

Meeting held on Sunday, July 9, 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), Patrick D, David B, Jenny R, Lisa P, Michael T. On the conference call: Peter S, Tom O, Betsy L, Marsha Z, Craig G.

Quorum Check: 5 representatives present with at least 3 months sobriety.

### Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of June minutes. **Motion to accept minutes (Patrick/Marsha): passes 4-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary – Lisa P reads report.
  - Mailing Report (David B, Jenny R, Lisa P) – The July US Postal mailing went out on June 28 to 41 addresses. The July email mailing went out on July 5th to 280 addresses. Both mailings contained the following items: July newsletter, May minutes, Barbecue Flyer, ABM Agenda discussion flyer and Connecticut Augustine Alchemy flyer.
  - Telephone Coordinator Report (Peter S.) – The answering service received 127 calls in June. The responders returned 8 calls on the following subjects: 3 requests for meeting information, 2 asking for retreat information, 1 request for Mass. Retreat info, 1 request for Connecticut meeting info, 1 looking for a ride to a meeting.
  - Internet Coordinator Report (Lisa P) – Website received 6 emails in June: 4 inquiries on the Vermont weekend in July, 1 newcomer looking for a meeting near Arlington, and 1 scholarship request for Sept/Oct retreat.
  - Meeting List Report (Lisa P) –
    - Thursday Falmouth MA Women’s Meeting is no longer solely S.L.A.A.-affiliated
    - Friday Cambridge MA, Check In, Don’t Check Out – New temporary location at First Parish in Cambridge through end of September.
    - Sunday Barnstable MA, new meeting starts on July 16
    - Sunday Fitchburg MA, Restore to Sanity – Meeting has disbanded
- Treasurer (Michael T) – NEI is solvent. End of June bank balance is just over \$12,000. We have \$950 in retreat scholarship funds. We’d budgeted \$3900 for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations for the FY and took in \$3878. Spring Gathering income was \$929. Total profit/loss on retreats does not include scholarship money because scholarships are accounted in a separate fund. We were over budget on IRC income and literature sales. Bank charges are higher than expected because of expenses due to accepting credit card payments. Fall Gathering expense is for autumn 2017, even though we did not do a gathering in 2016. Gave \$600 to FWS. Spent about \$1900 in literature purchases. Net income this year of approximately \$7000. **Motion to accept (Patrick/Michael): passes 4-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – One group bought \$23.75 in chips and pamphlets. We currently have \$2586.00 in assets, \$420 of which is IRC items. We still need to decide what we should purchase for the year at the Annual Business Meeting.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny R) – Conference call last week. Next conference call is August 3. Vermont retreat is this weekend and there is still space available. Augustine Alchemy in Connecticut is August 12. David can organize carpool from Worcester. Jenny from Alewife. Peter is organizing Barbecue for August 26. Anorexia retreat

is in September. Fall Foliage hike in September. WNEI conference is in October.

- Outreach and Committee (Patrick D) – Want to use pieces of the “What is NEI” document for outreach. Will get in touch with groups that have contact names and find out what groups we do not have contacts for. **Motion: Amend the meeting list information form to make the group contact information Mandatory. (Patrick/Michael): passes 3-0-1.** Someone in Newburyport wants to create a speaker bureau to share speakers between meetings. Can we put this information into the newsletter?
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Seth S) – Starts on July 25<sup>th</sup>. We have volunteers for July 24-28. Lisa is recruiting and scheduling volunteers. Lisa brought last year’s budget and this year’s proposed budget for the hospitality suite. About \$1000 for food and drink and \$500 for bus. How do we pay for hospitality suite? It’s not a money maker this year. We’ll have a donation bucket and sell IRC items. Likely that will not be enough to cover costs of bus to Tuesday meeting and hospitality suite. David will send Seth the flyer to the Lobster dinner. Some people will donate large coffee makers for the hospitality suite. Seth and Tom are willing to donate use of their coolers.
- Newsletter (Craig G) – For Augustine Alchemy, include email for carpooling. Remove “World’s End” from Sept 16 hike. Include information about updating group contacts. Patrick will get information to editor. Kim will do article on Fall hike. Ask Peter if he can include something about donations and volunteers for barbecue. Blurb about year-end financials. Article about anorexia retreat.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None

### Old Business

### New Business

Items for the Mailing – Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, July 19. David is not available to do the printing this month, so Jenny will handle it.

- August Newsletter (Craig)
- June Meeting Minutes (David)
- Quarterly Treasury Report (Michael)
- Meeting List (Lisa P)
- Fall Foliage Flyer hike (Kim and Pat)
- Anorexia Retreat Flyer (Jenny)

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.