New England Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Sunday, February 10, 2008 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle Hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5:00 PM. Serenity Prayer, followed by twelve steps and twelve traditions. Brief check-in. In attendance: Kim B (chair), Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Kenn C, Rich K, Rich N, Eric G (timekeeper), John B, Tim C (spiritual reminder), Ed W.

Reports:

- 1. Recording Secretary (David B) Minutes from January NEI meeting. **Motion to approve minutes** as amended (Rich K/Lisa): passes 9-0-2.
- 2. Treasurer (Rich K) Drafts of January report. We may run over our budget for copying expenses. We have not passed October December 2007 reports, so we need those next meeting. **Motion to accept (Eric/Lisa): passes 11-0-1**.
- 3. Corresponding Secretary (Jenny RW) Everything is fine. Worcester Friday did it this month. Partnerships in Recovery (Monday Night, Newton) volunteered to help the monthly mailing.
- 4. Outgoing Mail For February mailing: Minutes. Treasurer. Spring Gathering Flyer. Newsletter. Vermont registration forms. Partnerships in Recovery will stuff envelopes on February 25.
- 5. Phone Coordinator (Kenn) In December: 223 calls. 2 requests for a callback, 3 requests for an info packet, and 9 requests for both. From web page: 7 requests for a meeting list and 9 requests for both a meeting list and info packet. In January: 189 calls. 3 requests for a callback, 4 requests for an info packet, and 8 requests for both. From web page: 4 requests for a meeting list and 10 requests for both a meeting list and info packet. Letter from someone in Prison who wants a sponsor in the Framingham area when he gets out in September. David will send the letter to Eric and Kenn.
- 6. Internet Coordinator (Lisa) Can't get multiple e-mail logins for multiple answerers. Lisa will add an automated message. She'll test to see if she gets automated response. We have 3 people answering e-mail: Eric, Lisa, and David. John volunteers to help with another day.
- 7. Meeting List Coordinator (David) Still copies from last meeting. Co-SLAA meeting is on trial basis for a few months. Kim will check back again in April.
- 8. Vermont Coordinator Flyers for the March weekend are available. Eric is going and he's willing to facilitate. Early registration deadline is February 29.
- 9. Newsletter Editor Eric brought draft of February newsletter. TBDs for unknown dates. Space for article for SLAA. Announcement for Beverly 25th Anniversary meeting. Needs two proofreaders. Rich K will write a "Why I Love My Meeting" article. Add location for March 12&12 writing workshop.
- 10. Activities Committee 12/12 Workshop in March. Spring Conference in April. Do another hike in May?
- 11. Literature Coordinator \$363 dollars of literature sold this month. Placed order for books and 1-Year coins with SLAA website.
- 12. Outreach Coordinator Position is still open.
- 13. ABM Delegate (Kim) FWS contacted by Oprah Winfrey show. They wanted one or more women on the show. BoT contacted some women with 1+ years of sobriety. The show got postponed until May. Just received FWS Online Newsletter. The new FWS website makes it very easy to sign-up to receive the online newsletter. ABM July 15 July 18. We like to get our registrations in early so we can enter the raffle. Deadline for registrations is April 1. First deadline for the BMIS is coming up. 6-Month sobriety requirement to attend ABM.

Old Business:

- 14. Security of Mail Pickup Rich K and Rich N have keys to the mailbox. They will mail items to the appropriate people. Rich K will give Rich N a list of common items and addresses and who gets the information.
- 15. Group Inventory It will be on May 4th.
- 16. Spring Conference Available of EDS: April 26th is available. 10% increase from last year. About \$1,550. At UMass: April 12th is reserved for us. Cost is \$600. Discussion of each location. **Vote: 0** in favor of EDS. 8 in favor of UMass. 3 Abstentions. We need a theme. "It Works If You Work It" suggested (Kenn/David). **Passes 9-0-1**. Registration Fee. \$12 in advance, \$15 at door. Flyer: Kim will start work on the flyer.
- 17. By-Laws Last 10 minutes spent reviewing by-laws. Reviewed preamble and name. Eric will bring more copies next month.
- 18. Donation to FWS David will make sure Rich K knows we donate \$50/month to FWS.
- 19. NEI Elections
 - Chair: David nominates Eric. Eric accepts. Rich K seconds. Passes 11-0-0.
 - Vice-Chair: Eric nominates Kim. Kenn seconds. Passes 11-0-0.
 - Recording Secretary: Rich K nominates David. Eric seconds. Passes 11-0-0.
 - Treasurer: Rich K is willing to continue. Jenny seconds. Passes 11-0-0.
 - Corresponding Secretary (Mailing List coordinator) Jenny volunteers. Eric seconds. Passes 10-1-0.
 - Mail Pickup: Rich N is willing to do mail pickups. Rich K seconds. Passes 11-0-0.
 - Phone Coordinator: David nominates Kenn. Eric seconds. Kenn is willing to continue, but we'll see if we can find someone else to take over. Eric will put an announcement in the newsletter.
 - Internet Coordinator: Lisa is willing to continue. Needs help with HTML. Eric is willing to help with coding. He will put announcement in newsletter asking for help. Passes 9-0-1.
 - Meeting List: David is willing to continue. We'll leave it open for one more month. See if someone else is willing to do it.
 - Vermont: Jenny is willing to do it. Needs someone else to help.
 - Newsletter: Rich N is interested, but no commitment. Will talk to Eric about it.
 - Activities: Kim, David, Lisa, Jenny. Tim is interested in joining.
 - Literature: Jenny nominates Ed. Eric seconds. Passes 9-0-1.
 - Outreach Coordinator: This is a new position. Look up licenses for therapists and send information on sex addiction. Employee assistance programs. Donate SLAA text to library. Public service announcements? Tim volunteers to do it.
 - Mailings: Kim is interested. Eric seconds. Passes 10-0-0.
 - ABM Delegate:
- 20. NEI How-To Manual Put something together that explains how NEI service positions operate.

New Business:

- NEI Photocopying Costs
- Study Group Meeting

Tabled Items:

• S-Group meetings on List – Do we want other S groups (not SLAA groups) on our meeting lists?

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 5:00 PM in AR100, Allen Riddle Building at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.