

Meeting held on Sunday, July 11 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 (timekeeper), Patrick D, Michael T, Rich N, Debbie F (spiritual reminder), Eric G, David B, Marie C

Quorum: We have four elected representatives who meet the 3 month sobriety requirement.

**Motion to allow provisional reps to vote: (Michael/Peter): 4-0-0.** We have 7 voters.

#### Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to approve June minutes (Rich/Peter): passes 7-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B acting - OPEN)
  - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The June mailing went to 102 addresses on July 1. Included were June Newsletter and approved May NEI meeting minutes. The electronic version went to 125 e-mail addresses on July 2.
  - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 147 total calls in June. 12 callers requested a meeting list. 8 people requested a meeting list through the web site.
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Total of 8 e-mails in June: 2 meeting list updates, 1 Co-SLAA inquiry, 1 from someone looking to start a meeting in Metro West, 1 from a newcomer for general meeting information, 1 message to unsubscribe to monthly mailing, 1 meeting location request, and 1 inquiry on the Vermont 12-Step weekend.
  - From the Mailbox: (Marie C) – Letter from someone in prison requesting a meeting list. A meeting list was mailed to him.
  - Meeting List Changes: (David B) – Added Recovering Couples Anonymous meeting on Thursdays in Framingham. Wednesday meeting in Provincetown MA moved from 8 PM to 5:30 PM. Friday meeting in Provincetown MA moved from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) – Treasurer had difficulty computer, so we have no report now. We'll have one next month.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Need dates for Fall Conference, results on ABM motions. Will add announcement problem with phone answering service. Michael and Marie will proofread.
- Literature (Peter) – No literature transactions this month. Peter will purchase literature from FWS this month. \$712.40 in purchases, \$121.11 in shipping.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Marie C) – Chair – OPEN. 14-15 people signed up for Vermont Weekend July 23-25. Decided on activities for upcoming year. Attempt to carpool to WNEI Fall Conference, but don't know date yet. Fall Gathering at Andover Newton Theological School: 1<sup>st</sup> choice is Nov 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is Nov 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice is Nov 13. Movie on Jan 22: *Joe vs. the Volcano*. Valentine's Day Meeting and Games on Feb 12. Spring Gathering at ANTS: 1<sup>st</sup> choice is Apr 30, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is May 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice is Apr 9. Mt. Wachusett Hike on May 14.
- Outreach (Patrick D). Group visit packets are coming together. "What is NEI Brochure?" is near completion.
- ABM Delegate (David B.) – David is ready to go. There are now 11 items on the BMIS.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Thursday Weymouth 4<sup>th</sup> step is open to men and women.

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)
  - 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)
- Photocopying Subcommittee – Presented report on feasibility of purchasing copier. Analysis shows we can save \$300 in the first year by purchasing a copier. Do we want a copier with the ability to print color copies? Consensus is that we can save money with this, and we want the ability to print color. Make sure we get one that does good duplexing.

New Business

- S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting Items – Item 01, change to “common denominator” sentence in preamble. **Initial Vote in favor: 4-3-0**. After minority opinion, **vote in favor: 4-2-1**. Note that vote was only on current wording. Item 03, funding Conference Charter committee chair to attend ABM. **Vote in favor: 7-0-0**. Item 04, permit distribution of Basic Text through online stores and physical chains. **Vote in favor: 7-0-0**. Some concerns: why was sale stopped at bookstores? Brief discussion on Triggers document and Romantic Obsession pamphlet. Cannot comment as most people have not read them.
- Contents of Mailing for July
  - July Newsletter
  - June Meeting Minutes
  - July Meeting List

Tabled for Next Month

- FY2011 Budget
- Group Visits Subcommittee
- NEI Meeting Locations for 2011 – Possibility of using Wainwright Bank Meeting Room

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, August 8, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.