

The meeting began at 5:05 PM with the Serenity Prayer and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions followed by

Brief check-ins.

Present: Patrick D, Bob G, David B, Kim B, Peter S, Michael T, Wil C, Rich N, Warren P, Lisa P.

Spiritual Reminder - Wil C,

Timekeeper – David B

Quorum - 7 then 8.

Department Reports

- **Chairman (Patrick D)** - Announced that today NEI service positions and officers to be elected for 2 year terms.
- **Recording Secretary (Rich N)** - November minutes approved as final 6-0-1 Michael T/Wil C.
- **Corresponding Secretary** – includes Meeting List (Kim B.) – There was no outgoing correspondence from the NEI Chair. Two e-mail recipients were added. One USPS recipient was deleted. The USPS addresses were deleted for two E-mail recipients when meeting lists were returned.

- **Mailing Report: (Rich N. & Lisa P.)** USPS mailing was sent to 47 recipients on January 9th. E-mail was also sent on December 26th to 203 recipients. The full mailing included the January NEI Newsletter, Valentine Day game night flyer and the 2014 Vermont 12-step weekend flyer. The e-mailing also included a link for the Service Positions Flyer for January 12, 2014 NEI elections and the outreach flyer for group contacts.

- **Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P)** – Web Site Information/Inquiries for December 2013

December Vermont Weekend Inquiry	4
New meeting in Topsfield	1
Meeting information	2
Newcomer – general meeting information	1
Member looking for suggestions for working the steps	1
Looking for telephone meeting information	1
TOTAL	10

- **Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.)** – In November the answering service received 139 calls. In December the answering service received 8 callers requesting call backs:

Meeting location information	4
Request for meeting list	1
General program Information	3

We sent out 4 meeting lists from web site requests.

- **Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.)** - A new meeting started January 9, 2014 in Topsfield, MA on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 River Road, in the Library Room
- **From the Mailbox: (Michael T)** – Nothing new at the Mailbox.
- **Treasurer (Bob G.)** – There were some questions about Vermont checks and a Wareham Sat evening 7th tradition which was rectified during the meeting. Motion to accept treasurer's report Kim B/Wil C 7-0-0.
 - **Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick)** - Presented a detailed report of savings to NEI by using the printer totaling approximately \$2,822.00. There are ample color and black and white toners for the year 2014.

- **Literature (David B.)** - Report was presented. Healthy sales of books, pamphlets and chips during December.
- **Activities Committee including Vermont (open)** – Peter S reported Flyer is out for Feb “We Are Not Alone” event on Feb 15. Dates are set for NEI Vermont 12 Step Weekends. Date to be determined for Spring Gathering. Plan to have a telephone meeting to discuss.
- **Outreach and Committee (vacant)**
- **ABM Delegate (Bob G.)** – Reports there are plans to have the SLAA Basic Text in electronic version probably by April on Amazon. ? Kindle.
- **Newsletter (David B.)**- Quote approved, Peter S and Michael T proofreaders.
- **Group Reps Reports (if any)** none.

Old Business

1. **Web site enhancements** - No report today.
2. **Online meeting list discussion (Lisa)** - nine meetings don't have address info online. Recommendation made to follow Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup method for website.
3. **The plan to repay the 3 conferences we did not pay to ANTS.** Do we pay each one when we have a certain balance in the checking account? Bob G proposed that we pay back monthly on a sliding scale according to the NEI checking account balance, e.g. Balance = \$2,000 pay \$250.00. Balance = \$2,500 pay \$300.00, etc. Approved 7-0-1 Peter S/ Rich N.
4. **Does NEI want to do a group inventory?** Consensus of group was yes. Motion to have Group Inventory within six months 6-1-1. After minority discussion, vote was 7-0-1
5. **Meeting List Updates being listed in the newsletter – in light of policy of not emailing Meeting List out** no decision made at this time.

New Business

1. **Lateness of the mailing each month** – Discussed and the decision is that the goal is to get the mail out to members by the first of each month.

2. **Elections** –

Chairperson – Peter S.

Recording Secretary – David B

Treasurer – Bob G

Activities Committee Chair – Peter S

ABM Delegate – Wil C

Newsletter Editor – Rich N

Photocopying Kim B

Meeting List Updates – Lisa P

Retreat Coordinator – Jenny R.W. (selected by the Activities Committee)

Vice Chairperson – open

Corresponding Secretary – open

Literature Chair – David B

Outreach Committee – Wil C

Website Coordinator – Lisa P

Mailbox Pickup – Michael T

Phone Coordinator - Kim B

3. **Follow up to group contact reach out 12/31 deadline** – Need to check Database.

Contents of Mailing for December -deadline for materials to get to printed – Wed., January 22th

1. Newsletter (David)
2. November Meeting minutes (Rich)
3. Meeting List
4. Treasurer's report.

Tabled Until Next Meeting?

Closing: - 7:15 PM Serenity Prayer.

Next NEI Meeting is February 9th, 2014