

Meeting held on Sunday, 11 April 2010 in room AR100 of Allen Riddle hall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Convened at 5 PM, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Brief Check-ins. In attendance: Lisa P (chair), Rich N (timekeeper), Joe A, Patrick D, Michael T (spiritual reminder), Peter S, David B, Eric G, Marie C

Quorum Check: 4 group reps with 3 months sobriety. **Motion to allow provisional reps to vote (Michael/Patrick): passes 4-0-0.** We have 7 voting members.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – Some corrections. **Motion to accept as amended (Rich/Michael): passes 7-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary (David B acting - OPEN) Mailing: The March mailing went out on March 31 to 98 addresses. It contained the February minutes, March newsletter, May hike flyer, and a flyer to get sign-ups for the NEI mailing list. The electronic mail went out on March 31 and contained links to the same items. Phone Coordinator Report: 161 calls to answering service in March. 27 callers requested meeting lists. 18 people requested meeting lists through the web service. 8 inquiries about March Vermont weekend. 5 inquiries about the Spring Gathering. One caller wanted the Spring Gathering flyer mailed to him, so Phone Coordinator took care of it. We have one new telephone volunteer. Internet Coordinator Report: 8 e-mails in the month of March. 1 Meeting Address/Location Request, 1 from someone needing a meeting list, 1 from someone looking for founder of SLAA, 1 from someone looking for Meetings in Vermont, 1 email from the Journal, 1 change of meeting location, and 2 from newcomers. From the mailbox: Nothing for the corresponding secretary. Meeting list changes: Boston Wednesday – Men’s Beginner’s Meeting and Sharing Our Strength Meeting have a new location. They now start one half-hour earlier: beginner’s at 6:00 PM and SOS at 7:00 PM. Changed contacts for Worcester Monday and Friday. New Step Meeting on Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM in Burlington Vermont. New Literature Study Men’s Meeting on Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM in Plymouth.
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) – Reconciled through Feb with Bank. YTD Income is \$2134 above budget. YTD Expenses are \$2314 above budget. \$180 below budget. \$310 in 7th tradition contributions. Cash available balance is \$3750.53. **Motion to accept report (Joe/Patrick): passes 7-0-0.**
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Drafts brought to NEI meeting. Will remove meeting info from newsletter. Need another article about Service Positions. David will write article about Corresponding Secretary position. Also will include article about Spring Gathering. Michael and Marie will proofread newsletter. Include URL for ordering literature from FWS. Add article asking for help in funding two delegates to FWS. Issue with formatting when viewing newsletter draft in older versions of Word.
- Literature (Peter) – Brought drafts of literature report. Sold total of \$623.75 in literature. \$382.95 at Spring Gathering. Currently have \$848.20 in assets.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Jenny RW, Lisa P, David B, Marie C.) – Chair – OPEN – Mt. Wachusett hike on May 15. Carpool from riverside. Discussing canoeing on the Charles in June/July. Barbecue in August. Need it schedule it after the ABM. Activities Committee will meet to schedule events sometime soon. Full house of 21 people at the March Vermont weekend.
- Outreach (OPEN) – Patrick is willing to serve.
- ABM Delegate (David B.) – Registration deadline is April 12. David has registered, but hasn’t paid yet. Lisa will register tonight.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Brookline Saturday attendance is up. Worcester Friday has a speaker meeting on April 23. Monday Stoughton has low attendance, but paying their bills. Sunday Weymouth group lost people going to new Plymouth meetings. Attendance should be steady at 7-10.

Old Business

- Open Positions

- Corresponding Secretary - temporarily filled by David B. (1 year sobriety requirement)
- Treasurer – temporarily filled by Eric G. (1 year sobriety requirement)
- Outreach Committee Chair – not filled (No sobriety requirement) **Nomination of Patrick as outreach coordinator (Rich/Michael). Passes 6-0-1.**
- Telephone Coordinator - temporarily filled by Richie B. (6 months sobriety requirement)
- Web Site Coordinator - temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
- Activities Committee Chair (No sobriety requirement)
- Monthly Mailings – temporarily filled by Rich N. & Curtis (1 year sobriety requirement for mailing envelopes)
- Mail Pick-up - temporarily filled by Marie C. (No sobriety requirement) Marie is willing to fill this position permanently. Rich volunteers to serve as backup.
- Spring Gathering – Lisa will go through the evaluations, give feedback next week. Some people commented that we need snacks or coffee in the afternoon. Overall, comments were positive. We need to be able to handle trash better at this location. Make sure we have enough change and small bills.
- Annual Business Meeting delegates – Early registration deadline April 12th. If each group raises \$29, we can raise enough to send two delegates. Announce to groups to raise money for ABM. Treasurer says if we raise \$880, we can send two delegates. Newsletter will say we want to raise \$1650 for second delegate.
- Flyer for Service Positions – Work has been done, but no draft brought to this meeting. Marie, Rich, and Joe will meet to put the flyer together.
- Group Visits Subcommittee – List of meetings not brought to NEI meeting. It'll be here next month. Lisa will work on information.
- Yellow Pages – Advertisement renewal. Cost is \$29 per month. Can we find out how people heard about us when they call answering service? Will this be a problem asking for information from people calling for help? People might feel uncomfortable answering survey questions. Patrick will talk to Richie B.

New Business

- WHDH Media Inquiry – Richard C and Jenny RW have been in contact with them. Richard has asked for a list of questions in advance. They will follow the 12 recommended media guidelines.
- Media Inquiry from FoxNews – Teenage Sex Addiction on the Internet. Lisa will find out what they want, exactly. Depending on what they want, we may forward the inquiry to FWS, Board of Trustees, Conference Steps and Traditions Committee.
- Service Positions – We have service positions filled by people who haven't been able to attend NEI meetings. Bylaws say we can replace people who don't come to two meetings in a row. David will talk to Jenny about continuing to maintain the database. Eric is willing to take on the responsibility. Need to know how many people are on the US mail list and on the email list.
- Contents of Mailing for April – Newsletter, May Individual Contribution Month Flyer, April Treasury Report, April Meeting List, March Minutes

Tabled Items

- Community meeting room at Wainwright Bank

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital.
Respectfully submitted, David B.