

Meeting held on Sunday, February 8, 2015 via teleconference due to snowy weather. Meeting convened at 5:00 PM with Serenity Prayer, reading of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and brief check-ins. Members Present: Peter S (chair and facilitator), David B, Lisa P, Michael T (spiritual reminder), John S, Wil C, Kim B, Rich N (timekeeper), Patrick D

Quorum: 5 elected representatives with at least 3 months sobriety.

#### Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S)
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Some questions about local retreat. Clarified in minutes. **Motion to accept (Wil/Rich): passes 4-0-1.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (open, Kim is acting)
  - Mailing Report (Kim B. and Lisa P.) – Six e-mail recipients were added, one e-mail recipient changed to USPS mail. One e-mail address was deleted. The January meeting list was sent to 142 e-mail only recipients. USPS full mailing including the meeting list was sent to 46 recipients and 4 professionals on January 31, 2015. The NEI e-mailing mailing was sent on 02/07/15 to 248 recipients. Both the USPS full mailing and the e-mailing included the February NEI Newsletter, and the flyer for the March 12-Step Vermont Weekends, the NEI minutes for December the January Treasury report . The e-mailing also included a link for the “You Are Not Alone” flyer for the February 14<sup>th</sup> event.
  - Phone Coordinator Report: (Peter S.) – It is not known how many calls the answering service received in January, 2015. The volunteer responders returned 6 calls where they were able to reach someone.
    - Of the people we reached there were:

General program questions	4
VT Retreat questions	1
<u>Looking for support</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	6
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for January 2015

Vermont Weekend	2
Attendee seeing if group still meeting – inclement weather	1
Newcomer inquiry – general questions	1
Looking for meetings in Providence area	1
Looking for meetings in Metrowest area	1
<u>Looking for meetings in Boston area</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	7
  - Meeting List Report: (Lisa P.) - The Thursday night Randolph 7:30 p.m. meeting has disbanded.
- Treasurer (Bob G) – Not present
- Literature (David B) – Got new shipment of literature and sold a book to a meeting in Worcester. FWS no longer sells printed cover “Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous” books. David will remove obsolete items from the report.
- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – We Are Not Alone Valentine’s Day event is this Saturday, February 14 in Brookline. Still need a speaker. Our event begins right as another event ends, so there may be some confusion when we start. Tentative date for Spring Gathering is on Saturday, April 25 at Andover-Newton Theological School. We have a 20% discount on price, so it will be \$950 as before with 3 small breakout rooms plus the large room. It’s \$900 if we only want 2 breakout rooms. Discussion. Consensus is to use 3 breakout rooms at ANTS for \$950. **Motion to spend \$950 on 4 rooms at ANTS (Wil/John): 4-0-1.** Upcoming Vermont weekend in March: early registration deadline is February 27. Currently have 1 facilitator and 4 attendees signed up. Local retreat: Patrick resigns as local retreat coordinator. We may be able to use the place in Attleboro.

- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Wil has been talking to someone at New Hampshire meetings. Working on the outreach page for the new web site. Would like to start working on Group Visitations again. S.L.A.A. Board of Trustees is working on clarifying the 300 word rule for reuse of materials. Wil asks for pamphlets for Massachusetts Treatment Center. U.K. Intergroup is sending S.L.A.A. Basic Texts to all prison libraries. CPOC is looking for part-time IT worker. Suggestion to pay for materials sent to Bridgewater MTC. Also suggestion to have donation bucket at Spring Gathering. Discussion about how to get materials to groups. Tabled until next month.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Minutes from 2014 ABM are available, but need to request a password to access them. Wil is registering for ABM, asking NEI to pay for extra days of travel on Monday and Saturday due to health reasons.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – People like the quote. David will write an article on Tradition 3 for the newsletter. News Briefs for the newsletter – Spring Gathering, meetings that need support. Wil and Michael will proofread.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Go Daddy offered a deal for hosting service upgrade with 50% discount for 5 years. Wants approval to get this deal, but it's \$200 right away. **Motion to approve purchase of 5-year package from Go Daddy (Rich/Michael): passes 5-0-0.** Web Site may be available to view in the next couple of weeks.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Thursday Randolph meeting is no longer. Tuesday Weymouth needs support. New meeting in Orleans needs support. Monday night Partnerships meeting in Newton hasn't met for 2 weeks due to snowstorms.

#### Old Business

1. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary
2. NEI Group inventory meeting Next Month – Stephen F is unavailable to do group inventory in March. Is there anyone else we can ask? Suggestion to use Richard C, former NEI chair and former BOT member. We'll see who is available to facilitate and try to schedule for May or June.

#### New Business

1. 2016 and 2017 ABM/C in Boston – Bob sent information to David. Need to submit proposal for location soon, form local planning committee. Kim will write something for the newsletter asking for help with planning 2016 ABM.
2. Web Site Renewal for 5 years – Dealt with under Web Site report above.

#### Contents of Mailing for March -deadline for materials to get to printed – February 18, 2015

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. January Meeting minutes (David B)
3. Spring Gathering Flyer (Peter)

#### Tabled Until Next Meeting

1. Request for literature at Bridgewater MTC

#### Closing

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, March 8, 2015, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B.