

Meeting held on Sunday, March 13, 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), Rich C, Michael T, Peter S (spiritual reminder), David B, Bob G, Cathryn C, Patrick D (timekeeper), Rosanne R, Dennis S, Andrew D

Quorum: 7 delegates with at least 3 months sobriety.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review minutes from January and February. Some corrections. **Motion to accept January minutes (Patrick/Dennis): passes 5-0-2.**
Motion to accept February minutes with amended date for the Spring Gathering (Patrick/Rosanne): passes 6-0-1.
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting – OPEN) –
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The February mailing went out Wednesday, March 2 to 100 addresses. It contained the February newsletter, Vermont 12-Step Weekend form, and the Spring Gathering flyer. The electronic mailing went out on Saturday, February 26 to 146 email addresses. It contained links to the same items plus the February treasury report.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 122 total calls in February. 13 meeting lists mailed: 6 to callers requesting meeting lists and 7 to people requesting them via the internet.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Total of 7 inquiries in February. 1 street address correction for JP meeting, 1 from female newcomer wanting a call back, 2 meeting address location requests, 2 requests for a meeting list, 1 message about the Osterville meeting starting up again.
 - From the Mailbox: (Marie C) – Nothing requiring the attention of the corresponding secretary.
 - Meeting List Changes: (Patrick D) – Friday Jamaica Plain Meeting, address correction on internet meeting list. Friday Osterville Meeting starting up again, no other information. Wednesday Newton “Mainly for Love Addicts” meeting has low attendance; it’s possible that someone could show up for the meeting and no one else is there. Friday 8:00 PM Newton meeting changed name to “Steps for a Sober Weekend”. Monday Worcester meeting added room location, “2nd Floor School Building”.
- Treasurer (Bob G – Eric G outgoing treasurer) – Eric sent report via e-mail. Our delegate fund is short by \$721.00. We’re about \$2000 behind expectations in 7th tradition contributions. We might not be able to fund a second delegate to the ABM. **Motion to accept treasury report (Patrick/Rosanne): passes 7-0-0.**
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – We’re at about 3 cents per B&W copy.
- Literature (Peter S) – Sold some books and chips this month. Peter ordered new literature, including Romantic Obsession. It’s a pamphlet, not a perfume.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) – Spring Gathering is April 2. Next Vermont weekend is March 25. We have 14 people signed-up so far. NEI web site links to 2010 Vermont weekend form, so this needs to be

changed.

- Outreach (Patrick) – To be covered under the group visits subcommittee.
- ABM Delegate (David B) – Delegate sign-up is due tomorrow (March 14). Early registration deadline is April 18. Registration deadline is May 28.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Remove request for telephone responders. Andrew will write an article on Experience/Strength/Hope for next newsletter. Add request for delegate fund contributions. David will contact Leon and Rita for information about FWS. Michael T and Peter S will proofread.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Groups are doing okay.

Old Business

- Open Positions
 - Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. (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 (Patrick) – The group visit package is together. Need event flyers, e.g. Mt. Wachusett hike, and April meeting list. Purpose is to establish at least two connections to every group, get the groups aware of NEI and increase participation in NEI.
- ABM Delegates – NEI ability to send second delegate. We have until the end of May to decide. We'll discuss it at next month's business meeting.

New Business

- April 2nd Spring Gathering Preparation – Still need facilitators for the gathering. We'll have writing workshops. We'll have a bake sale to raise money for delegate fund. Can we borrow a coffee maker? We'll look into getting a Keurig machine and/or a coffee maker. Lisa will take the lead on the food items. David will take the lead on the raffle. Peter will handle literature sales. Dennis will help. Patrick will handle registration – he'll talk to Curtis about it, too. We can photocopy Setting Bottom Lines and Renewal of Sobriety pamphlets for the writing workshop.
- Contents of Mailing for March
 - Newsletter
 - January Meeting Minutes
 - February Meeting Minutes
 - Mt. Wachusett Flyer
- Meeting List Changes (Patrick) – Issue on what is an appropriate notification for a meeting change and what is not. Consensus is that people should send a group registration form when there are changes to the meetings.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.