

Meeting held on Sunday, October 14, 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), Rich K, Kenn C, David B, Bruce R, Eric G (spiritual reminder), Jenny RW (timekeeper), Ed W, Lisa P

Officer Reports:

1. **Recording Secretary (David B)** – We don't have minutes from the September meeting here. Curtis took minutes in September. *Action: Rich will see if he or Curtis has the minutes.*
2. **Treasurer (Rich K)** – Losing money so far this year. Scholarship money is not counted in our balance. We lost \$421.37 in September. *Action: Rich will try to get the treasurer's report to two pages. Motion to accept the fiscal information on treasurer's report (Bruce/David): passes 5-0-4.*
3. **Meeting List Coordinator (David B)** – David brought 500 copies of the October meeting lists. 150 go to the phone coordinator, 150 are for the NEI mailing. The other 300 are for people to take to their meetings.
4. **Newsletter Editor (Eric G)** – Eric brought drafts of the newsletter to the meeting. He needs two people to review it. David and Jenny volunteer. Eric will put another reminder about the fall conference and Halloween party. Kim will write a short blurb about Sharing Sheets. *Action: David will send Eric updates on the new meetings.*
5. **Corresponding Secretary (Kevin N)** – Kevin is not here. Lisa took care of the NEI monthly mailing in September. Jenny has been maintaining the meeting list. She needs someone else to keep a copy. Lisa volunteers to keep a copy. Jenny keeps a CD with all the NEI documents. The same documents are available online in our NEI document library. Who will take care of the mailing in October? Lisa volunteers.
6. **Phone Coordinator (Kenn C)** – We'll have a report next month. Kenn hasn't heard from the answering service.
7. **Internet Coordinator (Isaac H)** – Isaac is not here. Jenny will do it until we fill open service positions.
8. **Literature Coordinator (Ed W)** – We have \$2199.00 in literature. \$218.50 worth sold this month. Ed had 3 orders this month. We have plenty of pamphlets, but Ed will order One Year coins, Bottom Lines pamphlets. There's a question on whether or not people are getting their literature orders. It would be helpful if Ed sent responses when people ordered literature.
9. **Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Isaac H)** – Fall recovery gathering. Need people to sign-up for potluck and raffle items. We have 2 female speakers and 2 male speakers. Workshop leader sign-ups have been going around. October 27 – Halloween Party. We need a couple of speakers. Request to do a writing workshop. Hold off until January or February. Request to do a fun weekend in Chester VT (February 8). Unstructured weekend during the day, but fellowship during the night. Valentine's Day is on the following Thursday. Possibility of holding it at the open meeting in Boston, but we have not talked to them about it. *Action: Lisa will contact them.*
10. **Vermont Coordinator (Eric G)** – Eric brought VT weekend flyers for December. Turnout has been in decline, so it could use some promotion. Please promote the VT weekends at your meetings. Jenny got weekends scheduled for next year, but the July weekend is somewhat in flux. We don't want it to conflict with the FWS ABM. Paul in Vermont also suggested we have Men Only and Women Only weekends. We can add these to the FWS events page.
11. **Outreach Coordinator (Lisa P)** – Tabled because we don't have a job description yet.

12. **ABM Delegate (Eric)** – FWS web site has been redesigned. Kim brought “Dear Intergroup Contact” letters and Sharing Sheets. Kim has FWS newsletter containing a financial statement.

Old Business:

13. Fall Recovery Gathering – “Serenity in the City”. Kim won’t be there for the opening, so we need someone else to substitute. She will ask Richard C. Lisa handles signage. Bruce will provide a coffee maker. David will coordinate the pot luck. Kenn will provide names of some pizza places. We should be there by 11:30 to help set-up.
14. Outreach Coordinator – Bruce volunteered for this at the last meeting. He will research what other intergroups do and what other 12 step groups, put together a description of the job, and present at the next meeting. He will e-mail it to as many people as possible. Round-robin discussion on outreach coordinator: healthcare professionals, institutions that would be receptive, should be provided with information on sex and love addiction. Open the doors so there is more access to us. What face do we put on NEI for this?
15. Open Service Positions – What do we have open now? Treasurer position didn’t go through NEI – Curtis passed it to Rich. Rich leaves during discussion. Checks and financial things were handed to Rich without approval of NEI, but no one at NEI objected when this was brought up before. We have a process to approve new positions, so we should use that tonight. **Motion for Rich to become treasurer (David/Bruce):** passes 7-0-1. Rich accepts the position. **Internet Coordinator is open. Lisa has been nominated (Jenny/Bruce).** She’s willing to do it, but needs training. Eric also has the necessary skills and he’s willing to contribute. Motion passes 8-0-0. Lisa accepts the position.
16. Snail Mail – How often do we pick up mail? Rich N and Rich K pick up the mail.
17. Spring Conference – We still need the evaluations for the spring conference.

New Business:

18. Meeting List No Smoking Indicator – **Motion to remove the “non-smoking” indicator from the meeting list (David/Kenn):** 5-2-2. Minority opinion. Revote: 5-2-2. Motion carries.
19. The State of NEI – Need to have a discussion on what NEI is doing and are we serving the community? We could do an intergroup inventory. It was done before. We’ll talk about this in November at the Fall Recovery Gathering.
20. Sharing Sheets – Steps and Traditions committee is sending these everywhere they can. FWS has them online now. **Motion to put the sharing sheets in the mailing (Kim/David):** passes 9-0-0.
21. NWS Room Reservations – **Motion to reserve AR100 for 2008 (David/Bruce):** passes 9-0-0. Do we want to start the NEI meetings earlier, so we have more time to get through the agenda?
22. February Events – VT fun weekend. Having fun during the day, but at least one meeting in the evenings. **Motion to do this weekend of February 8-10: (Jenny/Ed).** No scholarships. Same rules: if you act out you will be asked to leave. Vote: 6-2-1. Minority opinion. Revote 5-3-1. Motion passes.

Tabled Items:

E-Mail Correspondance, Bylaws, FWS Fiscal, In Kind Donations, Passing off Service Positions

Next NEI Meeting – During the Fall Recovery Gathering: Saturday, November 3 2007 at 5:15 PM at UMass Boston Science Center. Respectfully submitted, David B.