

Meeting held on Sunday, September 11, 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: Eric G (vice chair), David B, Bob G, Clint B (spiritual reminder), Rich C, Peter S (timekeeper), Patrick D, Rosanne R, Michael T

Quorum: 4 elected representatives with at least 3 months continuous sobriety. **Motion to allow provisional reps to vote (Peter/Rosanne): passes 3-1-0.** We have 7 voting members. One rep arrived late, so we had 5 elected representatives with at least 3 months continuous sobriety. **Motion to continue allowing provisional reps to vote (Eric/Michael): passes 8-0-0.**

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of August 14 minutes. **Motion to accept as amended (Patrick/Peter): passes 7-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The August mailing went out Wednesday, September 7 to 97 addresses. It contained the August newsletter, July meeting minutes, and the announcement of the WNEI fall conference. The electronic mailing went out on Saturday, September 3 to 142 email addresses. It contained links to the same items plus the barbecue flyer and the sign-up form for the September 29 – October 2 Vermont weekend.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 131 Total phone calls in August. 4 callers requested meeting lists. 5 requests for meeting lists from internet. We have a new telephone volunteer.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 9 total emails in August. 2 requests to delete outdated flyer from web site. 1 update to meeting information. 1 request to delete from NEI mailing list. 3 requests for meeting locations. 1 from a newcomer wanting general information. 1 inquiry on the Sept 30 – Oct 2 Vermont SLAA Retreat.
 - From the Mailbox: (Michael T)
 - Letter from inmate at Bridgewater MTC requesting sponsor in the Dallas area. David responded with a letter, Addicted To Sex/Addicted To Love pamphlet, and 40 questions sheet. David forwarded his request to the North Texas Intergroup (Dallas/Fort Worth) and the Prison Outreach Committee.
 - Letter from inmate at Bridgewater MTC requesting a sponsor in the Wilmington, Woburn, Lowell, Danvers area. David responded with letter, Addicted To Sex/Addicted To Love pamphlet, and 40 questions sheet.
 - Meeting List Changes: (Patrick D)
 - Wednesday Newton “Mainly For Love Addicts” meeting is defunct.
- Treasurer (Bob G) – Need to change item 2191 to “Supplies – Other”. Income is close to budget-to-date. We’ve had fewer expenses than projected so far. Apply delegate fund balance to 2011 ABM expenses. We will restate the numbers in next month’s treasury report, which is when we send it out.
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – Since October 10, spent \$1159.44. Saved \$360.26 over using copy service.
- Literature (Peter) – No literature sales in August. Ordered \$548.51 worth of literature, but it hasn’t arrived yet. Peter can get 2-year coins.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne R) – Barbecue held on August 20. About 16 present, some rain at the beginning. David will find out who has the 7th tradition from the barbecue. 6 people have registered so far for the Sept 30 – Oct 2 Vermont weekend. Still waiting for confirmation of dates for the Fall Recovery Gathering. David is trying to schedule it on a Saturday in November at Andover-Newton

Theological School. Suggestion for retrospective after activities have been held to discuss what was good, what didn't work, what to try next time.

- Outreach (Patrick) – Still getting information back on group visit packets. Will attempt to create a database for group contact information.
- ABM Delegate (Lisa P) – Not present. No report.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – No objections to quote. Lead article? Suggestion for request for articles for newsletter, or speaker pool, or favorite slogan article. Rosanne will write a slogan article. Change “A.A.” in Tradition 9 to “S.L.A.A.” Add time to NEI business meeting. Date is October 9 at 5:00. Remove old meeting update information. Note that AR and GR elections are coming up in December. NEI officer elections are in January. Michael T and Peter S will review.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Worcester Saturday meeting will have a group inventory on October 1. Rosanne is now group rep for Weymouth Sunday meeting. Stoughton Monday has a new representative.

Old Business

- Open Positions
 - Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. (1 year sobriety requirement). David will step down in January at the latest.
 - Web Site Coordinator - temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
- Speaker pool at meetings – Nothing new to report. Will try to have a conference call on it this month.

New Business

- Contents of Mailing for August
 - September Newsletter
 - August Meeting Minutes
 - Fall Recovery Gathering flyer (if available)
- Renewal for Yellow Pages. We decided before not to bother renewing our listing in the yellow pages.
- Buying books in bulk – Suggestion to buy more books per purchase, so we can save more money on books. Peter will look into the cost of books, and what's the level of the next discount from FWS.
- Timing of election for positions – Do we want to hold elections for every position at the same time? Changing this will require a by-laws change. Round-robin discussion on announcing the GR/AR election cycle to members.

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