

Present – Patrick D, David B, Peter S, Alex D, Rich N.

The meeting convened at 5:20 PM in Room AR 345 Allen Riddle Building with the Serenity Prayer followed by reading the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Brief check-ins were done.

Spiritual reminder - Rich N

Timekeeper – David B

Quorum 3

Department Reports

- Chairman (Patrick D) – no report
- Recording Secretary (Rich N) March, 2013 business meeting minutes approved as amended Peter S/ Rich N 2-0-0
- Corresponding Secretary (Kim B.) – There was no outgoing correspondence from the NEI Chair. Seven e-mail addresses were added from the Vermont Weekend, two USPS addresses were added from the Vermont weekend. The US Mailing list was updated to delete addresses for people who are not listed as group reps, were not listed as professionals and have not contacted us in the past year. The number of recipients remaining was 43. The list of recipients who are listed as e-mail and only receive the quarterly meeting list were not affected.
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N. & Lisa P.) The March USPS mailing from NEI was sent to 43 recipients on April 9th. On March 25th the March e-mailing was sent out to 177 recipients. The mailing included the April NEI Newsletter, February Meeting Minutes and the flyer for the May Wachusett hike. The e-mailing also included a link to the flyer for the April Spring Recovery Gathering.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Information/Inquiries for March 2013
 - Looking for space for March Vermont Weekend 5
 - Inquiry on meeting cancellation due to inclement weather 1
 - Address Meeting Request 3
 - Newcomer inquiry 1
 - Mailing list update 1
 - Mt. Wachusett Hike in May 1
 - Request to include info. for anniversary meeting in
 - Northampton in newsletter 1
 - Request for copy of flyer on 2013 Vermont weekend dates 1
 - Total: 14
- Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – In March the answering service received 140 calls. There were 7 callers who requested call backs: four requested information about meeting times and locations, and the VT retreat, one requested general information, one was referred by a therapist and looking for general information and one was a counselor who wanted package of information. We sent out one meeting list from web site requests.
 - In February the answering service received 117 calls. There were three callers who requested call backs: one request for confirmation of the VT retreat, one request for general program information, and one request to observe SLAA meeting for college assignment. We sent out three meeting lists from web site requests.
 - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - There were no meeting list updates for March 2013.
 - From the Mailbox: (Michael T) – Nothing new received at the mailbox.
- Treasurer (Bob G.) Not present. Tabled till next meeting
- Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – A full description of all printing to date on the copy machine was prepared

and presented. A comparison of costs was made between in house printing at NEI and Staples printing. Estimated savings over the life of the printer at this time is \$2,130.09. Total expenses for in house printing, including the cost of the printer (\$600.00) is \$1585.30 to date.

- Literature (David B.) – David has taken over the literature duties with the resignation of Rich C. He presented the current inventory with total assets of 1,111.50. Discussion ensued about ordering some items to have in time for the Spring Gathering.
- Activities Committee including Vermont – Discussion about upcoming Spring Gathering, Keynote Speakers and workshop chairs needed. Mention was made about the Blue Hills picnic/barbecue and finalization for it.
- Outreach and Committee (Cat, Alex) Alex presented recommendations for discussion for outreach including targeting senior clinicians and professors at mental health institutions and schools regarding SLAA. Perhaps a future Gathering could feature some structure and content for clinicians to be able to inform clients of SLAA availability. Alex was also invited to join the FWS Public Information Committee which he accepted.
- ABM Delegate (Bob G) not present. No report from David B.
- Newsletter (David B.) Reviewed, Quote accepted, Rich N and Peter S will proofread.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) - no reports.

Old Business

1. Activities Chair - Peter will report next month
2. Phone Coordinator- material sent out by phone request
3. Feb Financials – sent by Bob G. postponed re: action till next month's meeting.

New Business

1. Room Location Change AR 345
2. Literature update - See above

Contents of Mailing for September -deadline for materials to get to Patrick for printing – Wed., April 24th

- Newsletter (David)
- Approved March Meeting minutes (Rich)
- April, 2013 Meeting List.

Tabled Until Next Meeting

1. Website enhancements (Lisa)
2. Local retreat update

Closing - 6:50 PM Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is May 5, 2013