

Meeting held on Sunday, November 14, 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), Eric G (vice-chair), Peter S, Patrick D, Michael T, Rich N (spiritual reminder), David B, Rosanne R, Dave K (timekeeper), Dennis S.

Quorum: 8 elected representatives present. 5 meet the sobriety requirement, so we have quorum.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Brought copies of last month's minutes on 3 pages. **Motion to accept as amended (Patrick/Rich): passes 5-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing Report – The October newsletter, meeting list, treasury report, and approved September minutes were mailed at the end of October to 97 addresses. The electronic mailing also went out on Oct 24. It contained links to the same items except the meeting list. That was mailed to 92 addresses.
 - Phone Coordinator – 122 total calls in October. 10 callers requested meeting lists mailed to them. 15 people requested meeting lists via the internet.
 - Internet Coordinator – 5 requests in October. 1 media inquiry from The Learning Channel, 1 request for an updated meeting list, 1 message from a newcomer, 1 request for a contact for a meeting in Providence to give them a new key, 1 request for a meeting location.
 - Mailbox – Nothing requiring action by the corresponding secretary.
 - Meeting List – Sunday Winooski VT meeting: New contact number for men. We have permission to put contact numbers on the NEI web site. Wednesday Evening Providence Meeting: A newcomer told me he went to that meeting and no one was there. Need to confirm whether or not this meeting is active. New Thursday Step Meeting in Newton starts on January 6.
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) \$922 over budget to-date on expenses. ABM expenses from last year were paid this year, which contributes to difference. \$1300 behind budget to-date on 7th tradition contributions. We have less giving coming to NEI this year. \$206.80 donations from groups in October. Our bank balance is \$3800, Vermont Scholarship Fund, Delegate Fund. \$1075 budgeted registration costs for Fall Gathering, took in \$1040. Took in bake sale money, raffle money. **Motion to accept treasury report (Michael/Patrick): passes 5-0-0.**
 - Printer report (Patrick) – 1691 copies from first toner cartridge. 550 on second. Spent estimated \$201.69 so far.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Brought 10 draft copies to meeting. David will provide report on Fall Gathering. Add article on Gratitude Month. Add dates for Movie and Valentine's Day event. Michael, Dave, and Peter will proofread.
- Literature (Peter) – Sold \$389.25 in Literature at Fall Gathering. \$469 in literature for month.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne). Vermont weekend prices are going up by \$5. Nikki is raising prices by \$5. **Motion to raise prices to \$160/\$180 (Lisa/Michael): passes 5-0-0.**
- Outreach (Patrick) – Group visits packet ready to be voted on.
- ABM Delegate (David B) – FWS office has the new Romantic Obsession pamphlet for sale. This was approved at the 2010 ABM by a 46-1-0 vote.

- Group Reps Reports – Sunday Weymouth meeting has an alternate rep. Brookline meeting will donate to NEI.

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)
 - Web Site Coordinator – temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
 - Monthly Mailings – temporarily filled by Rich N. & Curtis (1 year sobriety requirement for mailing envelopes)

New Business

- Meeting List – Replacing Preamble with Description of NEI. Suggestion of new format so the title is more like a title page. Brought examples with NEI logo and Description of NEI. Create a prospective meeting list to be voted on at December NEI meeting. David, Rich, Patrick.
- Group Visits Subcommittee (Lisa and Patrick) – Give feedback on ABM fundraising letter so they can put it in the group visits packet. **Motion to accept group visits packet, including ABM donation flyer (Rich/Michael): passes 5-0-0.**
- Fall Recovery Gathering follow-up – Lisa prepared report on survey results. Suggestion for longer dinner break, have coffee available.
- NEI Meeting Locations for 2011 – Possibility of using Bank Meeting Room. Round Robin discussion. David will contact Newton-Wellesley Hospital to request use of AR100 for 2011.
- Contents of Mailing for November
 - Newsletter
 - Open Service Positions flyer
 - FWS November Gratitude month flyer
 - 35th Anniversary SLAA International Convention flyer –Los Angeles – July 2011
 - January 8th movie Joe versus the Volcano flyer
 - ABM Delegate Fund flyer
 - October Meeting Minutes
- Proposal to submit to ABM motion to adopt 10th Step Preamble as SLAA Promises – Possibility to submit as motion or issue for discussion at ABM. The NEI delegate(s) should be prepared to speak on this motion at the ABM. Representatives should ask how people feel about this at their meetings.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.