

The meeting began at 5:15 PM with the Serenity Prayer and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions followed by check-ins.

Present: Peter S (chair), Michael T, Kim B, Patrick D, Bob G, David B, Rich N, Lisa P, Wil C, John S, Bill S

Timekeeper – Michael T

Spiritual Reminder – Wil C

Quorum – 8 out of 11 elected representatives

Department Reports

- **Chairman (Peter S)** -
- **Recording Secretary (David B)** – Review of December minutes. **Motion to approve as amended (Michael/Kim): 7-1-0.** Review of January minutes. **Motion to accept as amended (Kim/Wil): 8-0-0.**
- **Corresponding Secretary (open)**
 - **Mailing Report: (Kim B)** – Two USPS recipients were deleted. One professional USPS recipient was added. The full USPS mailing was sent to 43 recipients and the meeting list was sent to 125 recipients on January 29th. The full mailing included the February NEI Newsletter, November NEI minutes, December Treasurer’s report and the January meeting list. The meeting list and Newsletter were also sent to 4 professionals (including the phone answering service). Four e-mail recipients were added. Email mailing for January 2014 was sent out February 2nd to 207 recipients. The e-mail included links for February NEI Newsletter, November NEI minutes, December Treasurer’s report, the Valentine’s Day Event Flyer for February 15th and the March NEI 12-step retreat.
 - **Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P)** – 5 total email inquiries in January 2014:

Student observer at meeting	1
Other Intergroup looking to share tools with NEI	1
Person looking for meetings in Western MA	1
Meeting location/address being requested	1
Checking on whether group still meets in Worcester	1
TOTAL	5
 - **Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.)** – 133 calls in January. Information sent to answering service
 - **Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.)** – no updates
 - **From the Mailbox: (Michael T)** – nothing new in the mailbox
- **Treasurer (Bob G.)** – Corrections made to treasury reports for July – December 2013. Cash balance increased by \$2038.34. Suggestion to pay ANTS for back rent for one of the conferences we owe them. Lisa will post updated treasury reports on the web site. We’ll put a blurb about it in the newsletter after they are available on the web site. Distributed treasury reports for month of January. Discussion. Discussion on whether we can pay back ANTS for one conference we owe them. Decided to stay with the payback plan we voted on in January. **Motion to accept treasury report as amended (Michael/Patrick): 8-0-0.**
 - **Photocopying Subcommittee (Kim B)** – Consensus not to submit photocopying report any more. It was started to see if we saved money by purchasing a copier. We saved enough on printing costs in the first several months to pay for the copier.
- **Literature (David B.)** - Purchased \$577.95 in literature, plus \$33.70. Sold \$103.25 in pamphlets, chips, and books. Current assets are \$1,188.35.
- **Activities Committee including Vermont (open)** – Upcoming Spring Gathering: ANTS has raised our fee to \$1,100 - \$950 plus \$150 cleanup fee. Need more help for Spring Gathering beyond just the

Activities Committee. Activities Committee spearheads it, but needs to delegate and recruit more help. Suggestion: add setup time to the flyer. Set agenda item for March NEI meeting. Other events: We Are Not Alone on Feb 9, Mt. Wachusett Hike on May 17, Asked for August 16, 23, or 30 at Houghton's Pond. Still looking into having an in-state retreat. Possible locations: Southborough or Littleton. John knows a place in Attelboro.

- **Outreach Committee (Wil C)** – Bridgewater visits: Wil rotates with Roger. Encouraged people with books in unusable state to write to FWS. Suggestion to promote online and telephone meetings. Prison Outreach committee needs penpals for people in prison. Put announcement in newsletter.
- **ABM Delegate (Wil C)** – Registration is now open for ABM.
- **Newsletter (Rich N)** – Quote approved. Add dates for Spring Gathering and Mt. Wachusett hike. Add article requesting Pen Pals for Prison Outreach Committee. Wil can look into reusing old cartoons from the Journal in our newsletters. Proofreaders: Michael and Wil.
- **Group Reps Reports (if any)** – John and Bill are new representatives to NEI. East Barnstable Thursday night meeting cannot meet currently. The group is reorganizing.

Old Business

1. **Meeting List Updates being listed in the newsletter – in light of policy of not emailing Meeting List out** – David, Patrick, Rich, and Lisa agreed to be on the committee. We have two people willing to help.

New Business

1. **Michael S from GDVI** – Contacted us about sharing Experience, Strength, and Hope with us. Rich N will respond to him.
2. **Increase in ANTS fee for Gathering** – ANTS has added a \$150 fee for janitor, so the fee is now \$1,100. Do we still want to have a conference this spring? Round Robin Discussion on whether to hold conference at ANTS in Spring. **Motion to contact ANTS, try to get fee reduced to \$950. Even if we can't, hold conference there for Spring and try to find another location for Fall (Patrick/Wil): 8-0-0.**

Contents of Mailing for January -deadline for materials to get to printed – Wed., February 19

1. Newsletter (Rich)
2. December Meeting minutes (David)
3. January Meeting minutes (David)
4. Spring Gathering Flyer (Peter)

Tabled Until Next Meeting?

1. **Follow up to group contact reach out 12/31 deadline** – Tabled
2. **Group Inventory Committee**

Closing: - 7:15 PM Serenity Prayer.

Next NEI Meeting is March 9th, 2014