

Meeting held on Sunday, January 11, 2009 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: Eric G (chair), Tim C, Kim B, David B, Ed W, Rich N (timekeeper), Bruce R, Lisa P, Curtis B (spiritual reminder), Scott.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to accept (Rich/Tim): passes 7-0-1.**
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B, open) – Bank balance reconciled with checks written, except one to Grace Church that hasn't been cashed yet. VT Scholarship fund is slightly negative. Donations went down in 2008 and recently started going up again. **Motion to accept (Tim/Rich): passes 8-0-0.** Jenny wants to be removed from the checking account.
- Outgoing Mail (Kim B) – Mailing went out on December 31st, a couple of days late due to holidays. Mailed 101 pieces, it was a bit more expensive than usual because we mailed 7 items in each mailing.
- Phone coordinator (open) – Report sent via e-mail. 185 Total Calls for the Month of December. 32 Meeting list requests via the internet. 7 Phone call requests for meeting list and callbacks. Phone message retrievers cover all days covered except Thursday and Friday. Richie can continue as Phone Coordinator and attend next month's meeting.
- Internet Coordinator (Lisa P) – Lisa P sent report via e-mail. In December, we had 11 e-mails: 2 with meeting list updates, 3 inquiries about meetings, 1 question on where to send contributions, 2 messages from othergroups/intergroups/FWS, and 3 from newcomers. Copyright issues with putting free SLAA pamphlets on our site. We can link to them, perhaps in a separate window.
- Mailing List (Jenny RW) – Not present. Updates to mailing list go to Jenny.
- Meeting List (Bruce R) – New meeting list in January. Bruce brought many copies to the meeting. Started putting "New" next to new meetings instead of "+". We should get a draft copy of the meeting list one month before the new one so we can review it first. Meeting list cannot be e-mailed because some meetings don't want their information transmitted electronically.
- Vermont Coordinator (Jenny, open) – Not present. Fun weekend is coming up the first weekend in February. Lisa and Marianne will be co-facilitators. We have 3 going so far. We need 8 for the weekend to happen, so we may have to cancel.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Sent a draft via e-mail. We will expand on You-Are-Not-Along event on February 14. April business meeting will be at Spring Conference. Eric G will provide article on NEI elections. David and Tim will proofread.
- Activities Committee (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Kim B) – Upcoming activities: You-Are-Not-Along event (February 14) changed so it's not a potluck. We'll try to get a refund for the unused time for the potluck. We changed the movie for the movie event (January 24) at the last moment. We need help for planning the Spring Conference. We need a location with one large room and 4 breakout rooms, public transportation, parking, handicap accessible. Anyone who is interested in helping, contact David B.

- Literature (Ed W) – 3 orders this month. We're running out of some items. How much should we spend on when ordering new literature? We have plenty of the topic booklets and Step 1, 2, and 3 chips. Bring a printed report for next meeting.
- Outreach (Tim C) – Postcard approved last meeting. Getting final pricing on that. Compiling a list of various therapy offices, clinics, etc. where we might find sex addicts. Planning to send 20-50 postcards to addresses.
- ABM Delegate (Eric G, David B) – Report from Kim B. Liz D has resigned from the Board of Trustees, so they are down to 5 members now. Still actively looking for new board members. FWS website came out in December. Journal committee is looking for marketing director and executive director. Delegate sign-up will be posted to FWS web site soon. David will sign-up for the ABM. Talk to treasurer about the money they want. Curtis will look into whether or not he can attend also.

Old Business

- Group Visits – Updates. Three members have visited four meetings. Some meetings have trouble raising money for their own expenses. One meeting wanted to earmark money for telephone service. Another meeting had suggestions for how NEI meetings can be streamlined.

New Business

- Elections – According to bylaws, positions are two-year terms. **Motion that starting in March, we adhere to our written bylaws and revisit election of officers (Eric/Kim).** Positions can only be held by elected representatives and alternates. **Motion passes 8-0-1.**
- Voting Rights of NEI Participants – Special Bylaw Review. How many people are here as elected representatives of meetings? Our bylaws have a term of two years for NEI group representatives and alternates. Chair reads the duties of group representatives from the bylaws. Voting is by elected representatives with a 3-month continuous sobriety requirement. Suggestion to publish a list of all groups and their representatives and alternates. We need to go back to our groups and hold legitimate elections. It might improve participation in NEI.

Tabled Items

- How-to manual
- Open positions
- VT Weekend Policies
- Reducing mailing costs
- Literature Sales
- Revisit 12 Steps vs. Preamble on Meeting List
- Bylaws Review
- NEI Business Meeting expediency

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.