

Meeting held on Sunday, December 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), Eric G (vice-chair), Rosanne R, Michael T, David B, Peter M, Peter S (timekeeper), Patrick D (spiritual reminder), Rich N, Andrew D, Dennis S, Joe

Quorum: 5 elected group representatives with at least three months continuous sobriety.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of November meeting minutes. Some corrections. **Motion to accept with amendments (Patrick/Peter): 5-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing (Rich N & Curtis B) – The November mailing went out December 1 to 101 addresses. It contained the November newsletter, a flyer for the movie on January 8, and the November Gratitude Month flyer. The electronic mailing also went out on December 4. It contained links to the same items plus an announcement of open service positions and a request for support to send a second delegate to the ABM. That was mailed to 92 addresses.
 - Telephone (Richie B) – 124 total calls in November. 3 callers requested meeting lists mailed to them. 8 people requested meeting lists via the internet.
 - Internet (Lisa P) – 8 inquires via e-mail in November. 1 looking for meetings in California, 1 looking for meetings in Vermont, 1 looking to do service with NEI, 1 from another intergroup wanting to know our sobriety requirements for telephone responders, 2 from newcomers wanting general meeting information, 1 wanting to pick up literature at the Fall Gathering, and 1 asking about Co-SLAA meetings.
 - Mailbox (Marie C) – Nothing requiring the attention of the corresponding secretary.
 - Meeting List (David B) – Monday Worcester “Big Book Study”, New meeting room starting Jan 3, Goff S2-309 B. Wednesday Newton “Mainly for Love Addicts”, Debra asked to be removed as newcomer contact. Thursday Haverhill “Gentle Path Group”, New meeting location: St. James Elementary, 415 Primrose St. Take exit 50 off I-495. Go 1.6 miles on RT 97. Turn left on Primrose for 0.6 Miles. We have permission to put this on the web site.
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) – We’re \$1273 behind budget in 7th tradition contributions, \$907.35 over budget in expenses. **Motion to accept (Patrick/Rich): passes 5-0-0.** A local meeting that is not on our meeting list donated \$450. We need to contact someone at that group and get it on the meeting list.
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – Spent \$53.10 on two cases of paper. On toner and paper, we’re \$17 ahead of budget to date.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Letter from Board of Trustees chair is the lead article. Open service positions on the next page. Peter and Patrick will proofread.
- Literature (Peter) – Sold \$80 in literature for two orders this month. Our inventory is still good.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) – Movie coming up in January, Valentine’s Day event in February. Need to include flyer for Valentine’s Day in next mailing. Still space for 7 people at the upcoming Vermont Weekend.
- Outreach (Patrick) – Group visits packet is ready to be printed. Need to schedule group visits

with volunteers.

- ABM Delegate (David B) – The Board of Trustees has temporarily closed the office in San Antonio in order to perform a financial audit. The 2011 International Recovery Convention for Los Angeles has been canceled.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Quincy Saturday Men’s group has contributed to delegate fund. Weymouth 4th Step meeting is up to 10 people now. Sunday Hope & Recovery meeting had a consensus about promises. Suggestion of using “commitments” like AA to get meeting attendance up.

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)
- Group Visits Subcommittee
- Meeting List Subcommittee (if anything to report) – Patrick brought example copies of a new meeting format. Question about legalese in copyright statement. Sample contains 4 possible cover pages. Round robin discussion on the covers. **Motion that we use the 4th page as cover for the January meeting list with a URL and legal statement about use of S.L.A.A. lifesaver logo (Patrick/Michael): passes 5-0-0.**

New Business

- Outreach and 6th and 11th traditions (Patrick and round robin) – Passes information about outreach from NEI bylaws. Round robin discussion on what outreach coordinator is allowed to do without violating tradition 11.
- NEI Dates and Locations for 2011 – Newton-Wellesley Hospital (David) – David has not contacted NWH yet. He will take care of it this week. He will contact NEI when he gets a response.
- Contents of Mailing for December. **Motion that we have 10-day deadline after business meeting to get contents to Patrick for printing (Patrick/Rosanne): passes 5-0-0.**
 - Newsletter
 - February 12th Valentine’s Day Event
 - October Meeting Minutes
 - November Meeting Minutes

Tabled Until Next Meeting

- SLAA Promises Consideration of Submitting Motion or Item for Discussion (round robin discussion)

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.