

Meeting held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 in AR 100 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 (acting chair), Michael T, Bob G, Amalia E, David B, Andrew Z, Peter S, Craig G, Lisa P, Seth S, Philip W, Wil C

Quorum: 7 elected representatives with 3 months continuous sobriety.

Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Patrick D) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of minutes for March 2016. **Motion to approve with changes (Amalia/Bob): 7-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (Wil C – unable to report)
- Treasurer (Michael T) – 7th Tradition Contributions this quarter are pretty much even with the budget: \$1214 budgeted and \$1209 in revenue. For the year-to-date, 7th Tradition Contributions are about \$574.81 under budget. **Motion to accept Treasurer's Report (Amalia/Seth): passes 7-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – **add details later**
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Getting ready for the Spring Gathering on April 23. We have 3 people willing to be the last keynote speaker, so need to choose one. Need raffle donations. There's a lot of printing we need done for the Gathering and need it there by 8 AM. Motion to allow Activities Committee to make copies if necessary and get reimbursed for them (Seth/Bob): 7-0-0. Mt. Wachusett hike is scheduled for May 21. We're scheduling 4 Vermont retreats for next year including 1 anorexia retreat in Vermont and 1 or 2 Massachusetts retreats. Need leaders for the retreats.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Seth S) – Seth and Wil are the outreach committee, but they have not talked since the last NEI business meeting.
- ABM Delegate (Open) – Need to vote on a new delegate. See New Business below.
- Newsletter (Craig G) – Peter will write article on Step 5. Seth will write article on upcoming IRC. Include details on Mt. Wachusett hike and Attleboro retreat. Proofreaders: Michael and Phillip.
- Group Rep Reports (if any) – None.

New Business

- ABM Delegate – In the past, we have sent one delegate. Anyone living within 60 miles of location does not have to stay at the hotel. Can we afford more than one delegate? Seth is still willing to serve as ABM Delegate. **Nominated by (Bob/Patrick). Accepted by vote of 7-0-1.** Do we have enough to send more than one delegate? Amalia is also interested in attending. Wil is interested if we can send 3 delegates. Wil and Amalia leave the meeting as we have a Round Robin discussion of who to send as delegates. **Motion to accept Amalia as second delegate and fund her stay at the hotel (Patrick/Bob): 7-0-0.** Defer the decision on an alternate delegate until needed.
- Open Positions: Chair, Vice-Chair
- Printing Reimbursement – Corresponding Secretary spends his own money (paper, stamps) before reimbursement. Needs some seed money to buy supplies. Suggestion to setup petty

cash for immediate expenses. **Motion to give Corresponding Secretary \$150 petty cash for printing, repayable when rotating out of position (Patrick/Seth): 7-0-1.**

Old Business

- Web Site Updates – Updated web site is now live. Congratulations to the web site team. We have information on Google Analytics on where people are going, how they get there, and how long they stay there.
- 2016 ABM/IRC (Seth S, Jenny R) – Suggestion to donate any money made over budget (\$1000 revenue, \$950 expense) at Spring Gathering to IRC. IRC committee wants parking passes for volunteers. There's a proposal presented to FWS to allow NEI to get revenue from sales of speaker CDs for two weeks, then ownership goes to FWS. We also have a flyer requesting donations for the IRC auction. IRC still needs volunteers to help with planning. We also need money in advance to buy food and drinks for the Hospitality Suite at the ABM. **Motion to allow all income over budget for Spring Gathering to be used as seed money for IRC (Bob/Seth): passes 7-0-1.**
- Deadlines for Mailing – Last mailing did not go out timely. This month's mailing should go smoother. We have a deadline of 10 days after NEI meeting, but there is not a deadline for when the mailing goes out.
- Amending By-Laws – Did we schedule a meeting for amending by-laws? Did the flyer go out? We wanted by-laws to change chair and vice-chair position to 1 year. However, we still don't have anyone willing to fulfill roles. Should we not amend the by-laws at this point? Round Robin discussion. Suggestion to form by-law committee and write a non-compliance note for the newsletter. Tabled until next month.

Tabled Items

- Request from Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup

Contents of Mailing for April: Deadline for Printing is Wednesday, April 20

- Newsletter (Craig G)
- Approved March Meeting minutes (David B)
- Quarterly Treasury Report (Michael T)
- April Meeting List
- Attleboro Retreat Flyer (Lisa P)
- Mt. Wachusett Hike Flyer (David B)
- IRC Raffle Request Flyer (Seth S)

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, May 1 2016, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.