

Meeting held on Sunday, May 6, 2012 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: Patrick D (chair), Lisa P (vice-chair), Rich N (Timekeeper), Bob G, Kim B, David B, Rosanne R, Ellen S, Clint B (Spiritual Reminder).

Quorum – 7 elected group reps with at least 3 months sobriety.

Department Reports

- **Chairman (Patrick D)**- NEI group unity
- **Recording Secretary (Rich N)** Multiple amendments made and approved for the April Business meeting minutes. 6-0-1 Bob G/ Lisa P

Corresponding Secretary Corresponding Secretary (Kim B.) – There was no outgoing correspondence from the NEI Chair. There was one person who changed from both USPS mail recipient to be only e-mail list. One recipient changed his mailing address and five recipients were added to the e-mail list (four of these from Vermont registrations)

Mailing Report: (Rich N. & Lisa P.) Informational mailings were sent via USPS from NEI to 94 recipients on Weds, April 25, 110 recipients were sent the meeting list. Informational mailing links were sent via e-mail from NEI to 149 addresses on April 30. The mailing included: April 2012 NEI Newsletter, April 2012 Business Meeting Minutes, the March 31 2012 Treasurer’s Report.

Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Information/Inquiries for April 2012

Looking for meeting address information	1
Looking for meeting in specific town	1
Requesting Meeting List to be Mailed	1
Newcomer-general meeting information	4
Need Address Where to Send 7th Tradition Contribution	1
Spring Gathering Inquiry	1
TOTAL	9

Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) –The answering service received 124 calls in April. The team returned approximately 20 calls. Five meeting lists were sent out.

Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - There were two meeting list changes. The Wareham, MA Sunday 4:00 p.m. Sunset Meeting changed from men’s only meeting to open to both men and women. A new meeting started in Weymouth, MA Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From the Mailbox: (Michael T) – Nothing requiring action by corresponding secretary

The following info was omitted from the April Corresponding Secretary’s Report

- o Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Information/Inquiries for March 2012
 - Looking for meeting address information 1
 - Seeking NEI input on disruptive situation in SLAA meeting 1
 - NEI Mailing List – deletion 1
 - Newcomer-general meeting information 2
 - Newcomer needing more info. on definition of closed meeting 1
 - Other Intergroup looking for copy of NEI Bylaws 1
 - TOTAL 7
- o Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) –The answering service received 121 calls by 03/29.
- o Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - One new meeting in Weymouth, MA on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Friday Cambridge meeting has a new contact name.
- o From the Mailbox: (Michael T) – Nothing requiring action by corresponding secretary

- **Treasurer (Bob G.)** Activities Committee to work on a budget for activities for the upcoming year. Bob G to work on the budget for the upcoming year Current treasurer’s report approved 7-0-0. Lisa P/ Clint B
 - o Photocopying Subcommittee (Patrick D)
- **Literature (Rich C)** \$169.50 for the Fall Gathering Sales
- **Activities Committee including Vermont (Rosanne R)** 4 registrants for Vermont to this date. Should have a stack of 100 \$1.00 bills at gatherings in the future. Some mechanism should be in place to make sure that participants feel safe at the events. Can countdown be stopped at 1 year or six months. Hike on May 19. June 30 Bikeride . Fall Gathering at

ANTS scheduled on Nov 3.

- **Outreach and Committee (Ellen S)** Letter from Prison to be responded to
- **ABM Delegate (Lisa P)**
- **Newsletter (David B)** Quote suggested to be changed. When is the date for the August Barbeque. Bikeride at Minuteman bike trail starting in Cambridge. Proofreaders Rich and Patrick.
- **Group Reps Reports (if any)** 1) Ellen S. Group question about rent and contract with their group meeting site Brookline Sat AM.

Old Business

1. Answering service update Email sent by Peter S. Discussion was centered around processing the financial reasons NEI feels the costs of the phone service needs to be reduced by use of perhaps a Flyer to each group. About \$21.00 vs \$125.00/ month. Kim and Peter will get flyer together for mailing. Vote will be taken at next meeting regarding changes.
2. Using contacts to notify groups of events Should NEI utilize the group contact list. NEI is not sure if the group contact list is completely accurate. NEI to utilize LARGE FONT email flyer to contacts re: activities

New Business

- 1 Contents of Mailing for May -deadline for materials to get to Patrick for printing – Wed., May 16th
 - o Newsletter (David B)
 - o Meeting minutes (Rich N)
 - o Bikeride Flyer (Rosanne R)
 - o July Vermont weekend Flyer (Lisa P)
 - o Voicemail vs Answering service flyer (Kim B)
- 2 ABM Delegate. Lisa P to step down as delegate and asked if someone could step up to be the delegate. Will need to know next month. May 11 lose \$50.00 Discount. After June 10 another \$75.00 to register.

Tabled Until Next Meeting

1. Data base maintenance of mailing list, group rep list, group contact list and
 - o Sobriety requirements for access to each
 - o Collection of data base information
2. Google Groups
 - o Who is on list and why
 - o Intent
3. Spring Gathering Summary

Closing - Serenity Prayer

Next NEI Meeting is June 10th, 2012