

Meeting held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 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: Jenny R (acting chair), Darren S, Michael T (spiritual reminder), Betsy L (timekeeper), Lisa P. On the conference call: Marsha Z, Geri C.

Quorum Check: 5 Group Representatives present. 3 members meet the 3-month sobriety requirement. **Motion to allow all elected representatives to vote: (Michael/Peter): passes 3-0-0.**

### Department Reports

- Chairperson (Jenny R, acting) – Review of agenda. Open positions reviewed: Website Coordinator, Vice Chair, Literature Coordinator, ABM Delegate.
- Newsletter (Betsy L) – Deadline to send copy to Betsy is Sat. 2/17. To printer by 2/21. Pg. 1 is for the Gathering. Pg. 2 is for MA retreat and Newburyport workshop. Pg. 3 is an election announcement. Discussion about whether we should include the name/home meeting location of the persons who filled the position. Group conscience is to include names but not locations. There are a lot of meeting changes this month. Patrick and Seth are proofreaders.

### Agenda Items: Old Business

- Massachusetts Retreat – The activities committee is looking for feedback on whether to continue holding the retreat. This year we voted not to have the retreat due to a lack of interest. Round robin discussion: change in format, its okay if we don't have it because we have Vermont, had difficulty filling the retreats, ask people on the Spring Gathering survey if they have interest, VT is not accessible for people with limited mobility. Discussion about people visiting the VT retreat for the day only. Addition to the newsletter asking for persons who are interested to e-mail the activities committee at [activities@slaanei.org](mailto:activities@slaanei.org).
- Suggestion for sobriety confirmation for members holding positions at NEI at the beginning of the Intergroup meeting. Round robin consensus is that it's a good idea. Reviewed bylaws and there is no rule against a sobriety check in.
- Requirements for Phone Responders – should it be a requirement that they attend SLAA meetings? Discussion about what is it that defines being a member of SLAA? We are a self defining fellowship. Do they consider themselves an SLAA member? Consensus is that the Phone Coordinator needs to regularly check in with responders to see how they are doing. All agree that meeting attendance is not required. It is a self-defined program and responders can continue as long as they meet the sobriety requirement and consider themselves an SLAA member.
- Recording Secretary (Peter S.) – January minutes were not brought to meeting. We'll review January and February at March NEI meeting.
- Corresponding Secretary (Jenny R.)
  - Mailing Report – Jenny ran copies and is working on the bookmarks. There are not enough bookmarks for the mailing. We will send them to meeting list recipients only. Monthly recipients (46) will get theirs next month. The January NEI email mailing went out on February 10, 2018 to 350 email addresses. It included links to December meeting minutes, December treasury report, March 2018 Vermont weekend flyer, the 2018 NEI Calendar of Events/Bookmark and the *We Are Not Alone* Valentine's Day Event flyer.

For the US Mail mailing the materials will be copied and mailing will be Done by Jenny. It will include the December meeting minutes, December treasury report, March 2018 Vermont weekend flyer, and the January meeting list.

- Telephone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) The answering service received 117 calls in January. The responders returned 7 calls. The calls were requests for: Meeting info 1, Program info. 1, VT Retreat info. 1, Did we receive check 1, NH meeting info. 2, CT meeting info, TOTAL 7
- Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for January 2018 Meeting list update 1, Meeting list requests 2, Newburyport group addition 2 newsletter -sponsorship workshop 1, Looking for meetings in Portsmouth, NH 1, Looking for meetings in Rhode Island 2, Looking for meetings near Tiverton, RI or Fall River 1, Looking for meeting near Westminster, MA 1, TOTAL 9
- Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) FRIDAY – MA. NATICK, 8:00 PM Effective 01/26/18 – meeting room change and new name for the meeting. SATURDAY - MA. NEWBURYPORT, 9:00 AM Effective 01/18/18 change in the building entrance - we no longer use the Adult Daycare entrance off Summer Street.

#### Department Reports (cont.)

- Treasurer (Michael T) – Good position for net income. **Motion to accept as amended (Peter/Geri): passes 5-0-0.**
- Literature – Position open, no report
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny) – ‘We Are Not Alone Get Together’ on 2/10 took in \$83. There were 13 attendees with one newcomer. Activities and important dates Bookmark is going out. Spring Gathering theme “Self-Care, You Can’t Pour from an Empty Cup - Take Care of Yourself First”. Flyer will be ready soon. Spring VT retreat has 8 people registered.
- Outreach and Committee (Seth) – Not present
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (Jenny for Seth) – Need to submit names and decide if they require 6 months of sobriety at the time of the ABM or 6 months at the time of election.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None

#### Tabled Items

1. NEI surplus – Where are the needs of the Fellowship.

Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, February 21

- Spring Gathering Flyer (Lisa)
- Newsletter (Betsy)
- Bookmark (Jenny)

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 5 PM. Seth S has the Bluetooth Speaker and will bring it to the March meeting. Respectfully submitted, Peter S.