

Meeting held on Sunday, 7 February 2010 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: Lisa P (chair), David B, Michael T (timekeeper), Marie C, Joe A, Debbie F (spiritual reminder), Rich N, Steve, Peter S

Quorum Check: 2 Full Voting Reps. 4 Provisional Reps. **Motion to allow provisional members to vote (Michael/Lisa) – passes 2-0-0.** We have 5 voters present, because chair doesn't vote.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of minutes from January NEI meeting. Need to correct some typos. **Motion to approve minutes (David/Michael): passes 5-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B acting - OPEN) – January Mailing went out on January 28. Contained the January Newsletter, January treasury report, the approved December meeting minutes, a flyer for the March Vermont weekend, and the January meeting list. 110 envelopes were sent. The e-mail went out on Sunday, January 31. 75 people received the e-mail and 75 envelopes were sent containing a meeting list only. 3 Envelopes were returned from the December mailing. Person who maintains mailing list was notified. Phone report: The answering service received 131 calls in January. 15 callers requested meeting lists. 11 people requested meeting lists from the web service. E-mail correspondence: 11 inquiries in January. 3 requests for meeting locations, 2 from other intergroups, 1 from someone looking to interview people for article on sex/love addiction, 1 request for therapist referral, 1 question on 7th tradition contributions, 1 update for meeting list, 1 from Gay Pages asking for confirmation of contact info, 1 from a newcomer. US Mail Correspondence: Nothing in the mailbox out of the ordinary. David B sent letter and information packet to person at MCI Concord. Envelope contained letter, 40 Questions Pamphlet, Addicted To Sex/Addicted To Love Pamphlet, and meeting list. Meeting List Changes: Removed Arthur as newcomer contact on “Mainly for Love Addicts” meeting. Changed contact e-mail address for Boston Tuesday Women’s Meeting. **Motion to accept (Debbie/Marie): passes 5-0-0.**
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) – Eric cannot attend this meeting. He sent a draft for us to review. **Motion to table discussion until Eric is at meeting. (Rich/Joe): passes 6-0-0.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Article by Debbie F. Suggestion on article highlighting service positions. Included date for Spring Gathering. Change date of May NEI meeting. Michael and Marie are willing to proofread newsletter.
- Literature (Peter) – Sold \$170 of literature to 3 groups. Used a 40 Questions pamphlet to mail in information packet. FWS is raising prices by 10% on February 15. Peter and David and order literature before that happens.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Marie C.) – Chair – OPEN. We had our movie event on January 23. Raised \$45.50 dollars in 7th tradition. Cost is \$80 (\$20/hour for 4 hours). Spring Gathering is April 10 at Andover-Newton Theological School. We negotiated a price of \$950.00 for the day. We’ll charge \$18 for admission. Lisa prepared the flyer and brought copies to the meeting. No one signed up yet for March VT weekend. Jenny is looking for a co-facilitator.
- Outreach (OPEN)
- ABM Delegate (David B.) – ABM sign-ups are 120 days before July ABM. That’s in April. Valentine’s Day telemeeting marathon on Valentine’s Day.

- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Brookline Saturday is doing well. Mainly for Love Addicts has attendance up. Trying to revamp meeting. Needs a new treasurer and newcomer contact. Tuesday Newton meeting can use speakers. Wednesday Weymouth is doing well – attendance is 15-20. They have a new treasurer and key keeper. Weymouth Sunday still has good attendance, continues to get newcomers. Monday Stoughton has attendance fluctuating. It can use more support.

Old Business

- Open Positions
 - Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. (1 year sobriety requirement)
 - Treasurer – temporarily filled by Eric G. (1 year sobriety requirement)
 - Outreach Committee Chair – not filled (No sobriety requirement)
 - Telephone Coordinator - temporarily filled by Richie B. (6 months sobriety requirement)
 - Web Site Coordinator - temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
 - Intergroup Activities Chair (No sobriety requirement)
 - Monthly Mailings – temporarily filled by Rich N. & Curtis (1 year sobriety requirement for mailing envelopes)
 - Mail Pick-up - temporarily filled by Debbie F. (No sobriety requirement)

New Business

- Spring Gathering – Still need for keynote speakers: 2 in the AM and 2 in the PM. Speak for 20 minutes, keeping in mind the theme: Going to Any Lengths. Try to get 1 man and 1 woman for opening and closing.
- Getting NEI Service Positions Filled - Brainstorming session. Use newsletter to publish service opportunities. Emphasize how service helps recovery. First step is to get people to just start coming to the meetings. Ask people personally to help. Announce openings at our meetings. Do road trips to groups – group visits. Give people reasons to come to NEI. Make a statement of need at our meetings. Include flyer in mailing stating the need, try to get people here. Go to meetings and get people to sign-up for our e-mail list. Joe will work on a flyer for requesting NEI help. Lisa will work on a list for e-mail sign-ups. Marie and Rich will help with the flyer. Use “Service” as a topic at our discussion meetings.
- Contents of Mailing for February – Newsletter, Spring Gathering Flyer, Approved January Meeting Minutes. NEI Call to Service flyer will go out in March mailing.
- Articles for Stories Website – Wants stories about what happens when people get arrested for their addictions. He also wants to understand use of internet pornography.
- FWS Literature Price Increases – Round robin discussion on when we want to raise our prices and how much. Do we want to round-up prices to make them more convenient? General consensus that we raise prices when FWS does. **Motion to raise prices starting March, but orders picked up in March will be at current prices. Peter and David will decide on price increases for March NEI meeting (David/Michael). Motion passes 5-0-0.**
- Group Visits – What do we say at a group visit? What should we bring? Table this

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.