

Meeting held on Sunday, April 8, 2018 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), Lisa P(timekeeper), Betsy L (spiritual reminder), Patrick D, Michael T, Peter S. On the conference call: None.

Quorum Check: 6 Group Representatives present. 4 members meet the 3-month sobriety requirement. **Motion to allow all elected representatives to vote: (Michael/Patrick): passes 3-0-0.**

Officer sobriety check-in: All officers present who have a sobriety requirement meet that requirement.

**Discussion: open, unfilled positions:** We need a literature coordinator and a web site coordinator. Patrick will take the literature after the Spring Gathering. He will not be the coordinator. Should we hire/pay a stipend to someone who will be website coordinator or corresponding secretary? Problem may be a lack of filled NEI positions. Are sobriety requirements a block to people doing service at NEI? We will review the Delaware Valley Intergroup's bylaws regarding their sobriety requirement.

#### Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) – No report
- Recording Secretary (Peter S) – Review of March 2018 meeting minutes. Some corrections. **Motion to accept with corrections (Mike /Betsy ): passes 3-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary (Jenny/Geri/Seth) – Letter from Bridgewater treatment center informing us that the laminated bookmark is considered contraband and should not be sent to them. No other report. Patrick is looking at database options. Jenny was not able to put together a list corresponding secretary duties. She will have this for next month.
  - **Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for March 2018**

March Vermont weekend inquiry	5
Spring Gathering service	1
Gay Pages – confirming NEI information still same	1
<u>Meeting list requests</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	10
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Checking account balance of \$13,807.13. Seventh tradition is almost \$500 ahead after 6 months. Discussion about how literature is ordered and sold by NEI. \$3,245 ahead on Vermont retreat income. Net income is \$2,751.67 over budget. **Motion to accept (Patrick/Peter): passes: 4-0-0**
- Literature (David B) – No report.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter for Jenny) – Spring Gathering plans are coming along. About half of the speakers are still needed.
- Outreach and Committee (Seth) – Patrick will be on the committee.
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Seth) – Early registration deadline missed.

**Discussion:** about participation in NEI and what we need to do to increase membership. Would canned speech/talk brought to meetings help. Betsy suggests we have pizza and social reception

after the NEI meeting. We should ask what what new people want to get by coming to NEI. We will do this at the June NEI meeting.

- Newsletter (Betsy) – Betsy will write an article on the Spring Gathering.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None

**Tabled Items**

- What are the needs of the fellowship
- New Group reps complete updated group registration forms
- Review forwarding/bouncing emails to be updated for Web Coordinator

Items for the Mailing – Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mail date is Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contents: Web site coordinator flyer (Lisa), meeting list (Jenny), march meeting minutes (Peter), Quarterly Financials (Mike), Newsletter (Betsy). Proofreaders: Seth/Michael

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 5 PM. Seth S has the Bluetooth Speaker and will bring it to the meeting. Respectfully submitted, Peter S.