

Meeting held on Sunday, September 11, 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: Patrick D (chair), Bob G, Ian W, David B, Lisa P (Spiritual Reminder), Jenny R, Michael T, Amalia E, Craig G

Quorum: 3 elected representatives with 3 months continuous sobriety. **Motion to allow all reps to vote (Bob/Michael): passes 3-0-0.** We have 4 voters.

Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Patrick D) – Review of agenda.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of August minutes. Some corrections. **Motion to accept minutes as amended (Michael/Amalia): passes 3-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (open)
 - Mailing Report (David and Amalia): The USPS mailing was sent out 09/05/16 and included the July minutes, Year-End financials for June, and the September newsletter. The email mailing for July was sent out on 09/10/16 to 270 email recipients. The e-mail mailing included links to the July minutes, Year-End financials for June, September newsletter, September Anorexia Vermont 12-Step weekend Flyer and Sept/Oct. Vermont 12-Step weekend Flyer.
 - Phone Coordinator (Peter S): The answering service received 134 calls in August. The responders returned 9 calls: 2 were requesting meeting information, 2 looking for Connecticut info, 2 calls about IRC merchandise, 2 requests for a meeting list, and 1 requesting general program information for a relative.
 - Internet Coordinator (Lisa P): 10 total emails in August: 7 on purchasing IRC merchandise, 2 inquiries on the Vermont 12-Step weekend, and 1 on volunteering at the IRC.
 - Meeting List: Two meetings resume from hiatus: Sunday “One Breath at a Time” women’s meeting at 7:15 PM in Brookline resumes on Sept 11. Sunday women’s meeting at 8:00 in Brookline also resumes Sept 11.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Add totals from fund. IRC fund, scholarship, petty cash. IRC income of \$7700. We’ve received checks for September retreats, but they are not in the August financial report. \$108 in bank charges is fees for charging credit cards with the Square app. **Motion to accept financial report (Bob/Amalia): passes 4-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – Sold \$10 in chips to one group. Sold 2 books and 20 anorexia pamphlets and anorexia 1-2-3 booklets for the anorexia retreat weekend. Money is collected at the anorexia retreat for the pamphlets and booklets.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Peter is not present. Jenny covers for him. Need to have an activities committee meeting sometime to plan Vermont retreat information, the Spring Gathering. Need to decide if we’re doing a Massachusetts retreat. So far, 15 people have paid for the Anorexia retreat weekend. 4 or 5 attendees so far registered for the 12-Step retreat. Scholarship fund is low, we need donations for that. We’ll ask for donations in Newsletter. We’ve budgeted for 1 scholarship per retreat.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Seth S) – Not present.
- ABM Delegate (Seth S and Amalia E) – Article in September newsletter on ABM. Written reports on the IRC are due by September 26. We’re having a meeting on September 29.
- Newsletter (Craig G) – Draft copies of newsletter are passed around. Include something about scholarship fund. We already have an article about the IRC, but we won’t have information about the balance for the IRC until next month. Suggestion for article from

someone who received a retreat scholarship on how the scholarship helped them. Ian will write article on Step 10. Proofreaders: Ian and Lisa.

- Group Rep Reports (if any) –

Old Business

1. Open Positions – Corresponding Secretary. Amalia handles the mailing list and the labels, but she can no longer do it at the end of the month. Need someone else with at least 1-year sobriety to manage the mailing list and labels. David will see if he can find someone geographically close to manage it.
2. IRC Results Updates – We still have flash drives left. Seth asked for permission to continue selling recordings and CDs. Board of Trustees said we can continue to sell as long as we have inventory and keep 100% of the sales. Total IRC expenses are around \$5300. Total donations for IRC in seed money from groups is \$2033.50. Sales are over \$7000, so total revenue is over \$9000. So, we have over \$4000 income total from the IRC.
3. 2016-2017 Budget – Michael brought copies of the proposed budget for FY 2016-17. Has previous year's budget and actuals. Last column has change. We won't have Fall Gathering, so no income or expense from that. Total budgeted income is \$26,995. Budget \$1250 in expenses for one delegate to ABM. Budget \$1550 for ABM hosting expenses. No literature purchases because we have plenty right now. No web site cost this year. Included \$600 donation to FWS. Budget for reproduction at Spring Gathering and supplies for printer. Retreat expenses are the same as last year. Total budgeted expenses is \$23,696. **Motion to approve budget (Bob/Amalia): passes 4-0-0.**

New Business

1. Update on Printer – David found a compatible power cord at his house. Need to replace the waste toner box and the toner drum, so David ordered new supplies plus a set of new toner cartridges. Waste toner box has arrived but still waiting on a new drum. We may want to think about purchasing a new printer.
2. Web Site Update – Date of next NEI business meeting is not on web page. Contact Us link sends email to sender, but does not always send to web master. Need to update upcoming events to remove past events.
3. Local Retreat Status – Need to book dates soon. Jenny has permission to book La Salette for an appropriate weekend in 2017.

Tabled Items

- Group Inventory Results

Contents of Mailing for September: Deadline for Printing is Wednesday, September 21

- August Meeting Minutes (David B)
- October Newsletter (Craig G)
- Gratitude Month Flyer (David B)

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, October 9 2016, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.