

Meeting held on Sunday, November 13, 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, Peter S, Cathryn C, Clint B (spiritual reminder), Eric G (timekeeper), David B, Bob G, Patrick D, Ellen S,

Quorum – 6 elected group reps with at least 6 months sobriety. We have 6 eligible voters.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Approval of October minutes. **Motion to approve (Patrick/Peter). Passes 6-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The November mailing was sent out on October 26 to 98 addresses. It contained the September NEI meeting minutes, the October Newsletter, a flyer for the December Vermont weekend, the October meeting list, corrected June treasury report, the September treasury report, and the November Gratitude Month flyer. 102 addresses got the meeting list only. The electronic mailing went out on October 24 to 142 addresses. It contained links to the same items (except for the meeting list), and a link to a flyer for the WNEI fall conference on October 29.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 133 calls to answering service in October. Total of 8 meeting lists mailed, all requested from the NEI web site.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Total email inquiries in October: 5. 3 from newcomers requesting general meeting information, 1 request for a meeting list, 1 inquiry from CO-SLAA.
 - From the Mailbox: (Michael T) – Nothing requiring action by corresponding secretary.
 - Meeting List Changes: (Patrick D) – Wareham Saturday meeting is no longer active. Worcester Monday meeting changed rooms from Goff S2-309B to S1-123. Bridgewater institutional meetings changed contact telephone number.
- Treasurer (Bob G.) – 7th Tradition contributions are close to what we budgeted, so that's good. Income is below what we budgeted, but expenses are farther below budget. So that's better. The amount we took in on the fall recovery gathering was \$167 below budgeted. We have only the October treasury report, not the July-October report, so we will table approval until next month.
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – We're \$566.52 ahead of where we'd be if we used a copying service. Black and White copies cost about 2¢ each. Toner purchases will listed under reproduction in the treasury report.
- Literature (Peter) – We have medallions from all years, including several one-year medallions. Sold \$245 of literature at Fall Recovery Gathering.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) – 50 people at Fall Gathering yesterday. Suggestions for April 21 or April 28 for Spring conference. We may show a movie in January. 5 people have signed up for December Vermont weekend.
- Outreach (Patrick) – We have contact information for 24 out of 64 groups. Some groups did not know about the Fall conference. Also, we are not getting responses from group visit packets. David, Lisa, and Ellen are willing to help. Peter is willing to help with outreach.
- ABM Delegate (Lisa P.) – FWS has hired a new office coordinator. 2012 ABM will be in San Diego on July 24-27.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote is approved. Lisa will send Fall Gathering evaluation results to everyone so they can be included in the newsletter. Note that office elections will be at the

January 8 NEI business meeting. Under Dec 16-18 Vermont Weekend, mention the Yankee Swap on Saturday night. The whole weekend is not a holiday meeting. In news briefs, mention the FWS office coordinator. Remove the announcement about needing a mail room associate. Lisa will send 2012 Vermont dates to Rich for the upcoming events. Proofreaders: Peter and Cathryn.

- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Tuesday women’s K-Street meeting has very low attendance.

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)
- Speaker pool at meetings – No report.

New Business

- Reserving NEI Meeting Location for 2012 – Do we want to continue using AR100? David will contact Newton-Wellesley Hospital to reserve dates for 2012.
- ABM Delegates for 2012 – Anyone interested in being second delegate? (If yes, we would have to think about how we would raise funds. Once determined – we could send out ABM delegate flyer on money budgeted with how much money we need to raise.) No one present was interested in going to the ABM.
- S-Anon Contact Information on NEI Web Site (Lisa) – CO-SLAA and S-Anon information is not on the meeting list. Should we have links for them on our web site? David will look up past minutes regarding this issue. Round-robin discussion. Subcommittee will explore language for related program links on the NEI web site for vote on this later. Suggestion to pay attention to traditions 6 and 10. Subcommittee is Cathryn, Peter, Ellen, and Lisa.
- Request from S.L.A.A. Translation Committee (Lisa) – Moses from Brazil on Conference Translation Committee contacted NEI. They want help with translation and have a flyer they’d like distributed. **Motion to put flyer in the mailing (Lisa/Patrick): Passes 6-0-0.**
- Vermont Weekend prize allocation – How do we account for money donated for the prize? In the past, the donations for the prize have gone into the scholarship fund and the prize comes out of the fund. We’ll do it that way this time too.
- Contents of Mailing for November
 - Newsletter
 - October meeting minutes
 - Flyer – Group elections in November and January NEI officer elections positions (Lisa to put together flyer)
 - Conference Translation Committee (CTC) Flyer

Tabled Until Next Meeting

- Legality of public showings of movies
- Separate sections on meeting list for men-only or women-only meetings.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.