

Meeting held on Sunday, February 12, 2017 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: Seth S (chair), Michael T, Peter S, David B, Lisa P, Wil C, Amalia E, Craig G. Because of the snowstorm, everyone called into the conference line.

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

Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Seth S) – Open positions: Telephone coordinator, Peter S is willing to continue.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of January minutes. **Motion to approve (Michael/Wil): passes 2-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (open)
 - Mailing Report (David, Jenny, Rich K. and Lisa) – The monthly US mailing went out on Feb 1. The meeting list only went to 128 addresses, one of which is in Canada. The full mailing including December meeting minutes, Quarterly treasury report, February newsletter, and January 2017 meeting list went to 40 addresses. The email mailing was sent out January 31 and sent to 278 recipients. It included December meeting minutes, Quarterly treasury report, and February newsletter. Email mailing also included links to March 24-26 Vermont Weekend Retreat, April 7-9 Attleboro 12-Step Retreat, and February 11th You are Not Alone Valentine's Day Event flyer.
 - Telephone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – January 2017. The answering service received 133 calls in January. The responders returned 5 calls: 2 requests for meeting lists, 1 request for program info, 1 request to speak to a counselor, and 1 person looking for Fitchburg meeting.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Total of 4 emails in January 2017: 2 inquiries on Vermont 12-Step weekend, 1 from a newcomer requesting general information, and 1 request for meetings near New Bedford.
 - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) – No changes.
- Treasurer (Michael T) –\$858 in scholarship fund. Regular fund has \$9758.20. Wrote checks for rent and to Andover-Newton Theological School for deposit for Spring Gathering. January was a slow month with no deposits. We budgeted \$2400 for 7th Tradition Contributions so far this Fiscal Year but we have received about \$1900. Our actual year-to-date income is \$5619.32. **Motion to accept the report (Peter/Michael): passes 3-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – We sold \$289 in literature to 6 groups since the last meeting. We're out of 17-Year Bronze Medallions and we have one 1-Year Medallion remaining.
- Activities Committee including Retreats (Jenny R - chair) – Report given by Lisa P and Peter S. Activities committee teleconference on Thursday night to finalize the calendar. Registrations for Attleboro Retreat are due soon. Getting flyer ready for Spring Gathering. The theme is "A Step in the Right Direction". We'll try to have the barbecue on August 26 and a walk at World's End on September 16. Fall Gathering at Grace Church in November. We'll try to have a New Year's Eve 12-Step Retreat at the end of the year. There were 15 people at the "We Are Not Alone" Valentine's Event on February 11. Handed out a page with inspirational quotes from a coloring book and played games.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (open) – Update on Bridgewater. Wil is no longer attending meetings at Bridgewater. They're not having meetings with no one to lead them.

We'll put an announcement in the newsletter about it. Last year, Wil had at least a half-dozen calls about meeting in Bridgewater.

- ABM Delegate (Seth S) – The ABM will be the last week of July (July 25-28). There hasn't been a planning committee meeting yet.
- Newsletter (Craig G) – Include information about Spring Gathering, Attleboro Retreat.
- Group Reports - None

Old Business

- Open Positions
 - Vice-chair – No volunteers
 - Corresponding Secretary – No volunteers. We'll continue to split the duties.
 - Outreach Coordinator – No volunteers
- Changing the NEI meeting date to avoid holidays. Last month, we voted to hold NEI meetings on 3rd Sundays in October and November. David has not checked with Newton-Wellesley room scheduling to see if we can use the room. He will do that before the next NEI meeting.

New Business

- How can we get more people to do NEI service – Try to get people at the Spring Gathering. Make it more prominent on the web site and newsletter. Go to our meetings and ask for group representatives at business meetings. Do group visits again. Lisa will contact Patrick to see if he still has the information from our group visit packets. Seth suggests “virtual representatives”. No sobriety requirement, they just represent the meeting as a contact for announcements, flyers, etc.
- Revisit Group Inventory – Patrick may have the Group Inventory information from our last Group Inventory. Reed from Western Mass. ran the last one. Would it be helpful to do another one? Look at what we have and then decide. Conference Intergroup Communication Committee asked for Group Inventory Formats.

Tabled Items

- None

Contents of Mailing for February: Deadline for Printing is Wednesday, February 22

- March Newsletter (Craig G)
- January Meeting Minutes (David B)
- Spring Gathering Flyer (Peter S)

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, March 12 2017, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.