

Meeting held on Sunday, 14 March 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: Lisa P (chair), David B, Peter S (timekeeper), Michael T (spiritual reminder), Marie C, Joe A, Rich N, Patrick D, Bobby B

Quorum Check: 3 group reps with 3 months sobriety. **Motion to allow provisional reps to vote (Michael/Peter): passes 3-0-0.** We have 6 voting members here because the chair doesn't vote.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of minutes from February NEI business meeting. Some corrections. **Motion to accept as amended (Rich/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN) – February mailing went out on February 25 to 101 addresses. It contained the January minutes, February newsletter, and 2010 Spring Gathering flyer. 6 envelopes were returned to us. The electronic mail went out on February 22. It contained links to the same documents. Phone Coordinator: 158 calls to answering service in February. 12 callers requested meeting lists. 18 people requested meeting lists through the web service. Internet Coordinator: 14 total e-mails in February. 1 Media Request-Emily Rooney Show, 5 Meeting Address/Location Requests, 1 from Other Intergroups/Fellowship Wide Services, 1 from Other Intergroup looking for conference speakers, 1 on Purchasing Literature, 1 from Student wanting to attend SLAA meeting, 1 Update for mailing list, 1 Newcomer looking for women's meeting, 1 Newcomer, 1 on a Broken link on web site & add link to NEI web site Capital intergroup. From the Mailbox: Nothing for the corresponding secretary. Meeting List Changes: New meeting in West Barnstable on Thursdays, changed newcomer contact for Newton Wednesday "Mainly for Love Addicts", East Brookfield Thursday meeting needs support, Medford Wednesday and Osterville Friday meetings have disbanded. Newton Thursday S-Anon group no longer meeting. **Motion to change "@" symbol for not sure if meeting is still active to "?" (David/Michael): passes 6-0-0. Motion to accept report (Rich/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) Acting treasurer is not present, but we have reports from January and February. **Motion to accept both January and February treasury reports (David/Marie): passes 6-0-0.** Suggestion to send just the most recent treasury report. No objections.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Several meeting changes. Suggestion for lead article on NEI office. How do we list open positions? Do we want to list and acknowledge who temporarily fill positions, or leave temporary positions as open to give incentive to people to volunteer? Make a statement at the top to say "We need your help." Tie it into service traditions.
- Literature (Peter) – We ordered \$750.45 in literature. Newcomer packets and withdrawal pamphlets didn't arrive yet. Several literature orders to be filled. Need the literature e-mail address directed to David and Peter. FWS increased their prices by 10%. **Motion to raise prices by 10% also to match FWS prices. Pamphlets go to \$1.10. Plastic chips to \$0.85. Bronze medallions to \$5.50. Books are now \$17.55 (Peter/Michael): passes 6-0-0.** Comments about ease of ordering literature. Suggestions on making ordering literature easier. Make it easier to find information on NEI's web site. Include link to allow people to order from FWS.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Marie C) – Chair – OPEN. Lisa is handling speaker sign-ups. Still need a woman as keynote speaker in the afternoon. Curtis, Lisa, Jenny handling registrations. Peter handling literature. David handles printing. Marie and Lisa will work on the raffle. Mt. Wachusett hike scheduled for May 15. Need to find someone as a contact. David will see if Kim is willing to do it. We have 16 people registered for the Spring Vermont weekend.
- Outreach (OPEN) – Patrick is interested in doing the job. Need to double-check NEI bylaws to see if it can be filled by someone who is not an elected group representative.
- ABM Delegate (David B.) – ABM is August 10-13. Registrations due by April 12. BMIS first draft should come out in March.

- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Wednesday Weymouth group currently reading “Don’t Call it Love”. New meeting forming in April in Plymouth at same time. Worcester Friday meeting needs a speaker for April 23.

Old Business

- Open Positions
 - Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. (1 year sobriety requirement)
 - Treasurer – temporarily filled by Eric G. (1 year sobriety requirement)
 - Outreach Committee Chair – not filled (No sobriety requirement)
 - Telephone Coordinator - temporarily filled by Richie B. (6 months sobriety requirement)
 - Web Site Coordinator - temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
 - Activities Committee Chair (No sobriety requirement)
 - Monthly Mailings – temporarily filled by Rich N. & Curtis (1 year sobriety requirement for mailing envelopes)
 - Mail Pick-up - temporarily filled by Debbie F. (No sobriety requirement). Debbie is no longer able to help with the mail pickup in Brookline. Marie is willing to do it for the next month.
- Spring Gathering – Report given during activities committee report.
- Annual Business Meeting delegates (early registration deadline April 12th) – David B will send registration form to everyone in NEI. Lisa is also willing to be a delegate. **Motion for David and Lisa to represent NEI at ABM (Rich/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**

New Business

- FWS News – Information on upcoming ABM from call squad. FWS office is closed on Fridays. May is individual contribution month. We should send this in the April mailing. Form asking for people to serve on BOT. Form asking for people to help with translation committee.
- Flyer for Service Positions – Joe brought a draft flyer asking people to come to NEI meeting to help with service. Tabled for next month.
- Sign-up for NEI Mailing List – Flyer Review. People should send to mailinglist@slaanei.org
- NEI Group Visits - Talking Points – Brainstorming Session. A lot of people don’t understand what goes on at NEI meetings. Need to make it clear what we do for individuals. Need to make clear the need for group representatives. Need to put together a packet to take to meetings, including newsletters, meeting lists, information on NEI, what areas we cover. We have a spreadsheet to sign up for group visits. Possibly call ourselves Southeast New England Intergroup? Form group visit subcommittee – Lisa, Patrick, Rich volunteer.
- Montreal Sobriety Day – (May 29th) – Jenny has volunteered to be their speaker.
- Yellow Pages – renew advertisement in Providence Yellow Pages? \$29.75 to be listed in section on social services. **Motion to approve (Rich/Joe): passes 6-0-0.**
- Mailbox Pick-up – Marie is handling it for next month.
- Contents of Mailing for March – March treasury report, February meeting minutes, Newsletter, May hike flyer, E-mail signup flyer. **Motion that we put the treasury report in April mailing. Make it a Jan-March report (David/Rich): passes 6-0-0.** April will include treasury report, minutes, newsletter, Individual contribution month flyer, service flyer, meeting list.
- Suggestion to mention synopsis of minutes in newsletter. It might help people understand what happens at the NEI meetings.
- Suggestion to change “New England Intergroup” on the envelopes to “NEI”, or remove it altogether. This helps protect anonymity of members receiving our mailings.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital.
Respectfully submitted, David B.