

Attendees: Geri, Chris, Julia, Betsy, Phil B, Jenn, Read from Western NEI

Volunteer to chair today's meeting in absence of acting chair, Jenny

Read: Serenity Prayer, Read: 12 Steps & 12 Traditions

Timekeeper, Phil; Spiritual Reminder, Geri

Check-ins included Sobriety Accountability, all who needed to met sobriety requirements. Quorum affirmed.

Ask for volunteers for open service positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Newsletter Editor, Corresponding Secretary, Outreach Chair, Activities Chair. Brief discussion of what these positions do. WNEI described its structure. Briefly.

Discussion: Can NEI cover \$475/month during pandemic? (Specific focus of the monthly discussion about fundraising ideas). **Action: Julia to write up donations for e-bulletin. Julia to continue to pull together E-bulletin.**

Discussion. NEI Webmaster Chris shared "test" version of group update form that can be submitted online. **Action: To avoid going too granular, agreed that next step would be for Betsy to work with Chris on form and present updates at next meeting.**

Discussion: Service positions are up for nomination/election in January. **Action: Announce election of positions in January 2021 through E-Bulletin.**

DEPARTMENTS

Recording Secretary – Betsy L., October minutes approved. Chris/Julia 4-0-1

Website – Chris T. 942 users, 1,600 sessions, Fall Gathering page: 385 visits.

Telephone Coordinator – Geri C. No report. **Action: Read from WNEI given number, he is going to make a call as a test and respond next month.**

Treasurer – Jenny R.

- Sept and Oct. treasurers reports both approved. Geri/Chris 5-0-0.

Literature – Aaron H. No report. No change.

Activities

- Activities Committee, Fall Gathering had 68 Participants, raised approximately \$1,600 income. A success. More feedback after survey reviewed by Activities Committee at a debriefing meeting. **Action: Feedback to be shared at future NEI meeting.**
- Game Night report, 6 people last event.

Group Reps Reports

Phil B in conference Anorexia Committee: Kindle purchase of anorexia materials. Journal Committee: working on small projects, sober dating, anorexia. **Action: Phil to bundle into a document and share with NEI.** Conference Member Retention Committee: Now two Board vacancies: 7 filled positions.

Printing – Report

- Confirmed contents of next mailing/timing of E-bulletin. **Action: Julia to put together by Nov. 13. Jenny and Geri to proof on 11/15; back by 17. Get to Chris.**

New Business:

Discussion of merging Western New England Intergroup. Opening gambit to see if merger makes sense because Western Mass is having trouble filling services positions. **Action: Read to attend next meeting.**

Hybrid meeting/protocols – Discuss next month with next steps.

Check out & Serenity Prayer.