

Meeting held on Sunday, November 19, 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), Lisa P (spiritual reminder), Peter S (timekeeper), David B, Patrick D, Betsy L, Jenny R. On the conference call: Marsha Z, Wil C.

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

Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) –
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of draft minutes from October. **Motion to accept minutes (Marsha/Wil): passes 3-0-1**
- Corresponding Secretary
 - Mailing Report (David and Lisa) –The November NEI mailing went out on October 30. 48 addresses got the full mailing containing the November newsletter, September meeting minutes, Gratitude Month flyer, and the October meeting list. 111 addresses got the meeting list only. The email mailing went out on November 1st to 388 addresses. Mailing contained links to the same materials, and the December Vermont weekend flyer. Email list did not include October meeting list.
 - Telephone Coordinator Report (Peter S) - The answering service received 117 calls in October. The responders returned 2 calls regarding meetings. It's been a long time since we've had a month with as few callbacks as this. We need to change how retreat inquiries are handled by phone calls. Answering service gets inquiries about retreats that require callbacks. Often by the time they get the callback, they have already talked to someone about it. Not all days are covered by responders, so there can be a couple days delay before a callback. Do we have a non-disclosure agreement with the telephone responders? No, we don't. Marsha is willing to serve as a telephone responder.
 - Internet Coordinator Report (Lisa P) – We received a total of 6 email inquiries in October. 3 regarding volunteers or speakers for the Fall Gathering, 2 on the Scholarships for the 12-Step Retreat in December, and 1 mailing list update.
 - Meeting List Report (Lisa P) – Sunday 7:00 PM meeting in Beverly MA changed from Open to Closed. New meeting Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in Burlington MA starts on December 5. Tuesday 7:00 PM meeting in Danvers MA, meeting place has a new name. Thursday 12:00 PM meeting in Boston MA has a new meeting room. Friday meeting in Provincetown MA now meets at 5:30 PM on 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – At the end of September Q1, we have \$13,262.07 plus \$439.70 in scholarship fund for total of \$13,707.77. Our income is \$7,704.00, which is \$273.22 over projected budget. Our net income for Q1 is \$1,665.61. **Motion to approve quarterly report (Patrick/Peter): passes 4-0-0.** Review of October balance sheet. Total is \$13,811.35 plus \$439.70 in scholarship fund for a total of \$14,251.05. Total income for October is \$1,125.20. Total income year-to-date is \$9,102.42. Total expenses for October is \$575.92. Total expenses year-to-date is \$6,887.53. Net income is \$549.28, \$2,214.89 year-to-date. **Motion to accept October financial report (Peter/Patrick): passes 4-0-0.** Regarding retreats, treasurer produced spreadsheet on retreat expenses and losses. Total income for 3 retreats since July 1 is \$7,340, expenses for retreats is \$6,989. Scholarship payments are \$769 total. Fall Gathering had income of \$792 and expense of \$358. We have a net income of \$1,554

since July 1. There are questions about how scholarship money is accounted. The treasurer is not present, but we need to involve him in this discussion.

- Literature (David B) – Sold \$20.50 in literature. \$19.50 to one group plus \$1 chip at the Fall Gathering.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny) – Fall Gathering: Feedback was good. Only negative feedback was need better vetting of session leaders and use of triggering language. Activities committee wants to run a Fall Gathering again next year. **Motion to accept schedule for 2018 NEI meetings (Patrick/Peter): passes 4-0-0.** Presents potential schedule for 2018 activities. Some events had low attendance in 2017 and committee suggests not running them in 2018. Round robin discussion on schedule. Consensus is to accept schedule. We'll have the Spring Gathering at ANTS on April 21. It's available that day, but we have not yet booked it. We need to discuss having a Massachusetts retreat with NEI. Discuss retreats next Month. December 12-Step Retreat in Vermont is full.
- Outreach and Committee (Patrick) – Sent out new meeting registration form on Google Groups. No responses yet. Please review and get feedback to Patrick. Make sure the groups you attend have a group contact.
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Seth) – Will be in San Antonio in 2018 July 31-August 3.
- Newsletter (Betsy) – Draft provided. Will include dates of next NEI business meeting and January movie and February We Are Not Alone event. Article about NEI elections in January. Lisa and Peter volunteer as proofreaders.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None

Tabled Items

1. Objectives
2. Western NE Intergroup –
3. Adding link for donations to FWS (Seth) -

Items for the Mailing – Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, November 29.

- October Meeting Minutes (David)
- December Newsletter (Betsy)
- Quarterly Treasury Report (Michael)
- January Meeting and Movie Flyer (Jenny)

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

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