

The meeting began at 5:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions followed by check-ins.

Present: Peter S (chair), Wil C, Michael T, Bob G, Lisa P, Bill S

Timekeeper – Lisa P

Spiritual Reminder – Wil C

Quorum – Voted to waive 3 month sobriety requirement because there were not enough group representatives present.

### **Department Reports**

- **Chairman (Peter S)** – Review of Agenda
- **Recording Secretary (David B)** – April Minutes were not brought to the meeting. Vote to approve tabled until June meeting.
- **Treasurer (Bob G)** – Spring Gathering Registration net income was \$204.00. This does not include Literature Sales, Vermont Scholarship donations of \$271.25 and ABM Delegate Fund Donations of \$33.02. Seventh Tradition donations were over budget. Answering service expense includes three payments. Mailing should not include the bank statement. SLAA text should be available on Amazon and iTunes very soon. **Motion to accept report passes 6-0-0.**
- **Literature (Peter S read report from David B)** – At the Spring Gathering, we raised \$153.50 in literature sales. Post-Gathering inventory, however, shows a decrease in assets of \$157.00, a difference of \$3.50. Someone may have underpaid, or we miscounted and gave too much in change, or someone picked up some pamphlets thinking they were free. We purchased 6 Basic Texts at \$16.95 each for \$101.70. Postage was \$5.90 for a total of \$107.60. We currently have \$996.00 in literature assets. All of the Anorexia 1-2-3 Booklets were sold at the Spring Gathering. We no longer have any booklets. We also have no more Newcomer Packets (we had none before the Spring Gathering).
- **Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S)** – Spring Gathering was financially successful. There were 54 participants. Review of evaluation – There were a lot of positives and a couple of negatives. The largest attended meeting was “Sponsorship”. Positive comments about diversity of participants and good representation of women. Comments about good chairpersons. Some concerns about non-SLAA literature. Good suggestions for future meeting topics.
- **Outreach Committee (Wil C)** – Discussion of group visitation packets. Looking for volunteers to visit meetings.
- **ABM Delegate (Wil C)** – Wil will have a summary of ABM agenda items for June meeting so that group reps can bring them to their meetings.
- **Newsletter (Peter S for Rich N)** – Consensus that quote is good. Changes: 4 PM start for July meeting to allow time to discuss ABM. Wil will write main article. FWS Journal committee voted to allow intergroups to use up to 300 words from The Journal in their newsletters. Proofreaders Mike T. and Wil C.
- **Web Site (Lisa P)** – The web site committee met last week. We still need someone that is knowledgeable in building web sites. Suggestion that our web site visitors can fill out forms - such as the Meeting Information Form - on line. Suggestions for revision of the Meeting Information Form.
- **Corresponding Secretary (open)**
  - **Mailing Report (Kim B. & Lisa P.)** – Six e-mail recipients were added. One recipient was added to the USPS mailing list. The USPS address was deleted for one E-mail recipients when the meeting list was returned. The full USPS mailing was sent to 46 recipients on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Email mailing for April 2014 was sent out 04/23/2014 to 219 recipients. The USPS mailing included the April Meeting List, May NEI Newsletter, March NEI minutes, April Treasurer’s report, and the flyer for the July 12-Step Vermont Weekend. The April Meeting List only was sent via USPS to 129 recipients. The e-mailing also included a link for the April Gathering and the May Wachusett Hike. We sent out 2 meeting lists for a phone request.

- **Web Site Information/Inquiries for April 2014 (Lisa P.)**
  - Inquiry about Spring Gathering 1
  - Intergroup looking for copy of NEI Bylaws 1
  - CO-SLAA inquiry 2
  - Member looking for RI program contact 1
  - Looking for NH Intergroup 1
  - Meeting Information 1
  - Newcomer – general meeting information 3
  - TOTAL 10
- **Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.)**

The answering service received 162 calls.  
Four calls returned by responders including:  
Two calls for people who wanted meeting lists, one call from someone who wanted information on AWOL meetings, one call for meeting info, one call to remove from mailing list and one call about CT meetings.
- **Meeting List Updates April 2014 (Lisa P.)** – Newton Friday Night Women’s Meeting has disbanded.
- **Group Reps Reports (if any)** – Lisa - Stoughton, Mon. Going to Any Lengths meeting needs support. Bill - Back Bay meeting is going well. Peter, Sat, No. Quincy - meeting is going well.

**Old Business**

1. Follow up to group contact reach out 12/31 deadline. This topic was covered by Lisa during her Web Site report.
2. Group inventory committee - Suggestion to have Steve from CT as moderator. Tabled until next meeting.
3. Michael S. from Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup - tabled
4. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary

**New Business**

1. None

**Contents of Mailing for May**

1. Newsletter (Rich)
2. What is NEI Flyer

**Tabled Until Next Meeting**

1. Group inventory committee - This may have to wait until the fall.
2. Michael S. from Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup
3. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary

**Closing: - 6:50 PM Serenity Prayer.**

Next NEI Meeting – Sunday, June 8, 2014 at 5:00 PM in room AR345 at Newton Wellesley Hospital.  
Respectfully submitted, Peter S.