

Meeting held on Sunday, June 11, 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, Michael T (spiritual reminder), Jenny R (timekeeper). On the conference call: Tom O, Marsha Z, Patrick D

Quorum Check: 3 representatives present with at least 3 months sobriety. **Motion to waive 3-month sobriety requirement for today. (Michael/Marsha): 3-0-0.** We have four voting members.

Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) – Review of agenda
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of May minutes. **Motion to approve minutes as amended (Michael/Marsha): passes 3-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary – David B reads report.
 - Mailing Report (Lisa P) – The June US Postal mailing went into the mailbox on Saturday, May 27 to 40 addresses. The envelopes included the June newsletter, July Vermont 12-Step Retreat flyer, April minutes, and the Jan-Mar quarterly treasury report. The June email went out on May 30 to 278 addresses. It contained the same items plus links to the June 24th Canoe/Kayak event flyer, Activities Committee Calendar of Events 2017 Bookmark, IRC Merchandise for Sale, and details on next NEI meeting on June 11th.
 - Telephone Coordinator Report (Peter S.) – The answering service received 112 calls in May. The responders returned 7 calls on the following topics: 3 requests for meeting info, 2 requests for program info, 1 request for retreat info, and 1 on carpooling to the hike.
 - Internet Coordinator Report (Lisa P) – The web site received a total of 6 inquires in May on the following topics: 1 looking for a 25-Year medallion, 1 on Sept. Anorexia retreat, 1 from a newcomer for general information, 1 on the Women's Falmouth Meeting no longer solely S.L.A.A.-affiliated, 1 mailing list update, and 1 information from other S.L.A.A. Groups/Intergroups.
 - Meeting List Report (Lisa P) – Monday Men's Step Meeting in Cambridge has a new meeting location.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Overall in May, wrote a few checks and made no deposits. Total assets are \$11,966.79, including \$950.20 in scholarship fund. No deposits were made, so there are no 7th Tradition contributions. Treasurer has contributions to deposit, however. Net income as of end of May is \$6969.71. Because of IRC income, we are \$4237.71 above budget. **Motion to accept financial report as amended (Marsha/Michael): 4-0-0.** For Spring Gathering, we overpaid by \$100. We recently received check from ANTS for \$100, so this deposit will appear in the June treasury report.
- Literature (David B) – We sold \$78.75 in books, chips, and pamphlets since the May NEI meeting. We have \$2687.75 in assets, including \$2177.75 in literature and \$510.00 in IRC items. David does not have inventory of flash drives because Seth and Jenny have them. This fiscal year (starting July 1 2016), we have taken in \$2056.75 in literature revenue and \$218.00 in IRC items. David will create list of items to purchase at the ABM in July so we will have enough for the next year.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny) – Committee meeting last Thursday. Next

event is Canoe/Kayak event on June 24. If you're going or know who is going, let NEI know so we have an idea how many are coming. We have 3 registrations for July Vermont Retreat. Need co-leaders for that retreat. Barbecue is scheduled for August 25. Activities Committee will meet in July to discuss planning. Peter is creating flyer for Barbecue. Looking into carpooling to Connecticut Intergroup's Augustine Alchemy event on August 12. Mt. Wachusett hike had 5 people and took in \$17 in 7th Tradition donations.

- Outreach and Committee (Patrick D) – Not present.
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Seth) – Reserved a bus for \$425. Tip would be about \$45 for a total of \$470. What do we need to stock the hospitality suite? Suggest budget of \$500 for hospitality suite. We will have some coffee and tea and paper products left over from last year. Still need about 7-8 more volunteers, so ask people at your meetings if they can volunteer for a portion of a day. Hospitality suite is well away from the meeting rooms.
- Newsletter (Craig) – Not present, but editor sent a draft. Newsletter editor has not attended 3 out of 6 meetings this year. Someone is willing to continue as interim editor if necessary. Round robin discussion of position of newsletter editor. Consensus is to make changes with how newsletter is completed. Jenny will talk to newsletter editor.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None

Old Business

1. Vice Chair open position – No volunteers
2. Outreach/Increasing NEI footprint – Outreach chair is not present

New Business

1. Objectives for increasing NEI footprint. Suggestions?
 - a. Meetings are an accounting of details. It feels like there is too much detail.
 - b. Giving more information to meetings about duties of positions. Give people more tangible description of what they can do for NEI.
 - c. Do people read the newsletters? Pass out newsletters at meetings rather than just setting them on a table.
 - d. Make NEI seem more interesting and appealing for volunteers.
 - e. When we approach people for doing service, make it clear that we can offer them help rather than us just offering them help.
 - f. Can we format our monthly emailing to look like a newsletter? There are tools we can use for this. One difficulty is making them look the same across platforms.

Items for the Mailing – Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, June 21.

- May Meeting Minutes (David)
- July Newsletter (Craig)
- Flyer on ABM Agenda Items (David)
- Barbecue Flyer (Peter)
- Augustine Alchemy Flyer (Jenny)

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, July 9 2017 at 4 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.