

Meeting held on Sunday, March 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: Geri C, Lisa P, Jenny R (spiritual reminder), Michael T, Peter S, Betsy L (timekeeper). On the conference call: Seth S (chair), Patrick D, Darren S.

Quorum Check: 6 Group Representatives present. 4 members meet the 3-month sobriety requirement. **Motion to allow all elected representatives to vote: (Michael/Peter): passes 3-1-0.**

Officer sobriety check-in: All officers present who have a sobriety requirement meet that requirement.

**What are the needs of the fellowship?** Creative and focused ways to spend NEI surplus to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. We have approximately extra \$3,000 in reserves (in excess of a contingency fund). Suggestions for use: Mailing to therapists of 'post-it' note pads sending a letter not enough. Round robin discussion: Any other advertising?, upcoming social work symposium April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 step round-ups, conferences, purchasing texts for groups/newcomers, sending another rep to the ABM. Mass chapter of social workers in Boston could be a resource. Other 12 step fellowships. Hospitals and treatment centers ie: McLean Hospital. Give Geri 250 copies of the free pamphlets – meeting list, Addicted to Sex, Addicted to Love and For the Professional all with FWS contact information stickers. Discussion tabled to April meeting.

#### Department Reports

- Chairman (Seth S) – Open unfilled NEI positions. Lisa P is interested in being literature coordinator if someone replaces her as web site coordinator. Not all of the website work requires sobriety. Patrick and Darren are thinking about it. Geri is thinking about vice chair. Corresponding secretary is being done by Lisa, Geri, Jenny and Seth. E-mail Jenny what you are doing so she can report back on who is doing what and get everything more organized. Seth is holding on to the copier until then. Could we hire someone to do administrative work? ABM Delegate – Seth is willing to be the delegate. We need to get names in by April 2nd to be entered into the raffle. 6 months of sobriety needed at time of event. Seth will pay his room/board. Early registration is May 17<sup>th</sup>. **Motion to elect Seth and Betsy as delegates: (Geri/Mike) passes 6-0-0.**
- Recording Secretary (Peter S) – Review of minutes from January and February 2018. Some corrections. **Motion to accept January (Mike /Betsy): passes 6-0-0. Motion to accept February (Betsy/Geri): passes 6-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – Need to have reps fill out meeting contact forms. Email bounce list needs to be updated. Peter reported on two responders who completed their agreements. Suggestion to have responders help each other with callers of the opposite sex.
- Treasurer (Michael T) – Checking act balance of \$11,815. 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is on target. \$1,920 ahead in VT retreat income. Operations is close to budget. Net income is \$172. \$900 ahead of budget. **Motion to accept (Geri/Betsy): passes: 5-0-0**
- Literature (David B) – No Report
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny) – 14 people for VT. Gathering – Speakers needed volunteers needed peter is raffle coordinator. Darren is willing to help.

- Outreach and Committee (Seth) – No report
- ABM Delegate & ABM Committee (unfilled) – No report
- Newsletter (Betsy) – Spring Gathering on volunteering, donate to the bake sale. Website Coordinator? Betsy will check in with people about writing something. Proofreaders: Michael/Peter. Please send Betsy any requests directly. Do not make requests of her in email to everyone.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – None

Tabled Items

(None)

Items for the Mailing – Due date for Mailing is Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: January and February Meeting Minutes (David), Newsletter, Spring Gathering Flyer

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 5 PM. Peter S has the Bluetooth Speaker and will bring it to the April meeting. Respectfully submitted, Peter S.