

Meeting held on Sunday, February 13, 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 C, Eric G (vice-chair), David B, Bob G, Cathryn C, Patrick D (spiritual reminder), Peter S (timekeeper), Rosanne R, Dennis S, Peter M, Andrew D, Rob K, Rich N

Quorum: 8 elected group representatives with at least three months continuous sobriety.

Department Reports

- Recording Secretary (David B) – No minutes available to review. We'll get to the January minutes next month.
- Corresponding Secretary – includes Meeting List (David B acting - OPEN)
 - Mailing Report: (Rich N & Curtis B) - The January mailing went out Monday, January 24 to 103 addresses. It contained the January newsletter, December NEI meeting minutes, December treasury report, and the registration form for the 2011 Vermont 12-Step Weekends. The electronic mailing went out on Sunday, January 23 to 146 email addresses. It contained links to the same items plus the Feb 12 Valentine's Meeting Flyer. The meeting list was mailed separately to 94 addresses.
 - Phone Coordinator Report: (Richie B) - 119 total calls in January. 14 callers requested meeting lists mailed to them. 15 people requested meeting lists via the internet. There are openings for telephone volunteers on weekends and on Tuesdays.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – 7 total emails in January. 1 about a meeting name change, 1 wanting to be removed from NEI's mailing list, 3 from newcomers for general meeting information, 1 from WNEI about the cost of the ABM, 1 one from someone who wanted contact info for The Journal.
 - From the Mailbox: (Marie C) – Nothing requiring the attention of the corresponding secretary.
 - Meeting List Changes: (Patrick D) – None since January
- Treasurer (Eric G acting – OPEN) No Jan statement from bank yet, so some checks show up as uncleared. VT and ABM funds have money. We're below budget on 7th tradition contributions by \$1800. Total about \$1600 below budget. We're a little below on expenses too. The net is \$400 behind budget. **Motion to accept (Patrick/Peter): passes 8-0-0.**
 - Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick) – \$70 for toner and \$4.47 for paper. Cost is 5 cents per page.
- Literature (Peter) – Sold no literature in January.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (David B-chair, Jenny RW, Lisa P, Rosanne) – 14 at Valentine's Day event. April 16 is the date for the Spring Gathering (Secretary's Note: Since the Feb 13 meeting, the date was changed to April 2). Suggestion for theme: Intimacy with God, Intimacy with Self, Intimacy with Others. Time will be 8-6. Schedule to be determined. We'll get a flyer ready for next week. We have 3 people signed up for March VT weekend. Lisa and Jenny will co-facilitate. 4 people from Ithaca will participate too.
- Outreach (Patrick) – Worked on getting group visit packages ready. Still working on it. Should have at least 30 packages ready for next month with most recent meeting lists, newsletter, Vermont Weekend flyer. Then we can start making visits.
- ABM Delegate (David B) – March 29 is the deadline for motions to the BMIS. Provide org chart for structure of SLAA organization.

- Newsletter (Rich N) – Quote added to top of newsletter. Main article needed for newsletter, suggestion for article about corresponding secretary position. May put article about SLAA promises in newsletter. In news briefs, give revised Vermont date and early registration deadlines. Suggestion on article for telephone responders, work with Richie B on it. Name change for Friday Newton meeting. Proofreaders: Peter S and Lisa P.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Rich C is now a group rep from Worcester Monday meeting. Bob G is now a group rep from East Brookfield Thursday meeting. Monday Providence meeting has some changes. K-Street Saturday meeting might not be active. Remove “needs support” from Providence Monday group.

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). Bob self-nominates for treasurer position. Peter seconds. Discussion. **Passes 6-0-0.**
 - Web Site Coordinator – temporarily filled by Lisa P., Eric. G., and Rich N. (6 months sobriety requirement)
 - Monthly Mailings – temporarily filled by Rich N. & Curtis (1 year sobriety requirement for mailing envelopes)
- Group Visits Subcommittee – Packages will be ready by next month.
- SLAA Promises Consideration of Submitting Motion or Item for Discussion (round robin) – Round Robin discussion on motion. **Motion that we submit this to conference at Item for Discussion (Patrick/Peter): 6-1-0.** No minority opinion. Passes.

New Business

- ABM Delegates
 - Deadline to Sign-Up: March 14 or April 28. Need to raise about \$1100 more to send a second delegate. Need clarification on the delegate sign-up date for the raffle and the latest date at which we can cancel.
 - Selection – Andrew D and Lisa P self-nominated. Rob seconded both nominations. They leave the room for discussion. Discussion regarding Lisa and Andrew. **Vote for Lisa: passes 7-0-0. Vote for Andrew: passes 7-0-0. Motion that Lisa is the primary delegate (Patrick/Rosanne): passes 7-0-0.** If we can afford only one delegate, it's Lisa.
- Contents of Mailing for February
 - February Newsletter
 - 2011 Vermont Retreat Dates – with new date in July
 - April 16th Spring Gathering Flyer

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 5:00 PM in room AR100 at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Respectfully submitted, David B.