

2020 NEI Business Meeting Minutes Final

Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Newton Wellesley Hospital – Main Hospital – Bowles Conference Rm #6, 2nd Floor

Call in (605) 313-4446– Participant Access: 774308#

Attendees: Jenny R, Seth S, Aaron H, Betsy L, Chris T, Phil B, Katie G, Mark S, Lisa P

Note: Volunteers collated therapist mailing and monthly meeting for hour prior to meeting.

Aaron volunteered to chair.

Serenity Prayer/12 Steps & 12 Traditions/Check-ins (Sobriety Accountability)

Ask for Timekeeper (Katie) & Spiritual Reminder (Chris)

Affirm there is a Quorum 5 GR and AR with 3 months sobriety – voted in affirmative

Special vote to allow non group reps to vote

Vote to allow webmaster to bypass Sobriety requirement for this month - Approved

Note: Computer crashed mid-meeting. Notes lost, including votes. All votes were either unanimous or included an abstention. There were no dissenting votes on any issue.

New Business

Election of open service positions, no volunteers.

Activities Committee Discussion Items

- Confirm that NEI would like to hold the Spring Gathering on 5/9/2020. Vote to cancel passed with no negative votes.
- Feedback: how to respond to York, ME group coordinating the Fall Gathering 11/7/2020. Activities committee to let York group know about diversity, inclusion standard. Activities Committee to report back as there is plenty of time.

Bylaw Review/Vote – NEI members had not reviewed bylaws. Seth to write a letter by March 18 and distribute via NEI google group all welcome to give feedback in next 10 days. By March 28, Chris to have final copy to print.

Discussion: requirement for each group to send GR or not to be listed (tabled)

Draft Motion for Archivist position within FWS for next ABM- Betsy to email last year's motion to entire google group for review. Lisa to fill out online registration form. Katie G is interested in considering going to ABM/IRC. Put on agenda for next meeting.

Mark S left

Department Reports

Recording Secretary –Betsy L., Review Feb. draft minutes , approved with edits

Treasurer – Reports approved Jenny

Seth/Aaron 6-0-2

Website – Chris

Telephone Coordinator - Geri

Activities –Jenny – still has space at March retreat

Printing – Chris

Literature – Aaron

Group Reps Reports (if any)

Confirm contents for April Mailing: Deadline for materials to get to printer for both e-bulletin and hard copy distribution – March 18, 2020. Next NEI meeting: Sunday, April 19.

Quarterly: 2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report
Meeting List with updated date

Monthly mailing

- Hard copy of latest e-Newsletter – TBD
- Approved February Meeting Minutes (two sets)
- Meeting List

Bylaws mailing:
Sobriety requirement
Cover letter Seth is writing
Hybrid changed documents

Old Business

- Pricing/listing of Literature. Same prices as FWS? Premium pricing? Discontinue due to lack of bandwidth for task within NEI? -- Tabling

Check outs; Serenity Prayer

Chris to update website.