

Meeting held on Sunday, 10 January 2010 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), Debbie F (spiritual reminder), Lisa P, David B, Rich N, Michael T (timekeeper), Marie C, Joe A, Peter S.

Quorum Check: We have 4 voting members and 3 provisional members present. **Motion to allow provisional members to vote (Michael/Peter) – passes 4-0-0.** We have 7 voters present.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review draft minutes from December 2009 meeting. Question if Jordan is still outreach coordinator. Other minor changes. **Motion to accept as amended (Rich/Debbie): passes 7-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B - open) – December mailing went out on Dec 31, e-mail on Dec 27. Mailing included December Newsletter and Treasury Report, approved November minutes, Vermont weekend schedule for 2010. 96 envelopes were mailed but one was returned. Curtis is still willing to put labels on envelopes and mail them. Phone Coordinator: Answering service received 163 calls in December. 17 people requested meeting lists. 23 people requested callbacks. Richie informed answering service there may be an increase in calls if Boston Globe prints NEI's phone number in article. Richie needs to be reimbursed \$27 for stamps and envelopes. Make sure phone coordinator e-mail address goes to Richie's new e-mail address. Internet Coordinator: 10 inquiries in December. 4 requests for meeting locations or addresses, 3 changes from US mail to e-mail, 1 request for a meeting list, 1 from a newcomer looking to speak with a female, and 1 from a newcomer. Mailbox received a letter from soon-to-be-released prisoner in Florida looking for information. Inquiry was forwarded to Conference Prison Outreach Committee. And a letter from someone in Concord who thinks he may be a sex addict. David will get information packet sent to him. When sending information to NEI, please try to limit the amount of personal information in e-mail. Meeting List changes: Newton Tuesday PM meetings added newcomer contacts. Medford Wednesday meeting added room information and a newcomer contact. David will take corrections to meeting list, then print and send them to Rich N and Richie B. **Motion to accept as amended (Rich/Michael): passes 7-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B – open) – Cash balance went down in December. Fewer contributions. We are still solvent. Ahead of projected budget in income. **Motion to accept treasury report (David/Rich): passes 7-0-0.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Drafts passed around. Includes articles asking for group reps and help with NEI. Includes Vermont weekend dates. Suggestion to put article in newsletter about reporter attending meeting. Debbie was at meeting with reporter. She's willing to help write an article about it. Michael and Marie also willing to help. Also include information about SLAA's 12 Recommended Guidelines in Dealing with the Media. Michael and Debbie are willing to proofread newsletter.
- Literature (David B) – Nothing sold since last month. **Motion to accept (Rich/Marie): passes 7-0-0.**
- Activities Committee including VT (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Kim B) – Movie still planned for January 23. For Spring Gathering, we've reserved UMass Boston for April 17, but that's a backup in case we can't find something else. David has communicated to Andover Newton Theological Society in Newton Centre. Lisa and/or David will plan to visit this week and check out their space.
- Outreach (Open) – No report
- ABM Delegate (David B) – ABM still planned for San Antonio in July. David is working with CLC and CPIC. David will check on timetable for registering for ABM.

- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Lisa has flyer for new meeting in Stoughton. Speakers must have at least 3 months continuous sobriety. Worcester Friday meeting needs a speaker on January 22. Saturday morning Quincy meeting needs a speaker. Wednesday Men’s Facing the Shadows meeting is doing very well. Sunday night Weymouth meeting has good attendance. The group received the church’s permission to use a larger room adjacent to the meeting room if needed. Attendance is up for Mainly for Love Addicts meeting. They’d like more speaker volunteers. Saturday meeting in Brookline made a \$200 donation to FWS.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Elections – Outgoing chair reads NEI bylaws regarding officer elections. Officers are not required to be group reps or alternates.
 - Chair (1 Year) – **Nomination of Lisa (David/Rich). Lisa is willing to accept. Passes 6-0-1.** Eric will work with Lisa to transfer duties of chair.
 - Vice-Chair (1 Year) – **Nomination of Eric (Michael/Rich). He is willing to serve. Passes 7-0-0.**
 - Recording Secretary – **Nomination of David (Rich/Michael). He is willing to continue in this position. Passes 6-0-1.**
 - Corresponding Secretary (1 Year) – No nominations. Open position.
 - Treasurer (1 Year) – Nomination of Eric (David). He is not willing to officially serve as treasurer. This position is still open.
 - Outreach Committee Chair – Nomination of Debbie (Michael). She declines. This position is still open.
 - Newsletter Editor – **Nomination of Rich (Lisa/David). Rich is willing to serve. Passes 6-0-1.**
 - Website Coordinator (6 Months) – A few nominations, but no one accepts. This position is still open. Lisa, Eric, and Rich are willing to work on this together.
 - Literature Secretary – **Nomination of David (Lisa/Rich). He accepts. Peter nominates himself (Peter/Rich). Peter is elected with 6 votes. David with 0.** David is willing to serve on the committee.
 - Telephone Coordinator (6 Months) – No nominations. This position remains open. Richie B currently serves in this position.
 - Intergroup Activities Committee Chair – Nomination of Marie (Rich). She is not willing to serve right now. She is willing to join the committee, however.
- Webpage link additions – Outgoing website coordinator wants to post links to three articles on FWS web site: Characteristics of Sex and Love Addiction, SLAA Signs of Recovery, 12 Recommended Guidelines in Dealing with the Media. No objections.
- Newsletter Editor borrowed “No Rep No Voice No Say No Way” article from Delaware Valley Intergroup. His contact at DVI wants to be added to NEI’s electronic mailing list. No objection to adding name – anyone can be added to NEI’s mailing list.
- Mailbox Pickup – Debbie is still willing to pickup mail from our P.O. Box for another month at least. She will hand-off mail to Lisa.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital.
Respectfully submitted, David B.