

Meeting held on Sunday, February 12, 2012 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: Patrick D (chair), Lisa P (vice-chair), Rosanne R, Ellen S, Cathryn C, Michael T, Peter R, Bob G, Kim B (spiritual reminder), David B (timekeeper), Rich N. Rich C.

Quorum - 8 elected group reps with at least 3 months sobriety.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (Rich N) Draft January meeting minutes accepted as amended Kim B/Peter S 7-0-1
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (Kim) per report sent by Kim B. Please send Mailing list changes to Kim B instead of Jenny R W. Unfortunately meeting lists did not get sent to the US Postal mailing list in January mailing. A copy of the January meeting list will be sent in the February mailing.
- There was no outgoing correspondence from the NEI Chair

- Informational mailings were sent via USPS from NEI to 97 addresses on January 25, 2012. Informational mailing links were sent via e-mail from NEI to 141 addresses on January 31, 2012. The mailing included:

1. January 2012 NEI Newsletter,
2. December 2011 Business Meeting Minutes,
3. Treasurer's report from 7/1/11 through 12/31/11,
4. NEI Flyer for Vermont 12-step Weekends,
5. Flyer for "We Are Not Alone Get Together" for February 11, 2011.
6. January 2012 NEI Meeting List

- Additionally, the January 2012 meeting list was sent via USPS to 104 addresses who are designated as e-mail only on January 25, 2012. One of these addressees is in Canada requiring additional postage.

There was a change to the NEI USPS mailing list to remove 2 USPS addressees.

- Treasurer (Bob G.) January Report is approved 7-0-1 Peter S/ Kim B.
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) reported that at this since NEI's purchase of the copier 16 months ago, NEI has realized a net savings of \$868.58. Based on current costs of photocopier and supplies against the costs of copying at Staples.
- Literature (Rich C) 20 pamphlets, 2 chips 1 book sold.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Rosanne) Valentine's meeting was fun. No money made on the gathering. \$100.00 - \$93.00 = -\$7.00. Attendance was 14 people .
- Outreach and Committee (Ellen) Materials received from Patrick. One letter From Bridgewater Treatment letter to respond to.
- ABM Delegate (Lisa) Deadline for reduced registration is March 28 and special raffle to possibly get \$475 reduction. \$1075 plus airfair. April 12 deadline for proposals see below.
- Newsletter (David B) Quote ok. Activity dates Left column. 12+12 book being put together by FWS. May do article for that in the newsletter. Maybe chair can introduce himself in an article for the newsletter.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) New meeting to start in Weymouth on Tues evenings soon. Church has been established . Facing the Shadows workbook. Brookline Sat AM mens meeting very weak lately. Michael T. Stoughton needs support Lisa P. Weymouth Sunday meeting attendance mediocre. Fri , Newton- Wellesley meeting increasing in attendance. Sat No Quincy men's meeting attendance low. Will ask for 7th Tradition donation to NEI regardless.

- Mail pickup identification for Michael as he cannot pickup any packages that don't fit into box. Will look into getting NEI mail id.

Old Business

1. Outreach
 - 7th Tradition is low – how can we connect with Group Contacts?
 - Treasurer may be a backup contact for individual groups.
 - Patrick and Ellen will coordinate on process and message
2. Speaker Pool?
 - In holding pattern for now – waiting for group contacts iced for time being.

New Business

1. Vote for meeting list coordinator Lisa P volunteers. Lisa/Rosanne 7-0-1 Approved.
 2. Report on showing movies- Peter MPLC can grant license to show movies legally for \$275.00/ yr for as many movies we want. Swank can approve license to show 1 movie for \$121.00 Discussion was to keep it legal. Unanimously decided. 8-0-0.
 3. Mailing of electronic meeting list to group officers After lengthy discussion a motion is made to allow the meeting list to be emailed to the printer from the meeting list coordinator via password-encrypted zip file and then be deleted after use. Patrick/ Rosanne
 4. 7-0-1.
 5. Motion about promises for ABM - tabled.
 6. Change phone service to Cell phone – emailed peter current cost on live answering service > \$2100.00/year. Service is very pleasant and helpful. Also to give info on meetings and can pass on info for a callback to caller from a volunteer. Reach out to other Inter-groups to see how they do it. People like the “live “option. Menu list discussed. Peter and Lisa will look into option to try to reduce the costs.
 7. Meeting list changes made through online form David B, Patrick D and Bob G to work on.
 8. ABM delegate election Lisa will be completing her 2 year term this year.
 9. Vote for Vermont Weekend Coordinator Lisa reports Jenny was willing to continue in this position. Michael T/ Lisa P to elect Jenny 8-0-0
 10. Contents of Mailing for February – deadline for materials to get to Patrick for printing – Wed., Feb, 22nd
 - Newsletter (David)
 - Meeting minutes? (Rich)
 - April Spring Gathering Flyer (Rosanne)
- Notes: meeting list to this month mailing.

Tabled Until Next Meeting

ABM Motion about SLAA Promises.

Closing Serenity Prayer.

Next NEI Meeting is March 11, 2012