

Meeting held on Sunday, 13 September 2009 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Brief Check-ins. In attendance: Eric G (chair), Curtis B (spiritual reminder), Mike T (timekeeper), Kim B, Rich N, Lisa P, Mike G, Bob, and Peter S.

Quorum check: Eligible voters are selected as group reps or alternates and have 3 months' sobriety. We have two people eligible to vote and four representatives total. **Motion to waive sobriety requirement (Curtis/Rich): passes 2-0-0.** Consensus is that we have group conscience on this issue. We have four eligible votes.

Department Reports:

Recording Secretary (David B). Not present. Draft of August meeting minutes were sent by e-mail. Since recording secretary is not present to discuss minutes, consensus is to hold off on approving minutes until October.

Corresponding secretary (written input). **Motion to accept Mike/Rich passed 4-0-0.**

Treasurer (Eric) - 7th tradition and VT Weekends doing better than budget. This affects income and expenses for VT Weekend. **Motion to accept: Rich/Mike passed 3-0-1.**

Newsletter (Rich) - We need a Fall Gathering article. The group also discussed the order of the articles for the September letter.

Literature - no report.

VT Coordinator - policies were provided via Google Group. Will discuss policies next month. We have 10 for october, pending visiting the mailbox.

Activities (Lisa) - Fall Gathering planning is underway. We have asked Grace Church for rates for most of the first floor.

Outreach - no report

ABM Delegate - no report. Kim noted that the FWS board needs another member. There is a 3 year sobriety requirement.

Bylaws discussion:

The first issue was the sobriety of Group Reps and Alternate Reps (GR and AR). Three alternatives were put forth: 1) only GR and AR with 3 months' sobriety can vote; 2) GR and AR may waive the requirement if there are too few with three months; 3) Groups determine who they send. Most attendees agreed with the middle position.

The second issue was ensuring that the list of addresses must be controlled by someone with a year of sobriety.

The third issue was to add a web site coordinator to the list of officers.

The fourth issue was whether the Chair should vote (does not do so currently).

The fifth issue was ensuring the GR and AR represent only one meeting each.

The discussion also dealt with other minor changes and grammatical errors.

Voting is next month.

A side issue discussed during the Bylaws discussion is the location on our web site of key documents. Lisa noted that they're there, but hidden.

The responsibilities for mailing NEI materials will be shared by Rich and Curtis for the near term.

Curtis