New England Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

The Intergroup meeting was held over two days. The first Meeting was held on Sunday, November 3, 2018 at the Fall Recovery Gathering. It was held in the Large Hall at Grace Church. Convened at 1:30 PM with the Serenity Prayer. NEI officers in attendance were Seth S(Chair), Betsy L(Spiritual Reminder), Geri C, Patrick D, Peter S, Michael T, Jenny R, Lisa P, and Jim G. Angela was timekeeper.

- Chairman (Seth) demonstrated how to call in to the monthly Intergroup conference call and how we do the mailing. Volunteers for collating this month's mailing assembled at the back of the room. Seth talked about the "What We Do" and "November is Gratitude Month" flyers.
- Treasurer (Michael) NEI is looking for a new Treasurer because he is leaving at the end of the year. Shared that it has been a great service position for him. He answered questions from Gathering participants.
- Website Report (Jim) Shared the Google Analytics report.
- **Phone Coordinator (Geri)** Shared about being a phone responder and that we need more men for responder positions.
- Activities Committee (Jenny) Passed out the 2019 NEI draft activities flyer. Invited people to be on the Committee.

The second meeting held on Sunday, November 18, 2018 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: Seth S (Chair), Betsy L, Jenny R, Geri C, Lisa P (Spiritual Reminder), Michael T (Timekeeper), Patrick D and Peter S. On the conference call: none.

Officer sobriety check-in: All officers present who have a sobriety requirement meet that requirement.

Quorum Check: Four group representatives present. Three members meet the 3-month sobriety requirement. Motion to allow group reps who do not meet the sobriety requirement to vote: Mike/Geri 3-0-0.

Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) Report on the NEI meeting at the Gathering There was no interest in the Treasurer position but there was interest in other service positions. Discussion of NEI web site needs and committee. Discussion of whether we should hire someone to clean up the web site.
- Recording Secretary (Peter) Review of October 2018 mtg minutes. Motion to approve minutes as amended: Geri/Betsy 3-0-1.
- Corresponding Secretary (Jenny gave report) The mailing was sent out.
 - Web Site report (Geri) No meeting list requests.
 - Phone Coordinator Report (Geri) 119 calls received by the answering service in October. No meeting list requests.
- Treasurer (Michael T)
 - o First Quarter Financials Total assets of: \$14,460. Checking account balance of \$13,901. 7th Tradition income of \$915. Net income of \$343 was \$259 over budget. **Motion to**

approve Geri/Betsy 4-0-0.

- October Financials Checking account balance: \$14,040. 7th Tradition income is \$105 below budget year to date. **Motion to approve Geri/Peter 3-0-1.**
- **Literature (Patrick)** A Guide to 12 Steps has been popular. \$95 in literature was sold at Fall Gathering.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny)
 - o Jenny handed out the Fall Gathering evaluations. There was positive feedback about having the Intergroup meeting at the Gathering. Got a lot of interest in people who want to do service including 5 who wanted to be phone responders. Good reviews on the workshops. The Fall Gathering resulted in net income of \$359.
 - Setting calendar for 2019. We will put out bookmarks with the calendar. We are making a flyer for the Meeting and a Movie event in January for the December mailing.
 Discussion about getting help with the activities work. Jenny reminded us that Activities Committee activities are NEI activities.
 - Discussion of what to do with the \$1,200 special projects fund. Motion to approve the \$165 already spent on the Retreat Scholarship Fund Seth/Geri 4-0-0. This leaves \$1,035 in the special projects fund.
- Outreach Committee (Seth) No report
- ABM Delegates (Seth) No report
- Newsletter (Betsy) Discussion about what type of election the January election is. The election in January is a "Special Election" because it is not the end of the 2-year election cycle. Betsy will write an article about the positive impact of having the NEI meeting at the Fall Gathering.
- Web Site (Jim G) No Report
- Group Reps Reports (if any) None

Tabled:

• Outreach proposals

Contents for November Mailing: Newsletter, October meeting minutes, Meeting and a Movie flyer, Quarter 1 Treasury Report and the Activities bookmark (if it's ready). Deadline for materials to go to printer: Wednesday, Thursday, December 6, 2018. Distribution on/after Sunday, December 9th.

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Peter S has the Bluetooth Speaker and will bring it to the meeting. Respectfully submitted, Peter S.