

Meeting held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 in AR 100 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 4:00 PM with Serenity Prayer, reading of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and brief check-ins. Members Present: Seth S (Chair), Betsy L (Timekeeper), Mike T, Jim G, and Peter S. Group is spiritual reminder. On the conference call: none.

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

Quorum Check: Three group representatives present. Two members meet the 3-month sobriety requirement. Motion to allow group reps who do not meet the sobriety requirement to vote: **Mike/Peter 2-0-0.**

Department Reports

- **Chairman (Seth S)** Open positions: The Corresponding Secretary is currently open. The duties are being filled by several members of Intergroup regulars right now. This is not the preferred method of filling this position.
- **Recording Secretary (Peter)** Review of August 2018 mtg minutes. Motion to approve minutes as amended: **Mike/Betsy 3-0-0.**
- **Corresponding Secretary (Seth provided the report)**
 - **Web Site report (Geri)** We received a total of 6 emails: 4 were regarding the Vermont retreat and 2 wanted a meeting list mailed to them.
 - **Phone Coordinator Report (Geri)** We received 8 calls in total: 4 calls for Vermont retreat and 4 calls for meeting and general information. Geri has emailed the answering service twice for the total number of calls for the month of August but hasn't received that info yet. Marsha has officially resigned her phone responder position for Wednesdays. Geri is taking that day on until we find someone.
 - **Jim (Web Site Committee)** who is on the web site committee, asked if there is additional information we would like the web site committee to provide. Examples he gave are analytics, hits, etc. Feedback was that NEI would like any information he thinks we would be interested in.
- **Treasurer (Michael T)**
 - Mike will be giving up the Treasurer position at the end of 2018.
 - Report on the August financials. The checking balance is: \$13,996. Year to date net income is: \$1,738. The budget is not in the financials yet because it has not been approved. Motion to approve August financials: **Betsy/Peter 3-0-0.**
 - FY 2019 Budget discussion: Decided to increase both retreat income and expense because of increase last year. Seth recommended, and group conscience agreed, to budget \$750 for a new printer. We are also doubling retreat scholarship to \$775. Seth proposed, and group conscience agreed, to a "special projects" line item amount of \$1,200. Jim suggested, and group conscience agreed, to a separate line for the web site and email, and for budgeting \$500. With these additions put in the proposed budget projected net loss will be just over \$3,000. Group conscience is that this is okay because of our current surplus. Motion to approve the budget: **Peter/Betsy 3-0-0.**
- **Literature (Patrick)** No report.
- **Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter for Jenny)** Planning for the Fall Gathering is going well. The theme is: "Finding Clarity in the Heart of Recovery: Quiet the

Noise Inside”. We are looking for speakers. Discussion about what will happen during the 30-minutes set aside for the Intergroup meeting during the Gathering. Discussion about what will be said in that limited amount of time. Suggestion that we limit the meeting to introduction of current NEI members and what the different service positions are. Seth will contact Jenny to work with the Activities Committee on the agenda.

- **Outreach Committee (Seth)** No report
- **ABM Delegates (Seth)** The 2019 ABM (Annual Business Meeting) will be in Sacramento. So far, an IRC (International Recovery Convention) has not been scheduled.
- **Newsletter (Betsy)** Betsy handed out a template for the October newsletter at the meeting. This allows us to be more creative and suggestive. Michael will write an article about the Treasurer position. There has been feedback that people like the new name: “The Top Line”.
- **Group Reps Reports** (if any) None

Tabled:

- Outreach Proposals/Brainstorming
- Review of NEI By-Laws and Delaware Valley Intergroup Positions

Contents for October Mailing: Newsletter, Fall Gathering flyer, August meeting minutes. Deadline for materials to get printed: Thursday October 11, 2018. Distribution after Sun, October 14th.

Close Meeting: Check-Outs; Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Peter S has the Bluetooth Speaker and will bring it to the meeting. Respectfully submitted, Peter S.