

2020 NEI Business Meeting
Approved Minutes
Sunday Dec 13, 2020 @5PM

Attendees: Chris T., Betsy L., Aaron H., Jennifer R., Geri, Julia

Julia volunteer to chair today's meeting in absence of acting chair
Chris volunteered to be Timekeeper; Jenny volunteered to be Spiritual Reminder
Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps & 12 Traditions were read
Check-ins included Sobriety Accountability, everyone met sobriety requirements
Quorum affirmed.

Asked for volunteers for open service positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Newsletter Editor, Corresponding Secretary, Outreach Chair, Activities Chair. No takers.

Discussion of how to cover NEI's \$475/month expenses during pandemic:

Most money came from Fall Gathering. See treasurer's report for exact numbers. Currently there are five recurring donations for a cumulative amount of \$70/month. Aaron volunteered to look for ways to increase the number of people doing recurring donations. This will help with budgeting.

Discussion of online form for Groups to register and/or update:

Chris and Betsy worked offline to update form, shared decision to make sure to clarify the difference between a group contact and group rep on the form. Aaron is cleaning up Group Contact/Group Rep list. Betsy to reach out to Worcester meetings for contacts. Aaron suggested some type of group email for contact information. Aaron and Chris to talk between meetings about how best to share data from the various databases and spreadsheets.

Discussion of merging NEI with WNEI:

Read was invited to come back and give feedback from WNEI members. Read did not attend. Tabled until next meeting. Item to go in E-Bulletin again.

DEPARTMENTS

Activities, Jenny R.

- Survey feedback was positive about Fall Gathering, survey results shared with NEI members. Netted: \$1707.04. Suggested Date for Virtual Spring Gathering: 4/24/2021.
- Do something special for Valentines? – You Are Not Alone event. Chris to pull together 3:30-5pm meeting and some games for Valentines Day to be flow into NEI meeting with hope that more people will attend.
- Last game night happened, Chris is trying to get new hosts. Suggestion made to have a low-key 7th Tradition collection at Game Nights.

Recording Secretary –November draft minutes approved with one edit: Julia/Chris – 4-0-1.

Website – Chris T., monthly statistics for November: 1.4K Sessions, 824 Users.

Telephone Coordinator – Geri C.

Read made test call, but via email informed NEI that he received no response. Unclear what kind of message he left. Julia volunteered to test it and report back next month. She was provided with NEI hotline phone number from website.

Treasurer – Jenny R. presented Nov 2020 treasurer's report. Approved: Betsy/Julia 5-0-0.

Group Reps Reports

Jenny detailed survey FWS committee shared to get feedback on how best to edit the Basic Text for a 50th year edition slated to come out 2026. Link to be included in E-Bulletin.

Literature – Aaron H. No sales.

Julia confirmed that she had volunteered to continue to be Editor-Light of Newsletter/E-Bulletin to be distributed electronically only. Contents to be included in next E-Bulletin. Julia to write the following unless when others are noted within parenthesis:

- Notice of upcoming Christmas and New Year's Live Zoom Meetings (from flyer previously distributed) events
- Recap/survey results highlights on Fall Gathering
- Discussion of merging NEI with WNEI again mention possibility and that it is on the agenda for January
- Reminder about elections at January meeting
- Blurb about Inspiration Hotline, both numbers: short share and longer story (Betsy to write)
- Blurb about how to make 7th traditions contributions, possibly including Venmo
- February "You are Not Alone" Valentine's Event
- Bylaw meeting promotion: March 28, 5-7pm

Jenny volunteered to proof.

Deadline schedule:

All info to Julia by Friday, Dec. 18

Julia send draft to Jenny by Monday, Dec. 21

Jenny to get back to Julia on the Tuesday, Dec. 22,

Julia gets Chris the finalized document on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd

Chris to post by Thursday, Dec. 24

Check out & Serenity Prayer.