

Meeting held on Sunday, September 14, 2008 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), Curtis B (note taker), Lisa P (spiritual reminder), Rich N (timekeeper), Ed W, Tim C, Jenny RW.

#### Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (Kim for David B) – Approval of minutes of August 10, 2008 meeting. Suggested changes will be given to David. **Amended minutes approved 6-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Eric G – open) – Deferred .
- Outgoing Mail (Kim B) – Kim mailed 109 pieces on 24 August.
- Phone coordinator (open) – Deferred. Jenny reported that the answering service was restored.
- Internet Coordinator (Lisa P) – We had 12 web site inquiries in August: 2 meeting location requests, 3 newcomers with questions, 1 NEI mailing list update, 1 professional seeking help for a client, and 5 Intergroup/FWS. We now have the Western NE update for their Fall Conference. FWS also sent an invitation to join an Intergroup/FWS bulletin board. We agreed. Lisa will get more information. We responded to a GLBT national help Center about being listed there – is this a free listing? We are working on ordering literature via the site. Lisa will ask FWS if we can copy or link to FWS welcome data.
- Mailing List – deferred.
- Vermont Coordinator (Jenny, open) – We have 6 signed up, including one scholarship. We will need to make a decision on holding this if no more sign up. Richie B and Lisa P will lead.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – We discussed proposed inputs. One person suggested committee inputs. Another suggested adding the VT weekends. Inputs are needed Friday. Lisa will write up what she does as Internet Coordinator. The Western NE conference carpool information will be enclosed (in bright colors).
- Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B) – Biking event with long & short routes on Sept 20. The notice for the Western NE Fall conference was passed out. **Halloween will be held at Grace Church – 31<sup>st</sup> October or 1 November. Passed 5-0-2.**
- Literature (Ed W) – some materials received. Still looking for books.
- Outreach (Tim C) – continuing activities. We need a committee.
- ABM Delegate – deferred.

#### Old Business

- Fall Gathering: the suggestion was made to hold the gathering at Grace Episcopal Church (Newton). We could rent one room (the Large Hall) with breakout tables. One member has seen this work. Curtis will contact Grace Church. We would like to have the conference on the 8<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. We will charge \$5 to cover expenses. **Motion to proceed: Jenny/Rich 6-0-1.**
- How-to manual: Lisa and Curtis have begun outlining what we will publish. They will report next month on progress.
- Open positions: there are several still open. We will add to the list in the Newsletter. A suggested new position is email responder. People can volunteer to help, but they don't have to go to the meetings. **Motion to add a “how to be of service” item to the web site: Passed 6-0-1.**
- Study groups and other S-groups: do we want to add tem to our meeting list? Discussion

focused on the violation of the Traditions. **Motion to list: Failed 0-6-1.**

- Request for contacts from VT Retreat Center: the folks who host the VT weekends want our meeting list. Someone noted that this violated the Traditions (approving an outside agency). **Do we want to give our meeting list? Failed 0-6-1.** One suggestion: add a page to the newsletter? After discussion, it was suggested that we ask for Newsletter input. The editor will have to evaluate the input. The writer should keep to SLAA material – “my favorite meeting” is the suggested format. **Passed 6-0-1.**
- Email for selfgrowth.com: they requested articles for their web site. This appears to violate the Traditions. **The motion was to not respond (Rich/Jenny) passed 6-0-1.**
- Pamphlets on the Web site: **we would like to post copies of two free FWS pamphlets on our site.** FWS will be asked for permission. **Motion: Lisa/Jenny, Passed 6-0-1.**
- WNEI brochure- **Jenny/Tim moved to put the brochure in the next mailing.** Use bright colors. **Passed 6-0-1.** (See Newsletter, above.)

#### New Business

- Today Show- we forwarded a request for personnel to the FWS Board. We need an anonymity requirement. Two members have done this before.
- 60/40 Pamphlet – Someone noted the need to distribute data. Lisa will get a copy of the 60/40 pamphlet next month.

The motion to adjourn carried 7-0-0.

Next NEI Meeting – October 12<sup>th</sup> at Newton Wellesley Hospital/ AR 100. Respectfully submitted, Curtis B.