

Meeting held on Sunday, Sept 9, 2012 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5:00 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Brief Check-Ins. In attendance: Patrick D (chair) Lisa P (vice-chair), David B(timekeeper), Peter S(spiritual reminder), Rich C, Bob G, Rich N.

Quorum 4- Motion to allow GR's without the sobriety requirement to vote Bob G/Rich N pass 4-0-0.

Department Reports

- Chairman (Patrick D)
- Recording Secretary (Rich N) August Minutes Motion to accept. RichN / Peter S Pass 4-0-0
- Corresponding Secretary - includes Meeting List (Kim) Kim not present, no report 133 calls, 5 calls returns, 1 request for meeting list. 90 USPS mailings sent 9/5/2012.
- Treasurer (Bob G.) Motion to accept Rich C/David B 2-0-2
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) \$0.05/page About \$1,200.00 savings so far with printing machine.
- Literature (Rich C) looking to sell more literature items at fall conference. Rich C will discuss needs for more ordering with Peter S. to have at the Fall conference.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Rosanne) not in attendance, 21 people at picnic, Try to improve bookmark with heavier card stock and colors. Possible in-state 12 step weekend. Try picnic in Blue Hills for next Aug. Speakers for Fall Conference needed.
- Outreach and Committee (Cat, Alex) Not in attendance, no report.
- ABM Delegate (David B.) New preamble is on the FWS website. Travel equalization fund for travel over 500 miles will be disbursed to the intergroups from FWS.
- Newsletter (David B.) Quote to be changed. Keep Step and Tradition at top of page for consistency.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) none.

Old Business

1. Database maintenance mailing list - Kim not present tabled
2. Google Groups (Patrick and Lisa) Email to be sent to Google groups approved and felt to be appropriate.
3. Newsletter readership marketing ideas How many people are really reading the newsletter. Will consider have a 3 mos article asking readership to respond if they want to continue to receive mailing. Subcommittee is to meet and recommend on that. Subcommittee is Patrick D, Lisa P and Kim B
4. Outreach - tabled

New Business

1. NEI to send out updated Preamble to groups? (FWS web site has been updated at http://www.slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_SLAA_Preamble.pdf) David B to put link in Newsletter.
2. Website enhancements - Subcommittee to look into improvement Lisa P, David B, Rich N. Site Map, Compatibility with Smart phones. Check other intergroup websites. As well as how they work on smartphones.
3. Meeting list requests - What is NEI's obligation and what is the obligation of the requester. NEI can send a meeting list on request and ask the requester to print as many copies as needed. Requesters will be referred to the NEI website or phone.

Contents of Mailing for September -deadline for materials to get to Patrick for printing - Wed., Sept. 19th

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter (David) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Gathering Flyer (11/03/12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting minutes (Rich) | <input type="checkbox"/> December Vermont weekend flyer |

Tabled Until Next Meeting

- Database - Kim
- Outreach.

Closing

Next NEI Meeting is October 14, 2012