

Meeting held on Sunday, January 11, 2015 in room AR345 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: Patrick D (vice-chair and facilitator), Bob G (timekeeper), Andrew Z, David B, Wil C (spiritual reminder)

Quorum: 3 elected representatives with at least 3 months sobriety.

Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Patrick D as vice-chair facilitated meeting. Review of agenda.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to accept (Bob/Wil). Passes 3-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (open)
 - Mailing (Kim) – Not present
 - Phone (Peter S) – Not present
- Treasurer (Bob G) – Good month for revenue because of 2 Vermont Weekends. Just got a bill from Answering Service for 3 months. **Motion to accept (Patrick/Wil): passes 3-0-0.** Need to contact a Providence meeting about receiving a damaged money order.
- Literature (David B) – Groups in Worcester bought \$22 in chips. David ordered 28 new books and pamphlets and chips.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Local retreat may have a location in Attleboro. Both Vermont weekends were packed with people. This is the first time we had two Vermont Weekends in the winter. Board requests having the ABM in Boston for 2016 – the 40th anniversary of SLAA. Next activity is Valentine's Day on February 14 at All Saint's Church in Brookline. David will talk to Activities Committee about forming local planning committee.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – GDVI wants help distributing new draft of 40 questions to local meetings. Wil is trying to get inmates at Bridgewater to help review Simple Language Steps draft from Prison Outreach Committee. One volunteer helping chair meetings at Bridgewater was suspended pending review.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Annual Business Meeting in Houston August 3-6. International Recovery Conference (IRC) is August 7-9 also at Hyatt North Houston.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Not present. Rich sent a draft. David and Patrick will proofread.
- Web Site (Patrick D) – Committee is still working on it and making progress. With our web hosting package on GoDaddy, we are running on 2006 technology. If we upgrade our hosting package, we get a better technology for our web site for an extra \$14 per year. **Motion to pay for upgrade (Bob/Wil): passes 3-0-0.** David will provide page on ordering literature. Wil will provide page on outreach. We also need a page on anorexia. Wil can look into using Anorexia information.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) - None

Old Business

1. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary – Kim is acting Corresponding Secretary
2. NEI Group Inventory – Stephen F from Connecticut will chair. Aiming for March 8, starting at 4:30.

New Business

1. Web site hosting upgrade for new web site. Voted on under Web Site Committee update above.

Contents of Mailing for February -deadline for materials to get to printed – January 21, 2015

- Newsletter (Rich N)
- December Meeting minutes (David B)
- December Financials (Bob G)
- Meeting List
- March Vermont Weekend retreat flyer

Tabled

- Open Positions

Next NEI Meeting on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 5:00 PM in room AR345 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.