

Meeting held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 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), David B, Lisa P (timekeeper), Joe B (spiritual reminder). On the conference call: Peter S, Betsy L, Jenny R, Marsha Z.

Quorum Check: 2 representatives with 3 months of sobriety. 1 representative. **Motion to waive sobriety requirement (Peter/Marsha): passes 2-0-0.** We have 3 voters.

Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) – Vice-chair position is still open.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of draft minutes from September. **Motion to accept minutes (Marsha/Joe): passes 2-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary
 - Mailing Report (David and Lisa) – The October US Mailing went out on September 25th to 41 addresses. It contained the October newsletter, August minutes, Fall Gathering flyer, and the speaker request form. The email mailing went out on September 27th to 388 addresses. Mailing contained links to the same materials (except the speaker request form).
 - Telephone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – The answering service received 135 calls in September. The responders returned 8 calls on the following subjects: 3 with questions on Vermont Retreat, 2 with questions on the Anorexia Retreat, 2 with questions on the program, 1 looking for meeting info in Connecticut. Lisa will make sure Peter gets a copy of the new meeting list to send to answering service.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – In September, the web site received a total of 14 emails on the following topics: 12 inquiries on the 12-Step Retreat in Vermont, 1 inquiry on the Anorexia Retreat, 1 for general information from a newcomer.
 - Meeting List Report (Lisa P) – Cambridge Friday Night Men's Meeting is back in their regular meeting location on Garden St.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Not present. We have budgeted sending \$600 to FWS. Discussion on sending it this month. **Motion to send \$600 to FWS this month (Marsha/Joe): passes 3-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – We didn't sell anything this month, but we spent \$624.67 on books, pamphlets, and chips. Literature was picked up in San Antonio and driven back to MA, so we paid Texas sales tax but nothing for shipping. Last year we sold 45 Basic Texts. Our current inventory is 47 books, so that should last the rest of the fiscal year.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny) – Committee has been working on the Fall Gathering on November 4. We're need help filling slots for leaders and speakers on the topics. We still need 1 more keynote speaker. We need someone willing to coordinate the bake sale, and need help coordinating the raffle with David. Activities committee needs people in Intergroup and others in SLAA to come forward and help us. Anorexia retreat in September had 14-15 people and end of month 12-Step retreat had 19 people. 7 people already registered for December retreat and 5 others who committed to sending their month – total of 12. This may be a full retreat in December. We couldn't find a site for a New Year's retreat, so we have to table it this year. Fall hike had 4 people and took in 20-something dollars in 7th Tradition. Please go to your meetings and try to recruit speakers for the Fall Gathering.

- Outreach and Committee (Patrick) – Not present
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Seth) – FWS needs a new editor for the FWS newsletter. If we have someone interested, let Seth know and he will pass that information along.
- Newsletter (Betsy) – Joe B will write an article about getting a speaker to his meeting. Can we get an article about open positions before elections in January? Perhaps use past newsletters as a reference. Betsy wants to put a human touch on the article about benefits of service. Betsy wants an article about \$600 contribution to FWS. David will reach out to someone about a Gratitude Month article.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None

Old Business

1. Western NE Intergroup – Many people at a recent retreat have said Western NEI still needs help. Seth will follow up to see if they still have interest in merging.
2. Provincetown Roundup – Lisa will attend next weekend. She has S.L.A.A. materials to bring.
3. Connecticut Intergroup – We get calls for Connecticut Intergroup because the telephone number on their website is not in service.

New Business

Tabled Items

1. Objectives
2. Quarterly Financial Report

Items for the Mailing – Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, October 25.

- September Meeting Minutes (David)
- November Newsletter (Betsy)
- October Meeting List (Lisa)
- Gratitude Month Flyer (David)

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 5 PM. Seth S has the Bluetooth Speaker and will bring it to the November meeting. Respectfully submitted, David B.