

Meeting held on Sunday, March 8, 2015 in AR100 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 and facilitator), David B, Rich N (spiritual reminder), Andrew Z, Michael T (timekeeper)

Quorum: 3 elected representatives with at least 3 months sobriety. Motion to allow all elected reps to vote (Rich/Michael): passes 3-0-0. There are no other elected representatives present.

Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of minutes. **Motion to accept (Rich/Michael): passes 3-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (Kim is acting)
 - Mailing Report (Kim B & Lisa P) – One e-mail recipient was added. The Mid-Maine Intergroup changed USPS and e-mail addresses. One USPS address was deleted, three USPS addresses for e-mail members were deleted. USPS mailing was sent to 43 members and 3 professionals on February 26th. The NEI e-mailing was sent out to 248 recipients on March 6th. Both the USPS mailing and the e-mailing included the March NEI Newsletter, the NEI minutes for January, a flyer seeking people for a Local Planning Committee for the 2016 ABM, a flyer for the 2015 Spring Gathering . The e-mailing also included a link for the March Vermont 12-Step Weekend flyer.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S) – 128 calls were received by the answering service received in February, 2015. The volunteer responders returned 1 call.

General program questions	1
TOTAL	1
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for February 2015

Newcomer – general information	1
Mailing List - update or deletion	1
Spring Gathering	1
Valentine’s Day Event	1
Newcomer looking for meeting near Westport, MA	1
Vermont weekend inquiry	1
TOTAL	6
 - Mailbox Report: (Michael T) – Problem with Vermont registrations. Checks and registration forms were received, but a few forms were misplaced. Group conscience is for Vermont coordinator to contact the check-writers asking for information.
 - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P) – No meeting changes were reported
- Treasurer (Bob G) – January financial report: 7th Tradition donations for January short of budget, but we’re ahead for the fiscal year. We have income from a January Vermont retreat. **Motion to accept January report (Michael/Rich): passes 3-0-0.** February financial report: Natick Friday meeting is on report but it has donated \$0 for the fiscal year. Groups that do not donate should not appear in the report. **Motion to accept (Michael/Andrew): passes 3-0-0.** Bob G resigns as treasurer. He will continue until a replacement is found or June 30 2015, whichever is first.
- Literature (David B) – Sold 32 pamphlets for \$40 to one meeting. We have plenty for Spring Gathering in April.

- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Valentine’s Day “We Are Not Alone” event was canceled due to bad weather. “Sobriety is a Priority” is the theme for the Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 25. We have two keynote speakers. Still need two more. Peter brought flyers to take to meetings. Peter will mail list of topics and sign-up sheet to everyone. Rich will put notice in newsletter about volunteers – keynote speakers, volunteers, workshop chairs, raffle items, food and drinks. We have a scheduled date for the retreat in Massachusetts: May 29-31. It will be at La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA. Semi-private rooms – two rooms adjoined with a shared bathroom. 5 meals are provided. Early registration is \$210, after May 1 cost is \$230. Requires a \$500 non-refundable deposit from NEI and a minimum of 20 people to attend. There will be an anorexia-themed retreat in September, the weekend before the regularly scheduled retreat.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Not present
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Not present
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote from Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass. Add dates for Wachusett Hike (May 17) and Massachusetts retreat (May 29-31). Add request for volunteers for Spring Gathering. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. David will write article on Tradition 4 (autonomy) regarding literature and formats.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Lisa submitted a report to Peter. The web site is close to being done. One more page is being developed, then the committee will review and share with intergroup.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Saturday Brookline is doing well. North Quincy Men’s Step meeting is healthy. Weymouth Tuesday meeting has been doing the Recovery Zone workbook by Patrick Carnes. They’ll decide if they want to continue. Saturday Worcester meeting will not meet in the regular church on April 4, the day before Easter.

Old Business

1. NEI Group Inventory – Lisa sent email to WNEI asking for a facilitator. She is waiting for a response.
2. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer
3. 2016 and 2017 ABM/C in Boston – Proposals are due by early April. Announcement to form local planning committee was in newsletter. Peter, David, and Rich volunteer to be on the Local Planning Committee.

New Business

- Suggestion to have NEI meeting teleconference every month, as well as in-person meeting. We can discuss this more next month.

Contents of Mailing for April - deadline for materials to get to printed – March 18, 2015

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. February Meeting minutes (David B)
3. Massachusetts Local Retreat Flyer (if we do it)
4. Mt. Wachusett Hike Flyer (David B)

Closing

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, April 12, 2015, at 5 PM. Respectively submitted, David B