

Present: Peter S (chair), Bob G, Lisa P, Patrick D, David B, Rich N, Mike H

Serenity Prayer

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

Brief check-in

Spiritual reminder – Rich N

Timekeeper – Patrick D

Quorum – 3 elected group reps present with 3 months sobriety. Motion to allow group reps without 3 months sobriety to vote. Only 3 group reps present, so we don't have quorum.

Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of August Minutes. Include cost of Go Daddy hosting: \$136.57. Review of September minutes. Clarifications on September minutes. We don't have quorum, so we can't vote, but we recommend these minutes for approval next month.
- Corresponding Secretary – (open) – Kim is still acting Corresponding Secretary.

- Mailing Report (Kim B. & Lisa P.) – Two e-mail recipients were added. Two USPS recipients were deleted. The September USPS mailing was sent to 43 recipients on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The email mailing was sent out on Sunday, 10/05/14 to 233 recipients. Both the USPS mailing and the e-mailing included the October NEI Newsletter, the flyer for the November Fall Gathering, and the flyer for the December 12-Step Vermont Weekend.

- Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for September 2014

Looking for information for professionals	1
Meeting List updates	4
October Vermont Weekend Inquiries	9
<u>Other Intergroup looking for NEI's experience writing newsletter</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	15

- Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – In September the answering service received 133 calls. The volunteer responders returned 7 calls. There were also several attempted returned calls in which no contact was made with the person who left the message. Of the people we reached there were:

Meeting list requests	3
VT weekend info request	2
Telephone meeting info	1
<u>General Meeting info</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	7

In response to internet and phone requests, three packets of meeting list and S.L.A.A. info were mailed out. One additional meeting list only was mailed.

- Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - The Cambridge, MA Thursday 7:00 a.m. Men's Only True Grit Early Bird Meeting has disbanded. There is a new Recovering Women's Group meeting two Saturdays per month in Pawtucket, RI at 4:00 p.m. A contact name and phone number was provided and is in the printed meeting list for additional information.
- Treasurer (Bob G) – We're doing ok for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations and money. Treasury report will be reviewed and voted on at the November NEI meeting when we have quorum.
- Literature (David B) – Sold \$110 in literature in September and \$207.50 in October. We have 3 books left. That may be enough for the Fall Gathering. We have plenty of everything else.
- Activities Committee (Peter S) – 20 attended the Vermont Retreat last weekend. There was an issue with people looking at their phones and texting during meetings, wouldn't turn them off or silence them. We'll bring this up at the November meeting.
- Outreach (Wil C) – Wil is working on outreach packet, including updating the "What Is NEI?" pamphlet. There may be a new Thursday meeting in Orleans, MA (on the Cape). Wil will try to attend and make sure they register their meeting. Prison Outreach: Wil received a "good guy" letter

thanking him for 1 year of service at Bridgewater MTC. They're still having problems getting the literature to the correct meeting.

- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Start thinking about IFDs and Motions for next year.
- Newsletter (Rich N) - Quote is ok, it relates to the 11<sup>th</sup> Step (November). David will contribute an article about electronic devices during meetings. Proofreaders: Peter S.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – There's an issue with different platforms. It may be due to the free theme. Web Site Committee may need money to buy a tested, cross-platform theme. There are pages that need to be developed. The landing page looks good. Other pages still need work. Committee is splitting-up work to write text for various pages. Bob will write on 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and David will write on purchasing literature.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Friday Night “Steps for a Sober Weekend” is doing well. They pack the small conference room with 12-18 people.

#### Old Business

1. Monday Night Provincetown meeting has two affiliations – Meeting wants to be listed on NEI meeting list with dual affiliation. Round Robin discussion. Peter and Patrick will email the meeting contact to say we can't list a meeting with dual affiliation.
2. Group Inventory Committee – We have Stephen F from Connecticut willing to run it. We'll have to do it 1 hour ahead of time. We still don't have a date. Peter will email format with announcement that we will discuss at November NEI meeting.

#### New Business

1. David will contact Newton-Wellesley Hospital about reserving AR 345 for meetings in 2015.

#### Contents of Mailing for November - deadline for materials to get to printer – October 22

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. Meeting List (Lisa P)
3. Vermont Weekend Flyer with 2015 dates (Lisa P)

#### Closing

Closed at 6:50 PM. Next NEI Meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.