motion and 2 items for discussion that delegates need feedback for. Motion 1: Committee not required to produce conference newsletter. They can produce it when they have resources and interest to do so. Comment that when they do it, they should follow conf service manual. Issue 2: What are advantages & disadvantages of referencing other 12 step groups on SLAA web site? Suggestions that links should be there, but web site should have disclaimer that we don't endorse them. Including links helps Tradition 5. Issue 3: Connecticut Intergroup wants discussion of finances at FWS. NEI sent BoT a list of concerns and questions about fiscal report. Openness and accountability is good. It's good that this is an item for discussion, because it means there will be discussion of it. Opinions and ideas will be expressed, and this may remain on the agenda for a year. FWS' financial statement was not clear. Tremendous improvement with Linda Hamilton instead of Terri Smythe. "Crisis" means more than money. We don't have a full BoT with 9 people. This IFD is good because it allows dissent to be aired.
14. FWS Fiscal Report – **Motion that we don't discuss this without an auditor's statement (Paul/Jenny)**. Linda gave us these numbers because we requested them and she said they hadn't been audited. The audit should be complete by July. **Motion to table this until we get the auditor's report: 11-0-0.** *Action: Kim will write to FWS asking for the audited report. She won't ask for breakdown for move.*
15. FWS Individual Contribution Month – Tabled from last month. FWS sent a flyer for individual contribution month and envelopes. Flyers went out in April, so this is moot.
16. Handicap-Accessible indicator on meeting list – **Motion that we add handicap-accessible to checklist on registration form (Jenny/Curtis): passes 10-0-1.** "Is your meeting space handicap-accessible?" *Action: Kenn will find out how AA does it. Action: Kim will contact Tom K to get the form.*
17. Open Service Positions – VT coordinator, Treasurer, Activities Committee member.
18. 2007 Fall Conference – Discussed this already with Activities Committee.
19. 2008 Spring Conference – Tabled.

Tabled-Items:

20. By-laws Review –
21. Possible Incorporation –

New Business:

22. NEI Meeting Location – Next meeting is July 8, which doesn't conflict with ABM. *Action: David will check if AR100 is available for another 6 months.* November meeting will be at Fall Conference.
23. 2007-2008 Budget – Curtis has a draft budget. Passes it around room. He added scholarships to the budget. VT weekends are made equal. Budgeted \$5000 for literature sales. NEI meetings are \$30 for room rental.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, July 8 2007 at 5:00 PM in AR100, Allen Riddle Building at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.