

Meeting held on Sunday, July 10, 2016 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: Patrick D (acting chair), Bob G, Craig G, David B, Lisa P, Amalia E, Isaac M, Seth S, Michael T

Quorum: 4 elected representatives with 3 months continuous sobriety. **Vote to waive sobriety requirement: 4-0-0.** We have 6 representatives.

Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Patrick D) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to accept minutes as amended (Bob/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (open)
 - Mailing Report: The USPS mailing was sent out June 28 to 43 addresses. It included the April and May meeting minutes, June and July newsletters, ABM Agenda discussion and July Vermont 12-Step Weekend Flyer. The email mailing for June was sent out on July 3 to 269 email recipients. It included links to the same items plus the May treasury report, IRC registration form, speaker information form, topic schedule, pre-order IRC merchandise.
 - Phone Coordinator: Responders returned 6 calls in June: 3 requests for general program info, 1 for meeting info, 1 looking for Co-SLAA info, and 1 request for a meeting list.
 - Internet Coordinator: In May, 10 emails total: 3 carpool requests for the Mt. Wachusett Hike, 2 meeting list updates, 2 inquiries on Attleboro retreat, 1 mailing list addition/update, 1 request to add GDVI's inspiration line to the newsletter, and 1 inquiry on the Vermont retreat. In June, 10 emails total: 5 inquiries on the Attleboro retreat, 2 meeting list updates, 2 inquiries on the Vermont retreat, and 1 volunteering for the IRC Planning Committee
 - Meeting List: New Beginner's Meeting in Newburyport, MA on Saturday mornings.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Review of Fiscal Year end financials. We have \$9579.63 in assets. Need to write a check for Vermont Retreat and another for Literature for IRC. 7th Tradition contributions were about \$500 less than budgeted. Retreat revenue missed the budget. Financial report needs some changes before approving. We will vote to approve the report next month.
- Literature (David B) – Sold 1 book for \$19. We have \$1188.75 in literature assets. We're buying \$2117.72 in literature for the IRC.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Chair is not present. Vermont retreat coming up at the end of July.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Seth S) – Still working.
- ABM Delegate (Seth S and Amalia E) – Reviewed ABM agenda items. Delegates have registered for ABM.
- Newsletter (Craig G) – We'll have a "Welcome to Boston" newsletter available at the IRC. Meeting List changes take up most of the back page. Suggestion to take the meeting list changes off of the newsletter for this month. Seth will write article on the IRC store. David will write article apologizing for mailing not going out at the end of May. Seth and Craig will coordinate on how to promote the IRC in the newsletter. Proofreaders: Michael T and Lisa P.

- Group Rep Reports (if any) – Tuesday Weymouth meeting has been struggling. Tuesday Newton Founder’s Meeting is hosting ABM delegates on August 2.

Old Business

1. Group inventory – Having service opportunities available for people without their having to go to NEI meetings. We have these service opportunities, but the word is not getting out. Suggestion that we use email correspondence more. Round robin discussion on how to get the word out.
2. Open positions – Corresponding Secretary is partially filled by David and Amalia. Amalia is willing to maintain the mailing list – currently in Excel.
3. IRC update (Seth) – Are we willing to host the ABM in 2017? It involves a local planning committee, recommending sites, volunteers for hospitality suite. **Motion to host 2017 ABM (Seth/Amalia). Passes: 5-0-1.** Cost for ABM/IRC is about \$3800. This is for bus to founder’s meeting, recording equipment, t-shirts, tote bags, etc. F.W.S. cuts off IRC registrations at 11 AM on Saturday. Local Planning Committee is willing to take registrations afterwards.
4. Auction Item for ABM – We’ll donate a Legal Seafoods Lobster Dinner again.

New Business

1. Corresponding Secretary – Update on mailing situation. Printing was done at Staples last month. Printer is currently missing a power cord. If we can’t get a power cord in a reasonable amount of time, David has permission to purchase one.
2. Mass retreat balance – We lost \$40 on this. Where should money come from? It’s a general expense.
3. Local Retreat Status – Attendance was low. Discussion on doing better at getting the word out.
4. IRC Promotion – Group conscience to allow Seth and Lisa to use email list to promote the IRC.

Tabled Items

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Contents of Mailing for July: Deadline for Printing is Wednesday, June 20

- August Newsletter (Craig G)
- Approved June Meeting minutes (David B)
- July Meeting List (Lisa P)
- Flyer for September Anorexia retreat (Lisa P)
- Flyer for Fall Vermont retreat (Lisa P)

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, August 14 2016, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.