

Meeting held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 in AR100 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: Peter S (chair and facilitator), Patrick D (spiritual reminder), Seth S (timekeeper), Amalia E, Lisa P, Warren P, Michael T and Joe M.

Quorum: 3 elected representatives with at least 3 months sobriety when the meeting started.
Motion to remove requirement for 3 months sobriety: passes 3-0-0.

Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Peter will send group inventory notes to NEI
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of October business meeting minutes was done by Peter. **Motion to approve as amended: motion passes 3-0-1.** (At the time of the vote a 4th elected representative with at least 3 months of sobriety had arrived.)
- Corresponding Secretary – (Patrick D)
 - Mailing Report (Patrick D. & Lisa P.) – There were three returned “meeting list only” envelopes from last mailing. Which brings the MLO list to 132, and the full mail to 46.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) –

Looking for meetings & sponsor in Plymouth	1
Looking for meeting and sponsor in Portsmouth	1
Looking for meeting ID number with FWS	1
Woman looking to start meeting in Rhode Island	1
<u>Inquiries on Vermont 12-step weekend</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	5
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – 117 calls were received by the answering service in October, 2015. The responders returned 7 calls.

Fall Gathering Question	1
Wants to volunteer for Gathering	1
VT Retreat Info	3
Removal from Mailing List	1
<u>General Program Info</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	7
 - Meeting List – No changes to the meeting list
- Treasurer (Bob G is interim treasurer) – The October 2015 financials were not reviewed. Table approval of the September and October treasury reports until next month and mail a report in December.
- Literature (David B) – There was no literature report.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – The Fall Gathering on November 7th had 45 participants. We raised \$724 from registration, \$139 from the raffle, \$99 from the bake sale and \$44 for the delegate fund, for a total of \$1,006. The funds from the raffle and the bake sale will go for to the Retreat Scholarship Fund. The fee to Grace Church was \$285.
- We have scheduled 2016 events. We are distributing a book mark with 2016 Activities Committee events. Jenny made the book mark
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – There was no Outreach Committee report.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – There was no ABM Delegate report.

- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote is ok. Peter will write an article on the Fall Gathering. Peter will forward Rich the 2016 Retreat schedule. Rich will write an article on Tradition 12. Proofreaders for newsletter: Mike T and Patrick D.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – We are renewing month by month with the web site host. We were advised by one of our team that we don't need dedicated hosting. The site needs organizing and updating before we can give it to NEI for their review.
- ABM in Boston (Seth S) – Pam Martin, the General Manager of FWS, was in Boston to meet with Seth and look at our suggested location and other locations. The ABM committee should be deciding on a location very soon. It will then go to the Board for a vote in December 2015.
- Group Rep Reports (if any) – None.

Old Business

- Open positions: Treasurer (July 1st) – Bob G is still interim treasurer. We have been speaking to people about this but no one has said yes yet.
- Meeting List distribution – Seth is going to work on a PDF version of the meeting list.

New Business

- We had an informal discussion about retaining attendance at the NEI business meeting. We will revisit this during our group inventory discussions.

Contents of Mailing for October - Deadline for materials to get to printed – October 21

- Newsletter (Rich N)
- October Meeting minutes (David B)
- NEI Board position flyer

Closing

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, Peter S