

The New England Intergroup was held on Sunday, June 9, 2019 in Bowles Conference Room #6 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 5:00 PM. Serenity Prayer read.

Members present in person: Betsy L, Jenny R, Patrick D, Seamus P, Phil B, and Seth.

Members present via phone: Chris T.

Betsy L. volunteered to be acting recording secretary in absence of recording secretary Peter S. Seamus volunteered to be Timekeeper. Patrick was Spiritual Reminder.

Reading of SLAA 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, brief check-ins.

Officer sobriety check-in: All officers present who have a sobriety requirement meet that requirement. Vote taken to allow those Group Reps who did not meet sobriety requirement to be able to vote.

- 1) **Prescription pad.** Some format and editorial changes were made from previous draft, but still not at the level group wants. Suggested to add signature for location/time for meeting, and do one more round of edits. Seth to email word version to Phil and Betsy who will work together to present another draft at July's meeting. Seth to bring back prices for color and 50 versus 25.
- 2) **Website.** Patrick and Chris to talk before the next meeting about ways to streamline database.
- 3) **Purchase of new printer.** Seamus gave receipt to Treasurer and was reimbursed. Old printer disposed of.
- 4) **Sobriety versus "time in program" discussion.** Proposal: instead of changing bylaws, amend to say sobriety requirements will be based on NEI needs at any moment in time. If out of the bylaws, who is the keeper of the information? It was brought up that in the past, there have been cases where those who were not sober violated trust of the NEI. Motion: NEI adopts a position to remove sobriety requirements from bylaws and has a separate document that details sobriety requirements based on group conscience. Seth/Phil. Vote: 6-0-0. Seth & Betsy to write up for NEI newsletter.
- 5) **Meeting list annual renewal continued discussion.** How to keep meeting list current and most accurate. Goal: to have contact with every group. Why doesn't NEI reach out? Patrick to make a flow chart to outline process, point out where sobriety requirements are. Kat or Alex (?) has 40-page packet. Does Lisa have a copy?
- 6) **Bank Signatory.** Background, vote to change Bank Signatory from Lisa & Patrick to Jenny & Patrick was approved 7-0-0 at the March 10, 2019 meeting. No changes as of yet. Treasurer noted that it is best to remain with Eastern Bank who has had the NEI account for years. All agreed access to online banking made sense. Patrick and Jenny to do offline and report back at next meeting.

Patrick distributed Mailing Schedule for NEI, Betsy to update and redistribute at next meeting. Does Treasurer's quarterly report go out in hard copy?

Motion to include special email on Vermont retreat. Seth/Jenny. 6-0-0.

### **Department Reports**

Approved May minutes approved (do not have vote count, but was not controversial) with two corrections:

First bullet under Old Business, second to last sentence should be changed

From: The mailing list will cost about \$380

To: The mailing list will go to about 380 therapists.

Page 2, last bullet point

From: Seamus did sell two chips in person

To: Seamus sold two Basic Texts in person.

**Treasurer's reports** presented for March & April. Motion to approve March Betsy/Seamus 4-0-2. Motion to approve April numbers Betsy/Seamus 5-0-1

No rep. to ABM how to get info to members? Seth get info to Chris to post on website, separate sheet flyer about what discussing. ABM issues goes on Agenda for next month, three hour meeting with food. ABM rep needed expenses paid.

**Newsletter** – ABM (Betsy to write). Change in Vermont Retreat format, what to expect in July. Sobriety discussion, change to bylaws (Betsy to write, Seth to assist.) Patrick to forward meeting update for newsletter.

### **10) Contents of July mailing**

- May minutes
- Vermont Retreat for July
- July newsletter
- September anorexia flyer
- Flyer for ABM discussion -

Deadline for materials to get printed: Wednesday, June 19.

Separate 116 folks to get meeting list (quarterly list) – Patrick/Seamus to meet up to do engage

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, July 11, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Agreed that pizza will be served. Betsy will pick up pizza.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy L