

The meeting began at 5:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions followed by check-ins.

Present: Peter S (chair), Wil C, Bob G, Michael T, David B, Flip R, Bill S, Kim B, Rich N

Timekeeper – Michael T

Spiritual Reminder – Wil C

Quorum – 6 elected representatives with 3 months sobriety.

Department Reports

- **Chairman (Peter S) -**
- **Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of February minutes. Motion to accept minutes as amended (Bob/Michael): passes 6-0-0.**
- **Corresponding Secretary (open)**
 - **Mailing Report: (Kim B and Lisa P) –** Four e-mail recipients were added. Two mailing list recipients were deleted. The USPS address was deleted for one E-mail recipient when the meeting list was returned. The full USPS mailing was sent to 46 recipients on February 27th . Email mailing for February 2014 was sent out 03/05/2014 to 210 recipients. The USPS mailing included the March NEI Newsletter, December and January NEI minutes, and the flyer for the Spring Conference. The e-mailing also included a link for the March NEI 12-step retreat. We sent out 1 meeting list only, and four meeting list plus info packet, from web site requests.
 - **Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Information/Inquiries for January 2014**

Inquiry about Vermont weekend	1
Newcomer – General meeting Info	1
Meeting location/address being requested	2
TOTAL	4
 - **Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S) –** In February the answering service received 120 calls. The answering service received 5 callers requesting call backs:

Meeting location information	2
Request for help starting a meeting	1
Vermont meeting info	1
Request for a sponsor for help with Love Addiction	1
 - **Meeting List Report: (Lisa P) –** The Beverly Sunday meeting deleted the name of their contact person from the meeting list.
 - **From the Mailbox: (Michael T) –** Nothing new in the mailbox
- **Treasurer (Bob G) –** Paid \$611.65 for literature, \$100 to reserve ANTS for Spring Recovery Gathering, \$500 to payback what we owe to ANTS for previous conferences. **Motion to accept treasury report (Kim/Wil): passed 6-0-0.**
- **Literature (David B) –** Sold \$134.50 in literature to four groups. We have 7 Basic Texts left. Questions about cost of literature purchased. Suggestion to put article in newsletter about purchasing literature from NEI.
- **Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) –** Passed around sign-up sheet for keynote speakers and topic session leaders. We have one keynote speaker already. Still need 3 more. Picnic will be on August 16 at Site #4 at Houghton’s Pond near Blue Hills Reservation. Mt. Wachusett hike planned for May 17. We’ll get a flyer in this month’s mailing. Need a new location for the Fall Recovery Gathering, since ANTS is raising their prices. Looking to have a weekend retreat in Massachusetts. Two possible locations: Framingham and Harvard.
- **Outreach Committee (Wil C) –** Wil has prepared flyer inviting people to NEI and explaining what reps do. Suggestion to put together information package explaining NEI. We may still have information on web site. We still have some of the group visitation packets.
- **ABM Delegate (Wil C) –** We have the budget to send a delegate. There will be a session at the

ABM on how to handle requests from the media.

- **Newsletter (Rich N)** – Quote approved. Do we approve of the joke on the page? People don't seem to like it. Can we use other cartoons, or reuse cartoons from the Journal? Wil may write something requesting pen pals for the CPOC. Peter will submit an article for the newsletter, introducing himself as NEI chair. Proofreaders: David and Wil.
- **Group Reps Reports (if any)** – A new meeting in Millbury MA will work through the "Facing the Shadows" workbook. Looking for a location for East Barnstable meeting.

Old Business

1. **Web Site Updates** – Lisa, Patrick, Rich had a conference call on web site today. Looked at other intergroups' web sites as examples. Would like someone familiar with Wordpress who can make the web site simple and inviting, rather than being a lot of text.
2. **Meeting List Updates being listed in the newsletter – in light of policy of not emailing Meeting List out** – Suggestions: Ask people if it's ok to put their email address or phone number on the web page and don't put it into the newsletter if it's not on the web page. Setup email aliases for meetings with contacts. Motion: When a meeting with information on the web submits a contact number/email address, ask the contact if it's ok to put their information on the web page. If it's ok, we can put their contact info on the web and in the newsletter. If not, leave it off the web page and leave it out of the newsletter. Contact info will still be in the printed meeting list. Meeting list coordinator will contact people. (David/Wil). Question about what to do if a meeting is not listed on the web page. Vote: 6-0-1. Note that meeting list coordinator is not present.
3. **Group Inventory Committee** – Need a committee for this and a chair for committee. Wil is willing to chair committee. Peter, Kim willing to be on committee. Discussion on when to do inventory. We'll aim for June. If not June, September.
4. **Michael S from GDVI** – Contacted us about sharing Experience, Strength, and Hope with us. Rich N responded to him. We need to ask what they want from us and what they are offering.

New Business

1. **Open Positions** – We still need a vice-chair and a corresponding secretary. These positions are still open. We need a vice-chair as an alternate signer on checks. **Nomination of Michael as vice-chair (David/Wil). Michael accepts. Vote passes: 6-0-1.**
2. **Contact List for officers** – Do we have a contact list for NEI officers? Corresponding Secretary keeps a list of representatives. Google group gives email addresses of all members.
3. **Resignation from Board** – Sue B from UK resigned from Board of Trustees. Chris B from San Diego has been appointed.

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

1. Newsletter (Rich)
2. February Meeting minutes (David)
3. Mt. Wachusett Hike flyer (David)
4. 60/40 Flyer

Tabled Until Next Meeting?

1. Follow up to group contact reach out 12/31 deadline – Tabled
2. Literature for Prison Outreach

Closing: - 7:00 PM Serenity Prayer.

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, April 13th, 2014