

Meeting held on Sunday, January 10, 2016 in AR 100 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 5:00 PM with Serenity Prayer, reading of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and brief check-ins. Members Present: Peter S (chair and facilitator), Bob G, Jenny R, Craig G, David B, Michael T, Seth S (spiritual reminder), Philip W, Joe M, Lisa P

Quorum: 6 elected representatives with 3 months continuous sobriety.

Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – No minutes from December available at meeting. Tabled until next meeting.
- Corresponding Secretary – (Patrick D) Not present. Limited information on correspondence in December.
 - Mailing Report (Patrick D. & Lisa P.) –
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) –
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – 112 calls in December. Returned 10 calls.
 - Meeting List –
- Treasurer (Bob G is interim treasurer) – Expenses have been lower than expected so far this year. 7th Tradition Contributions are down too. Most of other income – other than 7th Tradition contributions – is from retreats. Other normal expenses are accounted for: answering service, telephone number, rent for meeting room. Motion to accept (Michael/Seth): passes 5-0-0.
- Literature (David B) – \$34.75 in literature sales for this month. FWS now has bronze medallions for 21-30 years of sobriety.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Report on December 12-Step Retreat: We have a credit of \$125 for the next weekend. Jenny and Rita were co-facilitators. People came from New York, New Jersey, New England. The January retreat was cancelled and registrations refunded or applied to the March 18-20 retreat. All flyers are done for retreats except for La Salette in Attleboro. Still need flyers for Spring Gathering and Mt. Wachusett hike. David will update the hike flyer. Valentine’s Day “We Are Not Alone” get-together at Grace Church on Saturday, February 13.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Not present. Willing to do the job as acting coordinator, but willing to give it up for someone else.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Not present
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Review of newsletter. Quote is ok, but remove the word “reading” from attribution. Craig will write article on Step 2 for newsletter by January 18. Add to News Briefs: women’s meeting is holding Valentine’s Day event. Seth will write update on ABM and IRC. Aim to have something on this for every newsletter. Michael and Philip will proofread.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Chris is willing to do edits on the site. Doug will help as backup if needed. Meetings need to be updated. Need a way to update meetings lists without editing the same information in multiple places.
- ABM in Boston (Seth S) – Last meeting was Thursday, January 7. Trying to get contact info for Boston Harbor Hyatt to do a site visit. Last month, there was an FWS/IRC meeting, but the FWS/ABM meeting was postponed. Next IRC meeting is Monday, January 18. Need to resolve requirements for audio recording, allowing single-day registration. Meetings are well-attended in person and on the phone. Theme is “40 Years Evolving and Growing in Recovery”. Logo is nearly complete. Working on list of topics. For speakers, try to find people to represent every decade. Putting together transportation options.
- Group Rep Reports (if any) – Plymouth Wednesday group will start reading draft 12x12. Worcester Saturday will try to start up again and see if there is interest.

Old Business

- Meeting List distribution – PDF of meeting list for electronic distribution looks too much like non-distributable meeting list. They should look different. This can be involved in discussion of having 5 different meeting formats.
- NEI Meeting Room for 2016 – David will call to request AR 100 for dates in 2016.
- Open positions: Treasurer (July 1st) –

New Business

- Elections of Officers and Directors – Available positions:
 - Literature Secretary - David
 - Web Site Coordinator - none
 - Newsletter Editor - Craig
 - Outreach Chair - Seth
 - Treasurer - Michael
 - Corresponding Secretary – talk to Patrick
 - Recording Secretary - Rotate
 - Activities Chair – none
 - Telephone Coordinator - Peter
 - Chair - Rotate
 - Vice-Chair - Rotate
 - ABM Representative - none
- Motion to rotate chair and vice-chair monthly (Jenny/Seth): passes 5-0-0. Seth will chair for February meeting. Peter will be Vice-Chair. Michael is willing to try being Treasurer to see if it works out. Motion to make positions for 1 year just for the 2016 term (Jenny/Bob): passes 5-0-0. Peter is willing to continue as Phone coordinator. What about printing? Do we have a volunteer to take the printer to handle printing at home. Either that or we go back to printing at Staples or something. Ask if Patrick can print labels for February. We'll rotate recording secretary. David will do minutes again next week.
- Motion to accept new positions as stated (Jenny/Michael): passes 5-0-0. Lisa will still help put things on web site, but we still need someone to handle it.
- Motion to add Michael as signatory on checking account and leave other signatories as is (Jenny/Seth): passes 5-0-0.

Contents of Mailing for October - Deadline for materials to get to printed – January 20

- Newsletter (Rich N/Craig)
- January Meeting List
- Financials (Bob/Michael)
- March Retreat Flyer
- Spring Gathering Flyer

Closing

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, February 14, 2016, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B