

Meeting held on Sunday, December 11, 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) Eric G (vice-chair), Michael T (timekeeper), Cathryn C, Rosanne R, Clint B, Peter S, Rich C, Rich N (spiritual reminder), Bob G, David B, Patrick D, Ellen S, Kim B

Quorum – 10 elected group reps with at least 3 months sobriety. We have 10 eligible voters.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Some corrections suggested. **Motion to approve with corrections (Patrick/Peter): passes 6-0-3.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B – Open) –
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) – The November mailing was sent out on November 30 to 99 addresses. It contained the October NEI meeting minutes, the November Newsletter, a flyer advertising elections for NEI service positions, and a flyer from the SLAA Conference Translation Committee. The electronic mailing went out on December 4 to 138 addresses. It contained links to the same items.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) – 128 calls to answering service in November. Total of 6 meeting lists mailed, 5 requested from the NEI web site and one from the answering service.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Total email inquiries in November: 7. 3 from newcomers requesting general meeting information, 2 looking for a meeting in a specific town, 1 looking for online meetings, and 1 inquiry from CO-SLAA.
 - From the Mailbox: (Michael T) – Nothing requiring action by corresponding secretary
 - Meeting List Changes: (Patrick D) – No changes since last month
- Treasurer (Bob G) – Treasury report shows details in month of November only. 7th Tradition Contributions are down. Need to move Winter VT contributions to Fall VT fees. Suggestion to include year-to-date and current month only columns on Treasury report. Motion to approve as amended (Rich N/Peter). Discussion on whether we should approve report before it's complete. Motion is withdrawn.
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – Some white spots on printouts, but it's intermittent. Patrick will try to get it fixed. Black and White copies still cost about 2¢ each.
- Literature (Peter) – November was a good month due to Fall Gathering. Selling a lot of Romantic Obsession pamphlets.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) 15-16 people will be attending the Vermont weekend. No activities planned for January.
- Outreach and Committee (Patrick, David, Ellen, Lisa) – There are still plenty of groups that we don't have contact information for. Still need help doing outreach and group visits.
- ABM Delegate (Lisa P) – Next ABM is July 24-27 in San Diego. Registration sign-ups may be due in January. David and Lisa will look up the deadlines.

- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote is service-related, approved. Rosanne will write a service-related article on a slogan. Note that 7th Tradition contributions are down in News Briefs. Michael and Eric will proofread.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Weymouth Sunday group changed its format to Steps, Literature (Steps & Traditions book), and Discussion. Attendance is down at Weymouth Wednesday meeting. Institutional meeting in Salisbury is defunct. Tuesday night women's meeting is also defunct, but Ellen has the materials. Attendance and contributions are down for Brookline Saturday group.

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 – Clint can no longer be the chair of this group. Needs a new chair. Rosanne, Rich N, and Patrick are also on the committee.
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New Business

- NEI Meeting Location for 2012 and Confirming Meeting Dates. David contacted the room reservations guy, but he hasn't heard back. April 8 is Easter. We will have the NEI meeting on April 1 instead.
- Contents of Mailing for December
 - December Newsletter
 - November Meeting Minutes

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.