

Meeting held on Sunday, September 10, 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 (timekeeper), Joe G, Michael T, David B, Betsy L (spiritual reminder). On the conference call: Peter S, Lisa P, Marsha Z, Tom O.

Quorum Check: 4 group representatives with at least 3 months continuous sobriety. **Motion to allow all group reps to vote (Patrick/Michael): passes 4-0-0.** We have 5 voting members present.

- Review Annual Budget (Michael T) – Treasurer emailed draft budget to everyone today. Added January retreat in Attleboro to budget and ABM delegate expense. Proposed budget shows a deficit of about \$1600. Added \$700 for literature purchases. Change \$30/month to “NEI Meeting Room Rent”. **Motion to accept budget as amended (Patrick/Marsha): passes 5-0-0.**

Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) – Still need a vice-chair (or co-chair) for NEI. Write description for newsletter.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to accept minutes (Patrick/Michael): passes 4-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary
 - Mailing Report (David, Rich K, Jenny, and Lisa) – The September mailing went out on August 30 to 41 addresses. Envelopes contained July meeting minutes, September newsletter, Vermont 12-Step Retreat flyer, and Fall Recovery Gathering flyer. The email mailing went out on August 28th to 275 addresses. Mailing contained links to the same materials and links to upcoming activities/events - the Fall Walk & Meeting flyer, and Anorexia Vermont Retreat Flyer.
 - Telephone Coordinator Report (Peter S) – The answering service received 133 calls in August. The responders returned 7 calls on the following topics: 2 looking for meeting info, 2 looking for Vermont Retreat info, 2 looking for meeting out of area, 1 looking for program info.
 - Internet Coordinator Report (Lisa P) – We received 8 emails in August on the following topics: 5 inquiries on the Anorexia Retreat, 1 inquiry on the 12-Step Retreat in Sept/Oct, 1 looking for meetings in North Shore, 1 looking for explanation of “tag discussion”.
 - Meeting List Report (Lisa P) – No meeting list updates
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Currently about \$12,600 in bank account. Nearly \$600 of that is in scholarship fund. No deposits were made in August except for electronic deposits from Square. Treasurer has \$3200 in checks from retreats to deposit, so they will show up in next month’s report. **Motion to accept report (Patrick/Marsha): passes 5-0-0.** We have a check from someone that is not allocated what it is. David knows the person, so he will ask what the donation is for.
- Literature (David B) – This month, we sold \$119.25 in literature. Two groups bought \$81.25 in pamphlets and chips. Two books were sold on retreats for \$38 total. We also gave 20 Anorexia pamphlets to attendees at the September Anorexia retreat. These are counted in the Quantity Sold but not counted as income. We currently have a total of \$1,938.50 in literature assets. This fiscal year, we have sold \$226.25 in literature.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny) – Betsy delivers report. Anorexia retreat was held this weekend. It had 13 participants and it went well. Rita and Oscar were co-

leaders. Fall Walk is Saturday, September 16. Lisa will send out a reminder email. Turnout for barbecue was small. Next time, we should send an email to everyone beforehand to remind people on our email list of upcoming events. Another 12-Step Retreat is at the end of this month. We're planning a location for a New Year's Retreat. Attleboro is unavailable. Fall Recovery Gathering is on Saturday, November 4 at Grace Church in Newton.

- Outreach and Committee (Patrick) – Patrick has list of current group contacts. Group registration form has been updated to say every meeting has to have a group contact, so any changes to meetings or new meetings will require a group contact. Suggestion to give group contacts benefits, e.g. send them meeting lists if they ask. Discussion on not accepting group updates with no group contact. Joe G is here to talk about speaker commitments. If any groups need a speaker, they can send someone to speak along with other people for support. Speakers have gone to several cities in Massachusetts and Maine. There are 32 people on the list now. We can also use this calendar to see where there are meetings where we have no group contact.
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Seth) – 2018 ABM will be in San Antonio.
- Newsletter (Betsy) – Betsy sent a draft newsletter to everyone. Will include article on speakers, Fall Gathering. David will try to find a quote and he will write something on the Fall Gathering. Suggestion to get article on experience from Anorexia Retreat. Also wants to change what is listed in sidebars. This month, sidebar on scholarships and activities committee. Patrick will write article on group contacts. Question about distributing more newsletters to group contacts. We can add that to benefits to group contacts. We can get more to Joe for speaker visits. Patrick and Michael will proofread.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – A long-term member passed away recently.

Old Business

New Business

1. Provincetown Roundup – Lisa will attend Provincetown Roundup in October. Asked if she can have SLAA workshops. Lisa would like some SLAA materials to bring: 100 copies of meeting list, 40 questions, and Information about SLAA. David is willing to print materials. Group conscience is to print copies for Roundup.

Tabled Items

1. Objectives
2. Western NE Intergroup

Items for the Mailing – Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, September 20.

- August Meeting Minutes (David)
- October Newsletter (Betsy)
- Fall Gathering Flyer – This was also in last month's mailing.
- Commitment Speaker Flyer – Add this to envelopes, but do not include links on the website.

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 5 PM. Seth S has the Bluetooth Speaker and will bring it to the October meeting. Respectfully submitted, David B.