

APPROVED: NEI Business Meeting Minutes

The New England Intergroup monthly meeting was held on Sunday, November 17, 2019 in Bowles Conference, Room #6 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 5:00 PM. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions read, and meeting started, including the final collating of the monthly mailing.

Members present in person: Betsy L (Spiritual Reminder), Jenny R, Peter S, Chris T, Phil B, and Martin F(Timekeeper). Participating by phone: Geri C (Interim Chair), Seth S and Seven S.

Reading of 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. All officers present meet their sobriety requirements.

Quorum: Four group reps meet the sobriety requirement. One does not. **Motion to allow reps that do not meet the sobriety requirement voting privileges. Peter/Betsy 4-0-0**

New Business:

- SLAA Board of Trustees outreach regarding Fellowship technology needs - Seth (up to 10 minutes) The Board is looking for feedback on how the FWS is doing with technology. Also, there will be a comment place available on the FWS website. Discussion about concerns about anonymity with any new web site developments.
- Protocol for January elections - discussion- Jenny (up to 15 minutes). What is the protocol? There is no special time for the meeting. All positions are up for election. Handout has a list of the positions. Corresponding secretary should include holding the printer and other duties. Discussion of alternative types of communicating with our fellowship such as email (right now the bylaws require notification about changes to the bylaws by regular mail.)
Motion to keep flyer as is referencing viewing the web site for more information. Martin/Chris 5-0-0

Old Business

- Prescription Pads - Cover letter - Betsy (up to 15 minutes). Outreach letter needs sign up for additional info (tare sheet), and a two-page format with lots of "white space" on the first page and additional information on the second page. Jenny will revise the letter and send out before the next meeting. Lisa, Geri and Seth are working on addresses. They want help in putting this address list together. We will split list up by county. Seth will take Barnstable, Geri will take Bristol, Peter will take Essex, Martin will take Worcester County, Seven will take Middlesex and Suffolk, Betsy will do Norfolk, and Jenny will do Plymouth. Deadline to have all names onto spreadsheet is next NEI meeting, December 8, 2019.
- Draft of proposed changes for sobriety requirements - Chris (up to 10 minutes). Chris sent out suggested revisions. Procedure requires a snail mail notification with proposed amendments to group representatives at least 10 days before the meeting where amendments will be considered. Seth and Peter will work with Chris on revisions.
- Update on marketing ideas /increasing revenue - Aaron (up to 15 minutes). Tabled.
- Recurring donations - Chris (up to 10 minutes) Chris is working on recurring donations with Jenny. They are looking at software to enable us to get donations and recurring donations on the web site.

- Evaluations from Fall Gathering - Geri (up to 10 minutes). 47 attendees, which is up from last time. Revenue also increased. Joe and the group from Newburyport did a lot of work great work. Discussion of format. Agreement that the potluck and meditation were good additions.

Department Reports:

Interim Chair, Geri - No report

Recording Secretary, Peter S – **Motion to approve October minutes. Phil/Chris 5-0-0.**

Treasurer, Jenny – A good month for income - donations - \$573 (7th tradition) and \$845 (Fall Gathering). **Motion to accept the October treasury report. Martin/Seth 5-0-0.**

Outreach, Seth – No report other than what's above about prescription pads

Website, Chris – We received 54 emails. Meeting schedules is the most popular part of the web site. 65% of all traffic starts on schedules or goes there after first click. 712 users last month.

Telephone Coordinator, Geri – 119 calls received in October by answering service. The responders returned 7 calls. There were two meeting lists/info requested. In August 18 calls returned. September 12 calls returned.

Activities, Geri – next activities meeting is November 24. The December VT retreat still has room. Activities committee needs more volunteers.

Printing – No report

Newsletter, Betsy – Suggestions for topics include: activities committee needs people and ideas for activities. Chris and Peter agreed to be proofreaders.

Literature, Aaron – No report.

Corresponding Secretary – No report.

Group Reps Reports (if any) – None.

Contents for November Mailing: December Newsletter, October minutes, bulletin of open positions and election handout. Deadline for materials to get printed - Wed., November 27, 2019.

Close Meeting: Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, December 8, 2019, at 5:00 pm. Peter will bring the Bluetooth Speaker to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Peter S