

Meeting held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 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: Seth S (chair), David B, Johanny P, Lisa P, Patrick D (spiritual reminder), Jenny R (timekeeper), Peter S (on the phone).

Quorum: 2 elected group representatives with 3 months sobriety. No other elected group representatives present.

Committee Reports

- Chairperson (Seth S) – Review of Agenda and open positions.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of February minutes. A few corrections. **Motion to accept as amended (Patrick/Peter): passes 2-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (open)
 - Mailing Report (David, Jenny. and Lisa) – The March U.S. mailing went out on March 2nd to 40 addresses. It contained the March newsletter, January NEI meeting minutes, and the Spring Recovery Gathering flyer. The email mailing was sent out on March 5th to 277 contacts and included links to March newsletter, January NEI meeting minutes, the Spring Recovery Gathering flyer, Treasury report, March Vermont 12-step Retreat form, and the April Attleboro 12-Step Retreat form.
 - Telephone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – The answering service received 116 calls in February. The responders returned 6 calls: 3 on retreat info, 1 request for a meeting list, 1 request for program information, and 1 looking for a couples meeting in Hampton.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 5 total emails received in February: 2 looking for gay meetings, 1 looking for meetings on the North Shore, 1 meeting list request, and 1 donation to the 12-Step retreat scholarship fund.
 - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) – Not sure if Sunday Fitchburg “Restore to Sanity” meeting is still active. Monday Newton “Partnerships in Recovery” needs support. Monday Jamaica Plain “Alone No More” meeting has disbanded. Thursday Falmouth women’s meeting has new location at John Wesley United Methodist Church, 270 Gifford St.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Michael is not present, but he emailed the report to everyone. Report tabled until next month.
- Literature (David B) – Sold \$49.50 in pamphlets and one 1-Year medallion. We have no 1-Year medallions and no 17-Year medallions left. David will see if he can get more from another meeting. We have \$2,765.50 in literature assets. Since the start of the fiscal year (July 1 2016) we have sold \$1,387.25 in literature. Question about what we do about leftover inventory from IRC, i.e. T-shirts, tote bags, flash drives. We’ll try to sell then at the Spring Gathering. We should try to track our inventory of these things.
- Activities Committee including Retreats (Jenny R) – Committee has been meeting regularly. Someone is working on the bookmark with dates, so that will be done soon. Added canoeing/kayaking event in June headed by Johanny. 11 people have signed up for March retreat in Vermont. 11 people said they are coming to Attleboro but we only have 8 people paid so far plus 1 credit card in process. We need to register 20 people for Attleboro. Peter and Patrick will co-lead Attleboro retreat. For Spring Gathering, we’re still looking for keynote speakers. Next Activities Committee teleconference in Thursday, March 16. We also have a hike at Mt. Wachusett planned for Saturday, May 20.

- Outreach and Outreach Committee (open) – See Old Business
- ABM Delegate (Seth S) – Local Planning Committee met recently. Need volunteers to help with ABM, including hospitality suite. Lisa and Johanny are willing to help.
- Newsletter (Craig G) – No report on newsletter. Include article on leftover IRC items for sale. Remind people about the Spring Gathering. Include something about Attleboro retreat. Proofreaders: Lisa P and David B.
- Group Reports –

Old Business

- Open Positions
 - Vice-chair – No volunteers
 - Corresponding Secretary – No volunteers. We'll continue to split the duties.
 - Outreach Coordinator – Patrick D volunteers
- Revisit Group Inventory – The same people do service, not attracting new people. Need to do better about starting on time. The last group inventory is from June 2015, but a lot of it still applies. We're trying to visit one item per month. Some of these things we're doing: allowing people to phone in to meetings and increase participation in activities.

New Business

- Outreach/Increasing the NEI footprint - We do a good job at planning events and getting things done, but we need to do better at getting the message out and bringing in volunteers. Suggestion to do group visits and take names and email addresses from group contacts. We need visibility at retreats, at the gatherings, etc. When a new group registers, we should send them new stuff. Patrick is interested in doing outreach, but wants to reinvent how it's done. Lisa, Patrick, and Seth are interested in being on the subcommittee. Patrick is willing to be chair of outreach committee. We'll hold off the vote until next month when we have more people who can vote.

Tabled Items

- Treasury Report
- Marketing leftover IRC items
- Fundraising for ABM expenses
- Nomination of Patrick to chair the outreach committee
- Bridgewater MTC Meetings

Contents of Mailing for February: Deadline for Printing is Wednesday, March 22

- April Newsletter (Craig G)
- February Meeting Minutes (David B)
- Mt. Wachusett Hike Flyer (David B)
- Spring Gathering Flyer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, April 9 2017, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.