

Meeting held on Sunday, March 11, 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, Clint B, Ellen S, Kim B (timekeeper), David B, Bob G, Peter S (spiritual reminder), Cathryn C

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

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (Rich N) – amendments suggested by Kim. Motion to accept Peter/Kim. Vote 8-0-0
- Corresponding Secretary (Kim B.) – There was no outgoing correspondence from the NEI Chair. There was one e-mail recipient added to the e-mail list. There were 3 recipients dropped from the USPS mailing list.
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N. & Lisa P.) Informational mailings were sent via USPS from NEI to 95 recipients on Weds, Feb 29 (76) and Thurs, March 1 (19). Informational mailing links were sent via e-mail from NEI to 144 addresses on February 26. The mailing included: February 2012 NEI Newsletter, January 2012 Business Meeting Minutes, NEI Flyer for April Spring Gathering, and January 2012 NEI Meeting List (USPS addresses only, E-mail only recipients were sent meeting list in last month's mailing)
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Total email inquiries in February: 4. 1 from newcomers requesting to speak with a female program member, 1 looking for a meeting location, 1 request to be added to our mailing list, and 1 inquiry for meetings in New York.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) –122 calls to our answering service in February. A total of four meeting lists were mailed. All meeting list requests were from our web site.
 - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - One meeting list change to the Natick, MA 7:00 PM meeting. The meeting now includes 12 step designation and more specifics on room location in church.
 - From the Mailbox: (Michael T) – Nothing requiring action by corresponding secretary
- Treasurer (Bob G.) – 7th tradition contributions are up. People have already registered for spring conference. Motion to accept Kim/Peter: Vote 8-0-0.
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick)
- Literature (Rich C) – In Feb, sold \$78 to Worcester meetings. There's some discrepancy between what's recorded in the inventory spreadsheet and what we actually have. Rich will reconcile the report to include the current inventory.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Rosanne) – Conference call earlier this month. Suggestion to have barbecue in Blue Hills this summer. Article in newsletter asking for ideas for activities. Rosanne made a prototype bookmark with dates of NEI events.
- Outreach and Committee (Ellen) – Two letters from prison have been answered. Replaced out-of-date information in the outreach packets.
- ABM Delegate (Lisa) – Raffle registration due on March 28, already filled in and ready to mail. FWS has part-time positions filled at the San Antonio office.
- Newsletter (David B) – Include article about Spring Gathering, Mt. Wachusett hike. Patrick will include Greeting from NEI Chair article. Rosanne will write a slogan article. David will include meeting changes, including new meetings, in newsletter.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Discussion on crosstalk and non-conference approved literature in meetings.

Old Business

1. Answering service update – Answering Service rates are competitive with other services. Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup phone service is automated. A service like this saves \$1000 per year over a live answering service.
2. Electronic mailing of meeting list – Password-protected zip file sent from Lisa to Patrick.
3. Change of emails (Jenny to Kim, Peter to Rich, Patrick to Lisa) – Change accomplished. Lisa sent emails to test.
4. Spring Gathering – Date is April 28. Need female keynote speakers. Please bring sign-up sheets to meetings. Feel free to volunteer raffle items. Lisa will ask if Rich C will bring coffee again.
5. Mike P.O. identity renewal – Kim will contact Mike about this.
6. Meeting list changes made through online form – Nothing done about this.

New Business

1. Do we want to change to a different answering system - Already discussed in Old Business. Call Delaware Valley Intergroup number for sample voicemail system.
2. Motion about promises for ABM – Lisa brought discussion notes from 2011 ABM, and Daytona promises from motion in mid 1990s. Round-robin discussion. We will bring this up again for a final vote at the April 1 NEI business meeting. Bring it up at our groups, too.
3. Printing schedule change – Printing will be done as soon as possible. Wednesday 10 days after NEI meeting is more important now.
4. Do we need meeting at events – Round robin discussion.
5. Contents of Mailing for March -deadline for materials to get to Patrick for printing – Wed., March 21
 - o February Meeting Minutes (Rich)
 - o Newsletter (David)
 - o Mt. Wachusett Hike Flyer (David)

Tabled Until Next Meeting

1. Outreach discussion

Closing

Next NEI Meeting is April 1, 2012