

Meeting held on Sunday, January 8, 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), Richie B., Rob K., Cathryn C., Patrick D., Peter M., David K., Eric G.

Quorum: Patrick only Elected rep with sobriety requirement – Opened to Provisional members

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Approval of December NEI business meeting minutes. **Motion to approve (Patrick/Rob): passes 3-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN) –
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – Nov mailing went out December 28 to 102 addresses with Dec newsletter, Oct and Nov NEI meeting minutes, flyer for Valentine’s Day meeting. Electronic mailing went out on Dec 31 to 143 email addresses with links to the same items plus the Movie Meeting Flyer.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 129 total calls in December. 8 callers requested meeting lists mailed to them. 3 people requested meeting lists via the internet.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 8 total inquiries in December: 3 meeting location requests, 1 request for meeting list to be mailed, 2 from newcomers, 1 from a newcomer woman wanting a phone call back, 1 from an Australian member wanting info about area meetings (sent to activities@slaanei.org).
 - From the Mailbox: (Marie C) – Nothing for the corresponding secretary.
 - Meeting List Changes: (David B, Patrick D) – Passing Meeting List to Patrick, David also willing to pass on the other duties. January Meeting List ready. Should add “needs support” note to Monday and Wednesday Providence meetings.
 - New Thursday Step Meeting in Newton. Starts on January 6. This was listed in the November 2010 report, but denoted (C12). Since then, we received the registration form which stated Open, Discussion, Literature Study, Step, not handicap accessible, no fragrances: MA. NEWTON, 7:00 PM (ODL12,nf) Steps to Recovery, Eliot Church, 474 Centre St. In Church Parlor. Alternate room on third Thursday of each month. Six weeks each on Steps 1 and 4, Four weeks each on the other Steps. Contact Jennie at 617-492-4092 with questions.
 - New Friday meeting in Jamaica Plain. Starts on January 7. We have permission to list this on the NEI web site: MA. JAMAICA PLAIN, 6:30 pm (CDSL12,75 min) JP Hope, Hope Central Church, 85-87 Seaverns Avenue. Contact Ben at paxaquarius@gmail.com.
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) NEI holding steady in terms of cash. 1/3 of the amount required to send 2nd delegate to ABM collected, but half way through the year. 7th Tradition about \$1600 below budget. Expenses also below budget, allowing NEI to hold steady. **Motion to approve (Patrick / Rob): passes 3-0-0.**
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – Delivered in separate report.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote approved. Re-running article about needing a Treasurer. Separate block suggested for meetings needing support. Add JP Meeting to new meeting list. Proofreaders – Peter M. and Eric G. Newsletter needs to be to Patrick by Jan 19th.
- Literature (Peter) – Not here. No Sales in December
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) 16 people at VT Weekend. 7 People at Movie Event. Valentine’s Day Event coming up next month February 12th. Spring Gathering Date to be determined by next NEI meeting
- Outreach (Patrick) Group Visit packets coming together. Will coordinate visits but require people to step up. Newsletter article to ask others to help with Group Visits
- ABM Delegate (David B.) David isn’t here - skipped
- Group Reps Reports (if any)
 - Thursday Weymouth – Up to 13 guys. Had to cut down time for writing/sharing format. Doing

- well
- Sunday Weymouth – GR having difficulty making the meeting, looking for feedback whether he should continue as a rep.
- Friday Providence – 21 people last Friday.
- Monday Providence – Can rep for Friday also be rep for Monday. Technically, yes, but still only 1 vote

Old Business

- Open Positions
 - Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. et al.(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)
- Group Visits Subcommittee – Challenge: finding people to cover meetings – find 5 people to build program, train 2 others to visit the next set of meetings and train 2 more until all meetings are covered. Packets should be ready for February
- Meeting list Subcommittee (if anything to report) – January list ready. 3 Other covers will be rotated throughout the year.

New Business

- SLAA Promises Consideration of Submitting Motion or Item for Discussion (round robin)
 - Like the end of the 9th Step – would be great to call it the promises – agree with putting it forward. Problem is that it has been proposed before and then shot down multiple times.
 - Shouldn't be deterred by past denials
 - Important – “hits” the member
 - Didn't know it wasn't the SLAA Promises
 - Referenced as promises in the AA Big Book, but not so in the SLAA Basic Text
 - Would like to find out from original authors if they were intended to be promises
 - We do have the “Blessings” in the “Addiction and Recovery” Pamphlet (12th Step in Basic text?)
 - Just because AA has promises, we don't need to have promises of our own. Steps are handled differently in AA Big Book than in the SLAA Basic Text
 - Tabled to February
- NEI Dates and Locations for 2011 – Newton-Wellesley Hospital (David)
 - Scheduled and reserved
- Contents of Mailing for January : Newsletter, February 12th Valentine's Day Event, December Meeting Minutes, January Meeting List, Quarterly Treasury Report
- Friday Night Newton Meeting – Suggested having NEI members rotate in to their meeting, having an NEI meeting prior to their meeting.
 - Commitments / Meeting Exchange
 - Should NEI be an official supporter of the meeting?
 - NEI can potentially emphasize the value of supporting meetings in an article

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, Eric G.