

Meeting held on Sunday, 13 December 2009 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Brief Check-ins. In attendance: Eric G (chair), Debbie F, Lisa P, David B, Rich N (timekeeper), Curtis B, Michael T (spiritual reminder), Marie C.

Quorum Check: 4 voting members, 3 provisional members. **Motion to expand voting to provisional members (Michael/Curtis): passes 4-0-0.** We have 7 votes at this meeting.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Include phone coordinator and internet numbers in corresponding secretary's report. **Motion to approve as amended (Rich/Michael): passes 7-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B - open) – November mailing went out on Dec 2, but the e-mail was sent on Nov 23. Consisted of newsletter, movie flyer, November gratitude month announcement, October treasury report, and August and October meeting minutes. E-mail now contains a link to the NEI documents page, which links to treasury reports and minutes. Phone Coordinator: answering service received 153 calls in November. 10 callers requested meeting lists. 8 requested meeting lists through web site. Some people calling the answering service have been forwarding callers straight to voicemail. This should not happen. Issue has been resolved with answering service. Our e-mail address received 16 inquiries in November: 8 requests for meeting locations, 1 to update NEI's address list, 2 from other intergroups, and 5 messages from newcomers. Nothing out of the ordinary from the mailbox. Meeting list changes: Wareham Sunday meeting is a Men's meeting. New time and location for Monday Men's meeting in Cambridge. Tuesday Women's meeting in Boston changed from Open to Closed and added a speaker meeting. WNEI has a new web site. Someone said New Hampshire Intergroup changed their contact info. David will ask NHI for confirmation before putting change into meeting list. **Motion to accept with amendments (Michael/Rich): passes 7-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Eric G / Curtis B – open) – 7th tradition donations are \$788.90 above our budget so far. Fall Gathering cost more than budgeted, took in less than budgeted. Still made money on it. Literature sales are lagging. Nikki didn't receive check for Vermont Weekend. Treasurer sent another check. He'll go to bank to investigate status of missing check. Someone gets a scholarship. Not sure if it's a total or half scholarship. Need to find out for treasury. **Motion to accept (David/Rich): passes 6-0-1.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Change Feb 14, 2010 NEI meeting date to Feb 7. Needs 2010 Vermont Schedule. Wants to put chair's letter to NEI about rotation of duties in newsletter. Concern that letter appears to be from NEI rather than from an individual person. Statement should be about principles, not personalities. Suggestion of using comments from chair's letter into a statement about the state of NEI and a call to service. Need editors: Michael T, Marie C, Debbie F volunteer.
- Literature (David B) – Sold \$159.50. We have \$946.00 in stock. Low on some items: Suggestions for Newcomers pamphlet (1), 1-Year Medallion (1), Newcomer Packets (0). Suggestion that we get more newcomer pamphlets. **Motion to approve (Curtis/Rich): passes 7-0-0.**

- Activities Committee including VT (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B) – Movie scheduled for January 23. Grace Church has not sent us an invoice. Activities Committee going to pick location for Spring Conference by January 10. So far, 13 people signed up for Vermont. There may be some last-minute attendees.
- Outreach (Open) – No report.
- ABM Delegate (David B) – Conference Newsletter says contributions are down this year. NEI has been contributing again. Treasurer looked at financial report. FWS needs to do a better job telling intergroups and individuals when they are in cash crunches.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Request for support for Mainly for Love Addicts meeting in West Newton. One rep showed up day before Thanksgiving and no one else went there. Meeting could still use support. Someone ordered literature from FWS. Paid over \$12 in postage for \$24 in literature. A member points out that the invoice amount is not the same as what they bill your credit card. Wednesday night Medford meeting needs support. Step workshop first and third Wednesdays. Other days yet to be determined. Sunday night Weymouth group is growing too large for its room. They may get another room.

Old Business

- Open Positions until January 10 2010 NEI meeting.
 - Vice Chair (1 Year Sobriety)
 - Corresponding Sec. (1 Year Sobriety)
 - Phone Coordinator (6 Months Sobriety)
 - Intergroup Activities Chair
 - Mailings Roles – filled by Curtis and Rich. Curtis manages the mailings. He will not be able to continue in this role. Need someone else to do it.
- VT Weekend Policies – Discussed last month. We said policies should go out with confirmation letters. Eric will send updated policies to the NEI google group.
- Group Visits – Google Docs spreadsheet is unclear on which meetings have been visited.

New Business

- Increasing Group Participation Brainstorming session – Need ideas to get more people involved in intergroup. Solutions? Beg. Find people at our meetings who could help. Ask people personally to help. Make announcements at meetings. Identify contacts at each meeting and send them information. Ask sponsees to participate. We need to ask groups to elect representatives, but someone does not have to be a group rep to participate. Encourage our groups to elect alternate representatives. Try having a meeting where we explain what NEI does and invite people to come. “NEI Open House”.
- Mailbox Key – Debbie is willing to do it for a month. She will contact Curtis for help. It’s Box 1375 at Coolidge Corner.
- Recovering Couples Anonymous – Founded by Patrick Carnes. Twelve-Step program for couples. Michael T and his wife are planning to start an RCA meeting in Southborough. It is okay to mention this at SLAA meetings? Round robin discussion.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.