

Meeting held on Sunday, May 2 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), Peter S, Eric G (timekeeper), David B, Patrick D, Michael T (Spiritual Reminder), Rich N

Quorum: 4 elected representatives with 3 months continuous sobriety. **Motion to allow provisional reps vote (Michael/Patrick): passes 4-0-0.** We have 5 voters.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Specify “21 people at March Vermont weekend”. **Motion to approve minutes as amended (David/Peter): passes 5-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing Report (Rich N and Curtis B) – April mailing sent on April 29 with April meeting list, April newsletter, March meeting minutes, quarterly Treasury report, Individual Contribution Month flyer, Canoe event flyer, and July Vermont Weekend registration form. Sent to 99 addresses. 79 received the meeting list only in the mail. Electronic mail was sent on April 23 and contained links to the same items, and also the Mt. Wachusett Hike flyer.
 - Phone Coordinator (Richie B) – 161 calls to answering service in April. 12 callers requested meeting lists. 8 people requested meeting lists through the web service. 55 calls were asked if they got our information from the Yellow Pages. None did. Richie B has been doing this job for two years now and he is ready to pass it to someone else.
 - Internet Coordinator (Lisa P) – 8 emails in the month of April: 1 request to add meeting address to NEI’s web site. 2 requests to be deleted from mailing list. 1 from newcomer for meeting info. 1 from newcomer wanting info on sexual anorexia. 1 for NEI address for 7th tradition. 1 question on ordering literature. 1 media inquiry – WHDH doing a story on sex addiction.
 - From the Mailbox (Marie C) – Nothing for corresponding secretary in mailbox
 - Meeting List Changes (David B) – Corrections from April list: Boston Tuesday Women’s Meeting starts at 6:00 PM, not 6:30 PM. West Barnstable Thursday Meeting is at Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod, not Cape Code.
 - **Motion to approve report as submitted (Rich/Peter): approved 5-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) – We have \$2,387.69 more income than budgeted for this year, but \$3,406.49 over for expenses. **Motion to accept treasury report (David/Patrick): passes 5-0-0.** We’ll review budget at June NEI business meeting.
 - Ability to send two delegates to ABM – Currently, we have \$88 in delegate fund contributions. We can afford to send two delegates, but that would leave us with a reserve of \$1800. **Motion: We’ll see if we can get \$1,300 by one week before the cancellation deadline (David/Michael): passes 5-0-0.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Rich brought drafts to the meeting. Added article on SLAA Vermont weekends and article on Brief History of ABM. Information came from FWS. Discussion on our right to use text from FWS. Needs to be less than 300 words and give FWS proper credit. Need article on Activities Committee Chair. David will write it. Michael and Patrick will proofread newsletter.
- Literature (Peter) – Sold \$32.55 of literature. Getting low on items. We’re out of some pamphlets. Over budget on purchases, but under budget on sales. Peter will come up with a proposal for pricing at next meeting. We’ll wait until next month to purchase literature.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Marie C) – Chair – OPEN – No Vermont registrations yet for July weekend. Early registration deadline is still 2 months away. Mt. Wachusett Hike coming up at May 15. Canoe event on June 26. Activities committee will meet to pick date for barbecue.
- Outreach (Patrick)
 - Advertisements/SuperPages/NEI Answering Service – Costs \$26.25/month for SuperPages listing.

Answering service asked if callers got information from Yellow Pages. Out of 55 callers, no one got number from SuperPages. Treasurer says we're paying \$54/month to Super Media for listings. Patrick says answering service was comfortable asking people if they got information from Yellow Pages. Biggest responses when asked where they got NEI's number was internet and referral from therapist. Outreach coordinator feels it's not worth our money to put a listing in the Yellow Pages / Super Pages. **Motion to discontinue SuperPages contract in December (Rich/Michael): passes 5-0-0.**

- ABM Delegate (David B) – First draft BMIS will be sent to delegates on May 7. We'll aim to have a discussion during July 11 NEI business meeting. David will prepare a flyer on discussion of issues to send in mail.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) Thursday 4th step meeting in Weymouth is underway. They ask for a commitment to the meeting, since it is a 4th step workshop. No vote yet on whether or not it's a men's meeting or a mixed meeting.

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)
 - Telephone Coordinator - temporarily filled by Richie B. (6 months sobriety requirement) – Richie will decide if he's willing to continue as telephone coordinator.
 - 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)
- Spring Gathering Survey Results – Lisa brought these to the meeting. How can we increase our response rate? Suggestion that people put in evaluation for every session as they happen. We got more responses from the afternoon sessions than the morning sessions. Suggestion that we give directions to chairs before meeting: focus on topic, stick to "I" statements. One co-chair said some inappropriate things while leading the meeting. Should we address this? If so, how can we address this? We'll table these issues for now. Bring it up again before Fall Gathering.
- Group Visits Subcommittee – David visited Haverhill meeting on Thursdays. Delivered meeting lists, flyers, several free pamphlets.
- Media Requests – Update. Lisa sent request to Board of Trustees and Steps and Traditions Committee. They will discuss it and get back to Lisa about it. Lisa responded to reporter from Fox News. Didn't hear back.

New Business

- Contents of Mailing for May
 - Newsletter, Approved April Minutes, BMIS Flyer.

Tabled Items

- NEI Meeting Locations for 2011 – Possibility of using Wainwright Bank Meeting Room
- Flyer for Service Positions

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, June 13, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital.
Respectfully submitted, David B.