

Meeting held on Sunday, July 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), Eric G, Rich N, Clint B, Patrick D (spiritual reminder), Cathryn C, Michael T (timekeeper), Peter S, David B, Bob G, Rich C, Rosanne R

Quorum: 8 elected representatives with at least 3 months continuous sobriety.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Approval of minutes from June NEI business meeting. Add closing statement. **Motion to approve (Peter/Patrick): passes 6-0-2.**
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The June mailing went out Wednesday, June 29 to 101 addresses. It contained the June newsletter, May treasury report, BMIS discussion flyer, and the August barbecue flyer. The May meeting minutes were accidentally omitted. The electronic mailing went out on Wednesday, June 29 to 142 email addresses. It contained links to the same items plus the May meeting minutes and the sign-up form for the July Vermont weekend.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 117 total calls for June. 6 callers requested meeting lists mailed to them. 9 people requested information from the web service. The Answering Service has a new Phone Number of Contact and a new procedure to retrieve messages. The answering service will provide information by voice as their old machine broke down and it is too costly to replace. This is an important change as I think it is listed on the Newsletter.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 7 total messages. 3 requests for a meeting list. 3 requests for meeting locations. 1 message from a newcomer.
 - From the Mailbox: (open) – Nothing for the Corresponding Secretary. We still need someone to pick up mail in Brookline on a regular basis.
 - Meeting List Changes: (Patrick D)
 - Newton Thursday “Steps to Recovery” meeting – Changed meeting room to CE Director’s Office. Correction to newcomer contact’s telephone number.
 - Worcester Friday meeting – Changed instructions on how to get to the room.
 - New Meeting in Weymouth – Hope & Recovery literature study group at East Weymouth Congregational Church
 - New Meeting in Providence – New Beginnings meeting at Roger Williams Medical Center
 - Printed meeting list had incorrect zip code for FWS. Zip code was printed as 78206. The correct zip code is 78209.
- Treasurer (Bob G.) – Need to spend time discussing the budget at next meeting. We were below budgeted income this year, but slightly more below expenses. The expenses for ABM are higher because we paid for last year’s ABM and this year’s ABM in this fiscal year. **Motion to accept (Michael/Clint): 8-0-0.**
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – Doing okay for photocopying. Need to order more black toner.
- Literature (Peter) – Sold \$60 in literature last month. Still need to make an order for medallions.

- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) – There were four people at the canoe event. Need to decide on the date for the Fall Recovery Gathering.
- Outreach (Patrick) – Getting group visit pamphlets back.
- ABM Delegate (David B.) – NEI is donating a lobster dinner from Legal Sea Foods.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Need news briefs and an article on a slogan or quote. Michael and Rich C 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
- Mailbox Pick-up – Michael T is willing to do it.

New Business

- Speaker pool at meetings – Round robin discussion. Need someone to manage it. That's the hardest part. Clint, Rosanne, and Rich N are willing to work on planning a speaker pool.
- Fall Gathering and Co-SLAA participation – Round robin discussion. Activities Committee will ask Co-SLAA if there is any interest.
- Contents of Mailing for July
 - June Newsletter
 - May Meeting Minutes
 - June Meeting Minutes
 - Treasury Report
 - July Meeting List
 - Vermont Weekend Flyer for September

Tabled Until Next Meeting

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.