

Meeting held on Sunday, July 12, 2015 in AR100 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 6:00 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), Craig G, Ken A (time keeper), Kim B, Wil C, Seth S, Andrew Z, David B, Bob G, Lisa P

Quorum: 6 elected representatives with at least 3 months sobriety.

### Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Two items went out in mailing with typos. Make sure at least two members proofread documents. If someone asks you to proofread, please do it.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Motion to accept minutes as amended (Wil/Bob): passes 3-0-3.
- Corresponding Secretary – (Kim is acting)
  - Mailing Report (Kim B. & Lisa P.) – Four addresses were added. One e-mail recipient was modified. Two addresses were deleted. The full USPS mailing was sent to 45 recipients on July 6. Email mailing for June 2015 was sent out July 8 to 258 recipients. The USPS and e-mailing included the July NEI Newsletter, May NEI minutes, a flyer for the ABM discussion to occur at the July 12th meeting and a flyer for the August Barbeque. The e-mailing also included a link for the July NEI 12-step retreat in Vermont, and a link for the Treasurer’s report. We sent out 5 meeting lists and S.L.A.A. information for phone and website requests.
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for June 2015

July Vermont Weekend inquiry	3
Looking for love addiction therapist	1
Requesting meeting address information	1
Update for mailing list	1
Looking for phone meetings	1
Meeting list updates	1
TOTAL	8
  - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – Please welcome Geri C. to our team! Below is the June 2015 phone responder report. It was a slow month. 127 calls were received by the answering service in June, 2015. The volunteer responders returned 4 calls.

Wanted a meeting list	1
MA Retreat Info	1
Therapist wanted info on meeting	1
General program info	1
TOTAL	4
  - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - There were no meeting list updates during June 2015.
- Treasurer (Bob G is interim treasurer) – Brought copies of 2015-2016 budget. \$285.75 in scholarship fund. Some problems with mail: check did not go to answering service, so we were charged late fee. Voided a stale-dated check over a year ago that was never cashed. Issued a refund check for a Vermont retreat. 31 groups made 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions in 2014-2015 fiscal year. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions were \$1800 over budget. Motion to approve financials (Patrick/Wil): passes 6-0-0. Motion to remove cents from financial reports, only report dollars (Kim/Wil): passes 6-0-0.
- Literature (David B) – No sales this month. David will ask Bob to pick up pamphlets at Annual Business Meeting in August.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Picnic in August. Vermont retreat next weekend. 18 people signed up for Vermont Retreat in July. Anorexia-themed retreat September 25-27. Fall Vermont Retreat October 2-4.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Will try to get group visits again after ABM. Wil holds two meetings at Mass. Treatment Center, started doing Round Robin discussions. Trying to

encourage inmates to ask for literature and pen pals. Also has some step exercises for people to work on.

- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Ready to go to ABM. People can still submit comments on the ABM agenda items. Wil is making a door hanger to donate to ABM auction.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote is OK. Peter will write article on Tradition 8. Follow-up on phone call about meeting with two people – see if meeting needs support. Add bulletin about open positions with sobriety requirements (1 year C.S. and Treasurer).
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Working with Doug to get all content (pages and SQL databases) into new technology for new web site. David will contact people he knows from committees to see if someone has experience. Running current technology, renewal comes up in August, but we can renew month-to-month until we're ready for upgrade.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Worcester Saturday meeting is on hiatus. People from other meetings are interested in stepping up to participate at NEI. Quincy 12-Step Meeting is doing well. Wareham Sunday afternoon meeting is doing well too. Plymouth meeting is going very strong – two sharing sessions for 2 ½ hours.

#### Old Business

- Open positions: Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer (July 1st). One year sobriety requirement for each. Some people are interested in filling positions.

#### New Business

- Suggestion to put “Meeting in Progress” sign on door. Andrew will bring one next month.
- Participating in NEI meetings by telephone – Round Robin discussion. David will ask GDVI about their experience with telephone meetings.
- August NEI meeting during picnic – Suggestion to have NEI meeting at picnic on August 16 instead of August 9. We'd have to update flyers, and announcements already went out. Consensus is too late to do it this year.

#### Contents of Mailing for August - deadline for materials to get to printed – July 22

- Newsletter (Rich N)
- June Meeting minutes (David B)
- End-of-year financials
- July Meeting List
- Anorexia Retreat Flyer

#### Tabled Until Next Meeting

- Group inventory follow up.
- Distribution of Draft Literature

#### Closing

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, August 9, 2015, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B