

Meeting held on Sunday, September 12, 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), Rosanne R, David B, Eric G (timekeeper), Peter S, Rich N, Patrick D, Joe A (spiritual reminder)

Quorum: We have four elected representatives who meet the 3 month sobriety requirement. **Motion to allow provisional reps to vote (Lisa/Rosanne): 4-0-0.** We have 6 voters because the chair doesn't vote.

#### Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Approval of August meeting minutes. Replace Marie with Rosanne on the Activities Committee. **Motion to accept minutes as amended (Peter/Rich): passes 6-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B acting - OPEN)
  - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The July Mailing was sent on August 12 to 192 addresses. Rich N stuffed and stamped 104 envelopes for the August Mailing. They were delivered to Curtis B. The electronic mailing for August was sent on August 30. It contained the Newsletter, July meeting minutes, Treasury Report, and the October Vermont Weekend Flyer.
  - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 139 total calls in August. 8 Vermont Inquiries - 2 calls came back saying no one returned their call. 11 people requested a meeting list mailed to them. 1 caller asked about starting a new meeting in Brookline. Phone Service was down one day in August with constant busy signal. Answering Service confirmed no lost calls or messages.
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 10 total email messages in August. 3 with changes to the NEI address list, 1 from someone looking for phone meetings, 1 from someone who went to a meeting and no one was there, 2 from newcomers requesting general meeting information, 2 requests for meeting locations, and 1 on ordering literature.
  - From the Mailbox: (Marie C) – Nothing requiring the attention of the corresponding secretary.
  - Meeting List Changes: (David B) – Friday Cambridge Men's Meeting – new location, time, and group name.
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) – Eric brought the last 2 months of reports. Slightly behind budget due to literature and lower than budgeted contributions. Right now, about \$1000 behind budget largely due to falling behind on 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions and lack of delegate fund contributions. Our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions are about \$900 behind what we got by the end of August 2009. We still have not approved the budget for this fiscal year. **Motion to approve treasury reports (David/Rich): passes 6-0-0.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Rich brought drafts. Will include article on delegate fund contributions and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions. Also will include article about the Fall Recovery Gathering, and a My Favorite Step/My Favorite Meeting article. Information about Group Registration Forms. Suggestion to invite people to ask questions and we can answer questions in articles. Rosanne and Peter will proofread.
- Literature (Peter) – 3 literature purchases this month for \$108. David picked up 10 1-Day chips for 68 cents each and 18 books at \$13 each.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne R) – Nov 6 reserved for Fall Gathering. Theme is “Keep Coming Back”. David will contact Lydia at ANTS to confirm. Need to put together flyer, choose topics, recruit leaders and speakers. Refreshments? We already have 13 people signed up for Vermont Weekend.
- Outreach (Patrick) – Outreach pamphlets are not quite ready to go. Finishing the “What Is NEI?” Flyer. Need an updated literature price list. Have not done anything with prison outreach yet. Still looking into best method for professional outreach. Group Visits packet should be wrapped up by October NEI meeting.
- ABM Delegate (David B) – David's report on the ABM was in the August 2010 NEI newsletter. FWS wants all groups and intergroups to register yearly. Group and Intergroup registration forms were distributed at the ABM. NEI chair already submitted our intergroup form. Two new people were

elected to the Board of Trustees. The motion to change the preamble was tabled. The revised draft of the Romantic Obsession pamphlet passed with 46 yes votes and 1 no vote. There was a motion to commit resources to developing the 12&12 book, which passed. Also, the translation committee produced 9 pamphlets translated into Spanish. They've been printed and are ready to distribute.

- Group Reps Reports (if any) – North Quincy doing well. Stoughton coming up on first anniversary.

#### 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)
  - Monthly Mailings – temporarily filled by Rich N. & Curtis (1 year sobriety requirement for mailing envelopes)
- Photocopying Subcommittee – Patrick brought a sheet with cost details. Savings is in the range of \$300 - \$500 for the first year without color printing. Suggestion that we stick to black-&-white copying for the first year. Numbers do not include cost of paper, which is \$46 for 5000 sheets. Whoever maintains copier needs to track how many copies are made for budgeting purposes. **Motion to go forward with caveat that the number of copies are tracked and reported on to treasurer on a monthly basis (Eric/David).** Eric will work with Patrick on a form for reporting numbers. **Passes 6-0-0.**
- FY2011 Budget – Eric brought copies of the budget. Based on last years. Increase in reproduction for outreach, two delegates, delegate fund contributions. This current budget has a deficit of about \$934.04. We have a \$250 miscellaneous expense. If necessary, we can send only one delegate to ABM rather than two. We are \$900 over budget for the fiscal year so far. This means we have to meet or exceed our targets for the rest of the year. Proposed budget has error in delegate fund and Vermont scholarship funds, which leads to surplus of \$985.96. **Motion to approve budget (David/Eric): passes 6-0-0.**

#### New Business

- Listing RCA and CO-SLAA meetings on Meeting List – Suggestion that we list RCA and CO-SLAA contact information rather than individual meetings. **Motion that we eliminate specific meetings on the October meeting list and include CO-SLAA, S-ANON, and RCA web sites only. Later discuss whether or not to eliminate them from the web site. (Peter/Rosanne). Vote is 4-2-0.** Minority Opinion. **Second vote is 3-1-2.** Agree that this is group conscience.
- Contents of Mailing for September
  - September Newsletter
  - WNEI Fall Conference Flyer – 10/30/10
  - NEI Fall Gathering Flyer – 11/06/10
  - Group Registration Form with Blurb from FWS
  - August Meeting Minutes

#### Tabled Until Next Meeting

- Group Visits Subcommittee
- Meeting List – Replacing Preamble with Description of NEI
- NEI Meeting Locations for 2011 – Possibility of using Bank Meeting Room

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, October 12, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.