

Meeting held on Sunday, May 7, 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: Michael T, Peter S (timekeeper), David B. On the telephone: Seth S (chair), Mary Ann, Lisa P, Patrick D (spiritual reminder), Tom O, Marsha

Quorum: We have 5 voting representatives present with over 3 months sobriety.

### Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) – Review of agenda.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Some corrections to April minutes. **Motion to approve the minutes as amended (Michael/Marsha): passes 4-0-2.**
- Corresponding Secretary –
  - Mailing Report (David and Lisa) – The May U.S. mailing went out on April 26 to 39 addresses. Mailing contained the March meeting minutes, canoe/kayak flyer and the April meeting list. 122 recipients received the meeting list only. The email mailing was sent out May 7 to 272 contacts and included links to Mt. Wachusett Hike flyer, Canoe/Kayak flyer, Activities Committee Calendar of Events 2017 Bookmark, IRC Merchandise for Sale - Audio Recordings and Merchandise link, May newsletter and March meeting minutes.
  - Telephone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – The answering service received 132 calls in April. The responders returned 15 calls: 4 requests for meeting info, 4 requests for retreat info, 3 requests for program info, 2 requests for meeting lists, 1 interested in volunteering at the Spring Gathering, and 1 for a St. Augustine program retreat.
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – We received a total of 12 emails in April: 5 on the Attleboro Retreat, 3 on the Spring Gathering, 2 information from other S.L.A.A. groups/intergroups, 1 from FWS forwarding anonymous email with NEI Meeting List in Excel format, 1 announcement on race for fellows/significant others.
  - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) – Women’s Sunday meeting in Brookline MA is on hiatus while they search for new meeting space.
- Treasurer (Michael T.) – March report: Over \$12,000 in bank account as of March 31 with \$900 in scholarship fund. Received \$787 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Donations are behind projected budget for the year by \$113, but they picked up in April. In March, took in \$2175 in retreats. The year-to-date income is \$7,700.00, which is \$4,735 over budget. **Motion to accept 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report (Peter/Marsha): 5-0-1.** April report: Over \$12,000 in bank account as of March 31 with \$900 in scholarship fund. Took in \$565 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions. Budgeted \$300. Took in \$275.50 from bake sale and raffle for ABM Local Planning Committee. Took in \$929 for Spring Gathering registrations. Need to get a \$100 refund from ANTS due to overpayment. Took in \$740 for Attleboro Retreat and \$266 in sales of IRC items. For Attleboro Retreat, we spent \$2800 and took in \$2705. This accounting does not clearly reflect the fact that we did not lose money on the event. At the end of April, our revenue is \$7362.82, which is \$2014.82 over budget. **Motion to accept April financials (Peter/Marsha): passes 6-0-0.**
- Literature (David B.) – We took in \$315.75 from literature sales since the last NEI meeting. This includes \$289.50 in sales at the Spring Gathering and \$26.25 from one group. We sold \$218.00 of IRC items at the Spring Gathering. This fiscal year (starting July 1 2016), we have taken in \$1,944.25 in literature revenue and \$168.00 in IRC items. We currently have \$2785.50 in assets, including \$2275.50 in literature and \$510.00 in IRC items. Seth has 8

blank flash drives.

- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter) – We had about 45 people at the Spring Gathering. We've been doing it at ANTS for about 10 years now. We have a hike up Mt. Wachusett in 2 weeks on May 20. A canoe/kayak outing on June 24, Barbecue on August 26 at Blue Hills, and a fall foliage hike in September. We have a bookmark with a schedule of activities. Laminating costs about \$0.60 each. We have a few new people on the activities committee.
- Outreach and Committee (open) – Seth nomination of Patrick to Outreach Committee. Patrick accepts. Passes 5-0-1. Patrick will work on getting people to visit all S.L.A.A. meetings that we represent. Get a contact name from each of them.
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Seth) – ABM Local Planning Committee first met a couple weeks ago. Planning for a trip to the Founders meeting in Newton on Tuesday, July 25. This requires renting a bus. The NEI cost of hosting the ABM is \$1000-\$1200. Need money to stock hospitality suite and rent a bus to take delegates to the Founders meeting. The second version of the agenda is on the FWS web site, but the appendix has the wrong versions of some of the literature items.
- Newsletter (Craig) – Newsletter editor is not present. No draft was sent. What should we do about this? Round robin discussion. Seth will talk to editor about getting newsletter done on time. What should we put in the newsletter? Ask for ABM Volunteers. We volunteer Johanny to write something about canoe trip.
- Group Reps Reports (if any)

#### Old Business

1. Vice Chair open position – We don't have a volunteer for Vice-Chair.
2. Outreach/Increasing NEI footprint – We now have an Outreach chair.
3. Mailing Date (See bottom of Agenda) needs to be ADHERED TO.

#### New Business

1. Possible people for Recording Secretary for the 2017 ABM in Framingham. FWS has two people willing to serve as recording secretary at the upcoming ABM.
2. NEI Objectives - What are the objectives of NEI? Bring ideas to the June 11 NEI meeting.
3. ABM motion discussion – David will reserve the room starting at 4:00 in July for discussion of motions.
4. Do we want to have a flyer asking for money for ABM Delegate? Seth will put something together. Lisa will send previous flyer to Seth.

Contents of Mailing for May-deadline for materials to get to printed – Wed., May 17<sup>th</sup>

- April Minutes (David B)
- Quarterly Treasury Report (Michael T)
- June Newsletter (Craig G)
- Flyer for Vermont Retreat in July
- Flyer asking for donations for ABM Delegate (Seth)

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, June 11 2017 at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.