

Meeting held on Sunday, December 14, 2014 in room AR100 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), David B, Kim B, Lisa C (timekeeper), Bob G, David B, Michael T (spiritual reminder). Note: there are two David Bs at this meeting.

Quorum: 4 elected representatives with 3 months continuous sobriety. No other group reps present.

Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Response from Provincetown meeting on dual affiliations.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to accept minutes as amended (Kim/Michael). Passes 3-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (open, Kim B acting as Corresponding Secretary)
 - Mailing Report (Kim B. & Lisa P.) – Three e-mail recipients were added, four USPS recipient were added. November USPS full mailing was sent to 38 recipients and 3 professionals on November 28. The NEI e-mailing for November was sent out 11/29/14 to 239 email recipients. Both the USPS full mailing and the e-mailing included the December NEI Newsletter, and the flyer for the January 12-Step Vermont Weekend, the NEI minutes for August, September and October, the First Quarter 2015 Treasurer’s report.
There were six mailings in response internet and phone requests for information and/or meeting lists.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for November 2014
 - Newcomer – general information 1
 - Group inquiry on how to send in 7th tradition and how to order literature 1
 - December Vermont weekend inquiry 13
 - Meeting list request via email 2
 - Attended meeting and no one there – Topsfield – Thursday 1
 - Addition to mailing list 1
 - Total 19
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – In November the answering service received 128 calls. The volunteer responders returned 8 calls where they were able to reach someone.
 - Of the people we reached there were:
 - Questions about how the program works 1
 - Meeting information 3
 - Questions about spousal support groups 1
 - Vermont Retreat Info. 1
 - Meeting list request 2
 - TOTAL 8
- Treasurer (Bob G) – As of Nov 30th, 7th Tradition donations are up \$400 from last year. We made at least \$300 from the Fall Gathering. Registrations for December and January Vermont Weekends are included in Treasury Report. Vermont Scholarship fund is up to \$583.00. After 3 months, we got 3 bills from Answering Service – that will be in next month’s Treasury Report. Change “Monday Night Group” to correct group/city name in Treasury Report. We received an old money order from 2012 – a 7th Tradition donation for \$75. We can only get \$45 for the stale money order from company. Do we take the \$45, or ask the group for \$75? Consensus is to accept the \$45 and not hassle the group. **Motion to accept report as amended (Kim/Michael). Passes 4-0-0. Motion to donate \$600 for the 2014-15 FY to FWS (Kim/Michael). Passes 4-0-0.**
- Literature (David B.) – Nothing sold or purchased. David will purchase more books and newcomer packets. We’ve sold 16 books so far this year, so David will purchase enough books to get the next level of discount (26 or more).

- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Passed out Fall Gathering survey results. Grace Church is not available for Feb 14th Valentine's Event. They are available on the 7th, 13th, or 21st. We'll try to find another spot. Potentially the church in Brookline where the Saturday meeting is. Need a meeting space for 6 – 10 PM. Michael will ask the church in Brookline.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Not present.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Not present.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Rich is not present, but he did distribute a draft of the newsletter. Discussion on quote. Consensus is that the John Paul Santiago quote is the best. Kim will write something on Tradition 1. Add Valentine's Day to Upcoming Events and article. Proofreaders: Michael and Peter. Add room change for Men's True Grit meeting – Newton-Wellesley Hospital on Sunday Nights.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Ok to reuse information from FWS website as long as we say where it's from. Theme has been purchased for website. Rich N is stepping off the committee. Need someone to write about Anorexia. Potentially use draft "What is Anorexia?" document. Put something in the newsletter asking for help with website.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Monday night Partnerships in Recovery group helped stuff envelopes for monthly mailing.

Old Business

1. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary
2. NEI Group inventory – Need to contact Stephen F about doing this. Projected date is March 8. Suggestion to meet ½ hour early. 1 hour Group Inventory, then Department Reports.
3. Meeting Information Form – Lisa has current and draft meeting information. Review of new draft.
4. Meeting Room Reservation – We have confirmation of room reservation for AR345 for dates in 2015. David will ask why room 345 has been locked lately and if we need another room.

New Business

- ABM – Annual Business Meeting will be August 3-6 at Hyatt North Houston. Immediately afterwards will be International Recovery Convention (Aug 7-9) at same hotel. Suggestion of holding 2016 ABM in Boston for 40th anniversary of SLAA.

Contents of Mailing for January - deadline for materials to get to printed: Wednesday, December 24 2014

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. November Meeting minutes (David B)
3. Valentine's Flyer (Peter S)

Next NEI Meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 5:00 PM in room AR345 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.