

2020 NEI Business Meeting

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Newton Wellesley Hospital – Main Hospital – Bowles Conference Rm #6, 2nd Floor

Final Minutes

Attendees in person: Phil B , Katie G., Aaron H, Chris T, Betsy L, Mark S, Seth S; Martin (late)

Attendees by phone: Jenny R

Aaron Volunteered to chair today's meeting.

Serenity Prayer/12 Steps & 12 Traditions; Sobriety check-in

Ask for Timekeeper Phil B. & Spiritual Reminder Chris T

Affirm there is a Quorum 5 GR and AR with 3 months sobriety, Seth/Betsy 3-0

Waive sobriety requirement, Seth/Phil 3-0

Waive the requirement of a quorum Aaron/Chris 4-0

If needed, vote to allow webmaster to bypass Sobriety requirement for this month

Betsy/Aaron 3-0-1

New Business

Election of open service positions

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Newsletter Editor
- Corresponding Secretary
- Outreach Chair

Add: Activities Chair

Discussion: LA intergroup REQUIRES group rep to attend meeting or else dropped from meeting list. Tabled for future discussion.

Agreed to keep same model of volunteer to chair next month.

Spring Gathering, next steps, Jenny spoke that no action has been taken. Activities Committee meets Thursday. Committee is stuck. Suggested dates: April 25, May 2 or 9. Issue of inclusivity, makes it hard to have another group offer to host in case of MBTA

Next Activities committee: 605-468-8004; passcode 263895. Chris and Jenny to work together to email a bulletin. We Are Not Alone event.

9 people at Meeting & A Movie, \$81 raised.

Post activities committee meeting on events

Bylaw Review, Chris brought us up to speed on process, 10 days prior to the vote. Justified and legitimate vote. Put draft of Bylaws on web.

Feb. 23rd separate meeting, Aaron took responsibility to book the rooms.

Martin, Aaron, Katie, Phil, Chris.

Chris/Phil –

Bylaws separate email: Betsy & Chris

Prescription Pad therapist list for counties; next steps

Seth – Barnstable
Geri – Bristol
Peter – Essex
Martin -Worcester
Seven - Middlesex and Suffolk
Jenny – Plymouth
Lisa – Norfolk
Not assigned (added later) - Dukes
Geri to have CSAT list

Jenny: paid someone to populate spreadsheet – spent \$260.

Phil - \$100, Seth \$100

Next steps handwrite addresses, currently have 322. Still a lot more in Suffolk, Norfolk, Middlesex,

How to get envelopes done?

Stuffing party?

Pieces to happen, a lot of printing gets done.

Seth to get legal size of brochure, Seth agreed to do. For the professional brochure.

Jenny is taking responsibility to get envelopes, find out postage.

Meet at 4pm on March 8 for stuffing.

Aaron to coordinate with room time.

Chris will print everything.

Vote on 2021 NEI meeting dates so can be posted on website (Chris)

Mark to lead this, email to Jenny and go from there.

Patrick to do mailing

Phil/Aaron – 4-0-0 for minutes.

Department Reports

Recording Secretary –Betsy L., Review January draft minutes,

Treasurer – Jenny, Dec., Jan., and quarterly

Website – Chris (email address forwarding)

789 users, 1269 sessions, 8134 page views; 2/3 traffic mobile

Telephone Coordinator – Geri

She'll email out this week or next.

Activities –Jenny, Mark has arranged to get key, volunteers to set up for event

Printing – Chris. Ptinted a bunch of stuff.

Literature – Aaron.

Group Reps Reports (if any)

Phil B. concern of tradition 9

Aaron, no online order form, not charge extra; really contemplated it,

Confirm contents for March Mailing: Deadline for materials to get to printer for both e-bulletin and hard copy distribution – Feb. 19, 2020

- February Newsletter – hard copy of e-bulletin/CT
- Approved January Meeting Minutes/BL
- Approved Treasurer's Reports/-NO

Old Business

- Pricing/listing of Literature. Same prices as FWS? Premium pricing? Discontinue due to lack of bandwidth for task within NEI?

Discussion on making prices comparable. Idea of removing online form.

- Remove sobriety requirement from By-Laws

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting Date: March 8, 2020