

Meeting held on Sunday, June 10, 2011 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), David B, Cathryn C, Peter S (timekeeper), Bob G, Patrick D (spiritual reminder), Rosanne R, Richie B

Quorum: 4 elected representatives with at least 3 months continuous sobriety. Motion to allow provisional representatives to vote (Patrick/Bob): vote is 4-0-0. We have 6 voters.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of minutes from May meeting. Add sobriety requirement from bylaws. **Motion to accept (Patrick/Rosanne): 6-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) - The May mailing went out Tuesday, May 24 to 101 addresses. It contained the May newsletter, April meeting minutes, and a flyer for the Canoe activity. The electronic mailing went out on Monday, May 30 to 145 email addresses. It contained links to the same items and the sign-up form for the July Vermont weekend.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) - 119 calls to the answering service in May. 2 calls to speak to women only. 6 callers requested meeting lists. 9 requests for meeting lists through the web service. Total of 15 meeting lists and addiction pamphlets were mailed.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 5 emails total in May. 1 request for information on Vermont retreat, 1 looking for a priest for 5th step, 3 meeting location requests.
 - From the Mailbox: (Marie C) – Letter from someone in prison wanting information about meetings. David wrote him a letter and included a current meeting list, Addicted To Sex/Addicted To Love pamphlet, and a list of the 40 Questions for Self-Diagnosis.
 - Meeting List Changes: (Patrick D) – Details changed for Friday meeting in Osterville. It's now a men's meeting, not handicap-accessible. Meeting held 1st floor.
- Treasurer (Bob G.) – Brought report on treasury from the last few months. 7th Tradition Contributions are down. Round Robin discussion on why. Is there discontent? We're also down on expenses. **Motion to approve treasury report (David/Peter): 7-0-0. Motion to post past two treasury reports on web site as treasury-approved (Patrick/Rosanne): 7-0-0.** We'll need a statement explaining the delay. Bob and Lisa will work together on that.
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – Not much printing since the newsletter. Need to buy another black toner. We'll take the used toner cartridges to Staples.
- Literature (Peter) – Sold some literature this month. We're out of 2 and 3 year medallions. Peter will place an order with FWS.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) – May hike had 9 people. Canoe event is coming up on Saturday. David will prepare flyer for barbecue in August. Need to ask for help with transporting stuff. July Vermont weekend has 8 people signed up so far.
- Outreach (Patrick) – Three responses from outreach packets. Four more pending. A lot of packets went out, but few came back. We need people who took outreach packets to do their group visits and return the outreach contact sheet.
- ABM Delegate (David B.) – David will prepare a flyer on the BMIS for the June mailing. **Motion to donate a lobster dinner from Legal Sea Foods to the ABM auction. Value is about \$140. (David/Peter): vote is 6-1-0.** Minority opinion. **Revote: 7-0-0.**

- Newsletter (Rich N) – David will give feedback to Rich. Lisa will write article on the BMIS for the ABM. Peter and Cathryn will proofread.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) - None

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)
- Group Visits Subcommittee – Covered in outreach report.

New Business

- Crosstalk guidelines at meetings – Some groups have issues with crosstalk, joking, feedback, etc, during meetings. One person asked if NEI has anything written down on crosstalk. Is there anything we can help with?
- ABM Motions Discussion at July 10th Meeting and Possibility of Adding 1 Hour to Meeting Earlier. **Motion to hold ABM discussion meeting from 4-5:30, move NEI business meeting from 5:30 to 7:15. (Patrick/Bob): passes 7-0-0.**
- Mailbox Pick-up – Mailbox was closed for a short period of time. Not sure if we got all the mail. Marie can no longer pick up mail. Lisa has been picking up mail from Brookline every 3 weeks. We need someone else who can pick up mail from Brookline. David will ask Michael T. Another possibility is we could change our address to another location.
- Contents of Mailing for June
 - June Newsletter
 - ABM Flyer with Motions for Groups to Vote on
 - August 20th BBQ Flyer
 - May Treasury Report
 - May Meeting Minutes

Tabled Until Next Meeting

- Speaker pool at meetings
- Fall Gathering and Co-SLAA participation

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, July 10, 2011 at 4:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.