

Meeting held on Sunday, October 9, 2011 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), Rosanne R, Patrick D (spiritual reminder), Eric G (timekeeper), Cathryn C, Peter S, Bob G, Amy, David B

Quorum – 5 elected group reps with at least 6 months sobriety. We have 5 eligible voters.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of September 11 minutes. **Motion to accept (Peter S/Patrick D): passes 5-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN) –
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The August mailing went out Thursday, September 29 to 97 addresses. It contained the September newsletter, August meeting minutes, and the Fall Recovery Gathering flyer. The electronic mailing went out on Saturday, September 26 to 143 email addresses. It contained links to the same items plus the sign-up form for the September 29 – October 2 Vermont weekend and the announcement of the WNEI Fall Conference.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 129 Total phone calls in September. 2 callers requested meeting lists. 5 requests for meeting lists from internet.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 9 emails total in September: 4 meeting location requests, 1 update for the meeting list, 1 update on the Mainly for Love Addicts meeting (no longer active), 1 update for the NEI email list, 1 from a newcomer, 1 from a student doing research on sex and love addiction.
 - From the Mailbox: (Michael T) – Received envelope with flyers for Delaware Valley Intergroup Fall Retreat in the Poconos Dec 2-4.
 - Meeting List Changes: (Patrick D) – Provincetown Monday Men’s Meeting: time change from 7:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Beverly Sunday meeting: new newcomer contact name and phone number.
- Treasurer (Bob G) – Restated delegate fund balance for prior year. We will pay for yellow pages through March. Need to correct error in budget for Spring VT fees. Some errors on 7th Tradition Contributions. **Motion to accept with corrections (Patrick/Rosanne): passes 5-0-0.**
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick D) – Copier is producing white spots when scanning and copying. Printing is okay, though. Need a new drum. It’s at 60% of its life. We’re \$400+ ahead of using a print service.
- Literature (Peter S) - \$130 in literature sales. Just got an order in, so we have 2-year medallions. We have no 1-year medallions though. Last year, we sold 33 books total. We have 8 books now, so we’ll order more for the Fall Gathering.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne R, Kim B) – Fall Gathering is ready to go. 11 people at Vermont weekend, including a woman from Australia. So far, we have two people signed up for the December weekend. We took in \$53.01 from the August barbecue.
- Outreach (Patrick D) – Still working on collecting group information. Working on database for group contacts and meeting list.
- ABM Delegate (Lisa P) – FWS is hiring an office coordinator. This vacancy is listed in FWS newsletter. Then they’ll hire an executive director. Not sure when the ABM will be next year.

- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote is okay. News brief on FWS office coordinator. Include something on gratitude month in November, if it's happening. Add time and location for Fall Gathering in sidebar if there's room. Point out the officer elections at January 8 2012 NEI business meeting. Rosanne can do a short article on a quote or slogan, if there's room. Lisa will write briefing on the Fall Recovery Gathering.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Uptick in attendance in Quincy. Thursday Weymouth 4th Step Meeting is discussing format changes. Saturday meeting in Worcester will revisit format change on last Saturday in October.

Old Business

- Open Positions
 - Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. (1 year sobriety requirement)
 - Web Site Coordinator - temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
- Speaker pool at meetings – No report.

New Business

- Contents of Mailing for October
 - October Newsletter
 - December 12-Step Vermont weekend flyer
 - October Meeting List
 - September (Quarterly) Treasury Report
 - June 2011 Treasury report with restated financials for end of Fiscal Year 2010.
 - September Meeting Minutes
 - Gratitude Month Flyer
- Meeting List Changes – Not getting meeting list changes with meeting list form. Meeting list coordinator requests putting changes through with the group registration form. Some discrepancy between web meeting list and paper meeting list. Added a note to the meeting list that says all changes should be submitted with meeting information form. Bob created an editable Group Registration Form. We can look into posting an editable PDF or Word document.

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.