

NEI Business Meeting Minutes

The New England Intergroup monthly meeting was held on Sunday, May 5, 2019 in Bowles Conference, Room #6 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 5:00 PM. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions read, and meeting started, including the final collating of the monthly mailing.

Members present in person: Patrick D (Chair), Aaron H, Betsy L, Seamus P, Chris T (timekeeper and Spiritual Reminder) Phil B, Martin S, Lisa P, Peter S, Adam and Seth S. Participating via conference call: Geri C.

Reading of 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, brief check-ins. All Officers present meet their sobriety requirements.

Motion to permit group reps who do not meet the sobriety requirement the ability to vote: Seth/Martin 4-0-0.

Old Business:

- **Outreach Committee**, Seth and Patrick – Discussion about the proposed prescription pad for therapists. Smaller pad can fit in a legal sized envelope. Expense: 1,000 pads are \$536, 500 pads are \$386. There are 50 sheets to a pad. The mailing list will go to about 380 therapists. Betsy and Martin will work with Seth on the text and layout.
- **Ear-marked monies for FWS archives** – Round Robin discussion about the proposal that NEI provide a motion for the Fellowship Wide Services (FWS) Annual Business Meeting (ABM) to have the FWS Board create an archivist, and that NEI would earmark a donation to fund the position. **Motion to earmark \$1,500 from our assets to give to FWS if they pass the Archivist Motion at the ABM, until October 1, 2020: Patrick/Betsy 9/0/0.** Suggested language: NEI has put aside \$1,500 to be used for the archivist position should the motion pass before October 1, 2020. **Motion to accept IFD motion as amended: Patrick/Phil 9/0/0.**

New business

- We need a new web site coordinator.
- Changing bank account signatories is on hold.
- Printer – We've had 9 years with the old laser printer. Review of the memo Patrick prepared comparing the prices and different types his recommendation. **Motion to approve the purchase the Brother MFCL8900CDL for \$519 at Staples: Betsy/Chris 9/0/0.**
- Discussion of sobriety vs time in program as a requirement for participation in NEI service positions and voting (tabled).
- Annual renewal for groups to be on the meeting list – Patrick suggestion that groups must fill out meeting list form each year to remain on the meeting list. Suggestion that in October all groups we have contact info for will receive notice to complete a meeting list form. If we do not hear back from them we will attempt to contact them including physically going to their meetings. Discussion. (tabled)
- Discussing about confusion regarding what month's newsletter are we on. Agreement that electronic mailing include the next month's newsletter.

Department Reports:

- Chairperson, Patrick D – No report.

- Recording Secretary, Peter S – Review of April 2019 minutes. **Motion to approve April 2019 minutes as amended: Betsy/Seamus 9-0-0.**
- Treasurer, Jenny R – no report.
- Outreach, Seth S – see Outreach Committee above
- Web Site, Lisa P - Lisa is stepping down as coordinator. She has been the coordinator for 8 years. She is also stepping out of NEI for now. She will continue to be on the Web Site Committee and the Activities Committee. THANK YOU LISA!! Chris is making improvements to the web site.
- Corresponding Secretary, Geri/Jenny
 - Phone Responder Report (Geri) - The answering service received 121 calls. Six of the calls required a call back. There are two new responders.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for April 2019

Newcomer inquiry	1
Meeting list – out of date link	1
Meeting list updates	3
<u>Copy of Meeting List Requesting to be Mailed</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	7
- Activities, Geri – The Cycling for Serenity event is coming up. The July retreat is open. Geri is working on the Gathering feedback report.
- Printing, Seamus – See above “Printer.”
- Newsletter, Betsy – Possible articles for the next newsletter are: phone responders including a special need for male responders, the IFD for the FWS meeting. Proofreaders: Seamus/?
- Literature, Seamus – No emails for literature. Seamus sold two Basic Texts in person.

Contents for May mailing: Approved April 2019 meeting minutes, April Meeting List, June Newsletter, July Vermont Retreat Flyer and the April meeting list.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Peter will bring the Bluetooth Speaker to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Peter S