

Meeting held on Sunday, August 13, 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), Patrick D, Michael T, David B, Lisa P (timekeeper), Jenny R (spiritual reminder). On the conference call: Betsy L.

Quorum Check: 2 representatives present with at least 3 months sobriety. Motion to adopt this as quorum for today (Patrick/Michael): 2-0-0.

Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) -
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of July meeting minutes. **Motion to accept with changes (Michael/Patrick): passes 2-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (Lisa P) –
 - Mailing Report (Jenny and Lisa) – The July US Postal mailing went out on July 23rd. The quarterly U.S. mailing had 115 pieces. The monthly U.S. mailing had 41 pieces. The monthly mailing included July Newsletter, Quarterly financials, June Minutes, Fall Walk & Meeting flyer Anorexia Vermont Retreat Flyer and Meeting list. The July email mailing went out on July 25th to 278 addresses. Mailing contained links to the same materials with the exception of the meeting list which is sent out via U.S Mail only.
 - Telephone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – The answering service received 131 calls in July. The responders returned 5 calls on the following topics: 2 looking for meeting info, 1 looking for phone meeting info, 1 looking for Vermont retreat info, 1 looking for a meeting in Keene NH.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 6 total email responses on the following topics: 3 signing up for July Vermont Step weekend, 1 ordering IRC audio recording, 1 inquiry on Anorexia retreat in September, 1 from a newcomer looking for a sponsor.
 - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P) – No meeting list updates for July.
 - Jenny is trying to clean up the database on group contacts and group reps and people on the mailing list.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Michael brought copies of the financial report. As of July 31, we had \$12,279.18 in the account plus \$794.20 in the scholarship fund. We received about \$1000 in July due to 7th Tradition collections and payments for Vermont retreat. Literature sales show up as negative due to reimbursement for double payment. Collected \$1,560 for retreat in July for Vermont retreat and paid \$770 to Nikki for retreat. **Motion to accept financials (Patrick/Michael): passes 2-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – One group bought stuff worth \$83.25. Since July 1 (start of Fiscal Year) we have sold \$107 in literature. We currently have \$2079.75 in literature assets. Jenny needs 25 anorexia pamphlets for retreat. Seth got rid of all t-shirts except 3 in reserve, including 40th anniversary medallions. Remove tote bags and t-shirts from inventory.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny R) – Barbecue is on August 26. Peter has been coordinating it and we need support from NEI to run this event. Two people carpoled from Worcester to Augustine Alchemy in Connecticut. Trying to find another person to co-load the Anorexia Retreat with Rita. We need clarification from the Board about using draft literature. So far, we have 10 people going to the anorexia retreat and 6 people attending the Sept-Oct 12-Step Retreat.
- Outreach and Committee (Patrick D) – Received list of group contacts from Jenny. Patrick

will verify all contacts. Once we know which are current and which are no longer valid, we can start scheduling group visits. We can use Joe G to help with group visits.

- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Seth S) – Revenue for S.L.A.A. has dropped by 45% in the past few years. Literature sales are strong, but 7th Tradition donations are down. Board has a full complement of 9 members for the first time in many years. We have a discussion of
- Newsletter (Craig G) – Newsletter editor is not present, but sent draft. Brief discussion about replacing newsletter editor. Consensus is to replace editor. Seth will talk to him about it. Michael will write article on financials. Seth will write a summary of the ABM. Check if Kim can write something about Ravenswood Park. Patrick will ask if Joe G can write something about group visits and guest speakers. Lisa will write about Step 9. November NEI business meeting is on November 19, not 12. Patrick and Lisa will proofread.
- Group Reps Reports (if any)

Old Business

1. Budget – Review of proposed FY 2017-18 budget. Add \$1600 for ABM/C expenses and income/expenses for New Year's Retreat at La Salette. Tabled until next month.
2. Objectives
3. Newsletter

New Business

1. Western NE Intergroup – WNEI rep approached someone about merging intergroups, folding WNEI into NEI. Discussion of allowing meetings in other intergroups on NEI meetings list.

Tabled Items

1. Objectives

Items for the Mailing – Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, August 23.

- July Meeting Minutes
- September Newsletter
- September Vermont 12-Step Retreat Flyer
- Fall Gathering Flyer

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 5 PM. Seth S has the Bluetooth Speaker and will bring it to the September meeting. Respectfully submitted, David B.