

Meeting held on Sunday, September 9, 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: Jenny RW (spiritual reminder), Lisa P, Bruce R, Kenn C, Kim B (chair), Rich N (timekeeper), Curtis B

Officer Reports:

1. **Recording Secretary** – Minutes approved as amended, 6-0-1.
2. **Treasurer (Curtis B)** – July restated – 2 scholarships vs. 1. ABM finished – no, Aug. (ask Bill today). Approved 6-0-1. Aug – low donations, but some in September. Fall – paid off ABM & literature, accept 6-0-1. Note: fall recovery gathering paid by anonymous member. Is this appropriate? Pros & Cons: object to not being discussed. Should it by pass NEI? In kind OK, but dollar limit? Add in kind donations to new business. We thank the individual.
3. **Meeting List Coordinator** – Boston meeting at Beth Israel changed to Tuesday. Motion to leave new meeting indicator on the list for 6 months: passed 7-0-0. Motion to note that “handicap accessible” isn’t legal definition (disclaimer) and use “h” to indicate handicap accessible: passes 7-0-0. Motion to change “meeting needs support” from brackets to * and “meeting active but needs support”: passes 7-0-0.
4. **Newsletter Editor (Eric G)** – Eric needs a second proof reader. Jenny volunteers. Minor changed. Kim B writes delegate report.
5. **Corresponding Secretary** – Jenny printed labels. Got disk with lots of data from Tom K.
6. **Phone Coordinator (Kenn C)** – In July, there were 227 calls to answering service. 9 requested callback, 5 requested info packet, and 0 requested both. The website received 8 info packet requests and 1 meeting list request. In August, there were 202 calls to answering service. 7 requested callback, 7 requested info packet, and 0 requested both. The website received 9 requests for info packets and 4 requests for meeting lists.
7. **Internet Coordinator (Isaac H)** – Need someone to take this position. Isaac did it, but he is leaving.
8. **Literature Coordinator (Ed W)** – No report.
9. **Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Isaac H)** – Spectacle Island trip: only 2 people, but it was worthwhile. Upcoming events: Halloween and Fall Recovery. Halloween event will have speakers, potluck, and games. Conference Steps and Traditions Committee (CS&TC) want to write a 12&12 book. Trying to collect sharing sheets this year, which will be given to a professional writer and then given to Conference Literature Committee. Looking for money to publish.
10. **Vermont Coordinator (Eric G)** – Isaac and Jenny will facilitate at September weekend.
11. **Outreach Coordinator (Lisa P)** – Lisa stepping down, but will help. Discussion of duties. Handles 12 step calls. Ken C brought data on Employee Assistance programs. Bruce R steps up to fill position.
12. **ABM Delegate (Eric)** – Kim B passed out FWS pitch. CCC looking at online chair reporting. Trying to meet every two months. Prison Outreach Committee being revived, also Internet. Diversity gone. Kim is chair of Journal. Look for new editors;

moving to AA model, board, etc. Steps & Traditions Committee also handles questions on S&T. Don't have to be a delegate to be on a committee.

Old Business:

13. **ABM Issue** – Some discussion about endowment. Should it become too large. Is this an issue? Dan A sent letter on BOT issues - Kim will forward to those who didn't get it – regarding BOT issues. Conference Committee filters issues for discussion.
14. **FWS Fiscal Report** – Still pending.
15. **Fall Recovery Gathering** – Lisa looking for parking information, for signs. Looking for speakers and meeting leaders. Looking for potluck coordinator. Need more sign-ups. Motion to change cost to \$5 advance, \$8 at door: passes 7-0-0.
16. **Western New England Intergroup Fall Conference** – Should we include they're flyer in the mailing? Approved 7-0-0.
17. **Checking E-Mail** – If we miss a day, let the others know. Motion that when we check messages, volunteers should process all new message: passes 7-0-0.
18. **Mailing Coordinator** – We need someone to handle the group mailings, or do it at NEI meetings. Lisa P volunteers to coordinate the September mailing. To do the mailing at Intergroup, officers would bring approved reports next month. Discuss this item more next month. Talk to groups about suggestions. Need PDF capability. Bill B has PDF capability. Send reports to Lisa and Jenny this month. Also talk about incoming next month.

Tabled Items:

19. Spring Conference

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, October 14 2007 at 5:00 PM in AR100, Allen Riddle Building at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, Curtis B.