

Meeting held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 in room AR301 of Allen Riddle Hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 5:00 PM with Serenity Prayer, reading of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and brief check-ins. Members Present: Peter S (chair), Michael T, John S, Kim B (timekeeper), Wil C (spiritual reminder), Rich N, Lisa P, Warren P, David B

Quorum: 6 elected group representatives with 3 months continuous sobriety

Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Did not yet send email to Provincetown group about dual affiliations. It has been drafted and approved.
 - Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of August, September, and October meeting minutes. Clarification on September minutes. **Motion to accept August minutes (Kim/Wil): passes 5-0-1. Motion to accept September minutes as amended (Kim/Wil): passes 6-0-0. Motion to accept October minutes as amended (John/Kim): passes 5-0-1.**
 - Corresponding Secretary – (open, Kim B acting as Corresponding Secretary)
 - Mailing (Kim B and Lisa P) – One e-mail recipients was added, one USPS recipient was added. Four USPS recipients were deleted and one was modified. The October USPS full mailing was sent to 42 recipients on November 3rd. The NEI mailing for October was sent out 11/02/14 to 235 email recipients. Both the USPS full mailing and the e-mailing included the November NEI Newsletter, and the flyer for the December 12-Step Vermont Weekend. The USPS mailing also included the October Meeting list. The October Meeting list was also sent via USPS mail to 135 e-mail recipients.
 - Phone (Peter S) – In October the answering service received 141 calls. 11 callers left messages. The volunteer responders returned 7 calls where they were able to reach someone.
 - Of the people we reached there were:

General Meeting Info	4
Meeting List Request	1
Questions about CodA	1
<u>Therapist looking for info for a client</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	7
- There were two mailings in response internet requests for information and meeting list.
- Internet (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for October 2014

Newcomer – general information	4
Looking for meetings near Provincetown	1
Looking for meetings in Boston	1
Checking whether Thursday noon Boston meeting is still active	1
December Vermont weekend inquiry	1
Looking for meeting address not published on NEI web site	1
Question on how to order SLAA literature, how to donate to NEI	1
Inquiry to find out if 7th tradition received?	2
SLAA member asking for few FWS flyers to be available at gathering	1
Request to delete Thursday Boston Cambridge from meeting list	1
<u>Looking for men only meetings</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	15
- Mailbox (Michael T) – Nothing special in the mailbox
- Meeting List (Lisa P) – Starting in December, Sunday night Men’s True Grit meeting will be in Bowles Conference Center #4 in the main building at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.
- Treasurer (Bob G.) – Treasury Reports for September and October distributed at meeting. **Motion to accept September financial report (Michael/Wil): passes 6-0-0. Motion to accept October financials (Wil/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**

- Literature (David B.) – Sold \$95 of literature at the Fall Gathering and \$55.25 of literature to two other groups. Currently have no books or newcomer packets. David will order more books.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – the Fall Gathering went well. We had about 35 people attending. There were no sessions where nobody showed up. We took in \$533 in registration, \$45.50 for bake sale, \$140 for raffle, and \$14 for dollars for delegates. Rent was \$350 with a \$80 credit from another event, so we paid \$270 total. Peter will prepare report on evaluations for next meeting. 7 people have already registered for December Vermont weekend. No report on in-state Massachusetts retreat weekend. John S knows of a retreat house in Attleboro. He'll check with them.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Wil went to the new meeting in Orleans. He'll help them get registered with NEI and FWS. Two people went to Friday Provincetown meeting, but doors were locked. Wil needs to recertify to lead meetings at Bridgewater MTC. Some literature was sent to the State side at MTC, but it has disappeared. Wil is working with them to find it.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Ready for submissions for Motions and Items For Discussion at 2015 ABM.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote from S.L.A.A. Basic Text. Need a lead article. Peter will write an article on the Fall Gathering. Question about use of “shut-ins” in section on Telephone and Online meetings. Rich will cross-out second line. Back-page article is S.L.A.A. Signs of Recovery. Add other meeting changes. Try to book the comfy room in Grace Church for February 14, 2015.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Patrick D purchased a copy of “Anonymous People” movie so we can share it individually. Online meeting list will interface with Google Maps to show meeting locations and give directions. Web site will have 7th Tradition page, Bob will develop form. David will develop a form to order literature. Rich N will have a page on anorexia. Other pages on officer positions, Vermont Retreats, Frequently Asked Questions, Welcome/Newcomers page developed by Peter.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Stoughton meeting on Monday, November 10 is cancelled.

Old Business

1. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary. 1 year sobriety requirement.
2. NEI Group Inventory – Lisa mailed out Group Inventory meeting format. Stephen F was introduced to Peter and others at the Fall Gathering. Still need to set a date. March 8 suggested, begin 1 hour early on that date to have group inventory before normal business meeting.

New Business

1. Wordpress Web Page Theme – Web Page committee has found a high-rated theme for our S.L.A.A. web page. Need \$58 to purchase theme, but it's not in the budget. **Motion to spend the \$58 on Wordpress theme (Wil/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**
2. Meeting Room Reservation – David wrote to Scott Beckman about room reservation.

Contents of Mailing: Deadline for materials to get to printed – Wednesday, November 19

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. Aug, Sept, Oct Meeting minutes (David B)
3. September Treasurer's Report (Bob G)

Tabled Until Next Meeting

1. Meeting Information Form

Next NEI Meeting on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 5:00 PM in room AR345 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.