

Present: Peter S (chair), Michael T, David B, Rich N, Wil C, Warren P, John S, Lisa P, Bob G

Serenity Prayer
Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
Brief check-in
Spiritual reminder – Wil C

Timekeeper – Wil C
Quorum – 6 elected group reps present with 3 months sobriety.

Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of July meeting minutes. **Motion to accept minutes as amended (Bob/Michael): passed 4-0-2.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (open). Kim is not present. We will go over July and August correspondence next month.
- Treasurer (Bob G) – 7th Tradition contributions are up this month. Largest payment was for restocking our literature. Question about what we do about money owed to Andover Newton Theological School (ANTS) for past conferences. Bob will write to ANTS asking if they have a record of payment for the past conferences. Last FY, we did not send money to FWS, even though we budgeted for it. We should consider sending money to FWS this year. We'll wait until we hear from ANTS before deciding on payments to FWS. **Motion to accept treasurer's report (Michael/Rich): 6-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – Sold \$24.75 to one group (one book and one medallion). We still have \$1292.25 in assets. Wil brought some Spanish language pamphlets back from the ABM.
- Activities Committee (Peter S) – We'll scale back and do an afternoon gathering. Suggestion to do it at Grace Church in Newton. Keynote speaker, a couple of breakout sessions, and a closing. Planning to hold at end of October or first two weekends of November. Kim has tried to contact church officers, but they're closed for the summer. David will work on the flyer once we have a date set. Still need a theme, maybe Keep It Simple. Picnic is this Saturday. David and Peter will go shopping for food beforehand. Lisa will check if she has signs. Wil and Peter will check out sites for possible in-state retreats.
- Outreach (Wil C) – Wil and Bob brought back some free, defective books from the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). These can replace some of the beat-up books at Bridgewater Treatment Center. Conference Intergroup Communication Committee (CICC) wants to setup network of Intergroups to help contact committees, FWS, etc.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – ABM was last week (August 5-8 in Houston). Wil brought back 2015 Journal Calendars. Decided not to change the time of year of ABM. Change in bylaws regarding board committees passed. Discussion about IFD on safety in meetings, stalking, harassing, attacking. General consensus is it's an autonomy issue. New BOT chair is Steve B. Susan G is the board secretary. Bob G is the treasurer of the corporation. No new Board members elected. The auction was fun. Delaware Valley Intergroup had a Voices in Recovery audio CD with messages from their Inspiration Line.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote is good. Quotes are chosen to match the step of the month. The September newsletter has a quote about repentance and making amends. Lead article a summary of the ABM. Rich will ask the Journal about getting an article on Step 9 (no more than 300 words). Anyone who wants to write something can contact Rich N. We'll put the date of the Fall Gathering in the newsletter when we get one.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Committee meets every two weeks. Doug is the web developer for the NEI site. Conference call was this morning. Web page behaves properly on all platforms. Committee will meet in person to review navigation. Some pages still need to be developed.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Attendance has picked up at Tuesday meeting in Weymouth. Wednesday Night meeting at Roger Williams reads from literature other than Basic Texts.

Old Business

1. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary, Vice Chair
2. Group Inventory Committee – Bob asked Stephen F from Connecticut to facilitate a group inventory. He is willing and may bring another person.

New Business

1. Web Site host renewal with Go Daddy. Web Site committee has loaded development stuff on the web site, so we'd like to stay with Go Daddy this year. Cost is \$136.57. No objections.
2. Meeting Information Form Update – Lisa passed around old form for meeting information and a proposed new form. New form specifies whether or not contact information is published in meeting list or if it's just for NEI contact purposes.
3. Massages at Vermont Retreat – Nikki brings in a masseuse who offers optional (for extra pay) massages at Vermont retreats. Some people complained because they were triggered by the idea of a massage. There was another complaint that it was unfair to charge money because some people couldn't afford the massage. Round Robin discussion. Consensus is we ask Nikki to not offer massages at S.L.A.A. Vermont Retreats.

Contents of Mailing for September -deadline for materials to get to printer – August 20

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. July Meeting minutes (David B)
3. Fall Recovery Gathering Flyer (David B)

Tabled Until Next Meeting

1. 2014-2015 Budget –
2. Monday Night Provincetown meeting – two affiliations

Closing

Closed at 7:10 PM. Next NEI Meeting is September 14th, 2014, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.