

Meeting held on Sunday, April 12, 2015 in AR100 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. 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), Kim B, David B, Andrew Z, Patrick D (timekeeper), Bob G, Wil C, Michael T (spiritual reminder)

Quorum: 6 elected representatives with at least 3 months sobriety.

### Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S)
- Recording Secretary (David B) – Review of minutes from March. Some corrections. **Motion to accept (Wil/Peter): passes 4-0-2.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (Open – Kim B is acting)
  - Mailing (Kim B & Lisa P) – One e-mail recipient was added. One e-mail recipient was deleted. Four USPS addresses were deleted for e-mail members when meeting lists were returned. USPS mailing was sent to 42 members and 3 professionals on April 3rd. Electronic mailing went out to 247 recipients on April 4th. Both the USPS mailing and the e-mailing included the April NEI Newsletter, the NEI minutes for February, a flyer for the May in-state 12-step retreat, a flyer for the May Wachusett Mountain Hike. The e-mailing also included a link for the April Spring Gathering and February NEI financial report.
  - Phone (Peter S) – 133 calls were received by the answering service in March, 2015. The volunteer responders returned 6 calls. One responder volunteer stepped down. Need someone to cover Fridays.

Literature question	1
VT retreat questions	3
<u>Meeting questions</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	6
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for March 2015

March Vermont Weekend	5
Newcomer inquiry – general questions	2
Volunteering at Spring Gathering	1
CO-S.L.A.A. Inquiry	1
<u>Looking to help with Bridgewater meetings</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	10
- Applying Google Analytics to NEI Web Site traffic. Web Site traffic is low.
- Treasurer (Open – Bob G acting) – Expenses this month for the Spring Vermont retreat. We have already surpassed projected income in budget for this fiscal year, which is good. We had some big expenses this month, however. Annual Business Meeting, for example. Some groups are complaining that the donated money to NEI, but it's not showing up in the treasury report. Donations might be attributed to the wrong group. Treasurer is willing to work with these groups to find out who sent it and when. **Motion to accept (Michael/Kim): passes 6-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – Sold a 3-year Bronze medallion. Someone called asking for literature. Called back, but it was a wrong number. We have \$1,649.75 in assets. Plenty for the Spring Gathering.

- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Need keynote speakers for Spring Gathering. Everyone should try to find people with 6 months sobriety willing to be keynote speakers and/or topic session leaders. Need raffle items. Baked items, drinks, snacks for sale for scholarship fund. Bob and Patrick will help with registration table. David will handle literature. No preregistrations so far. Mt. Wachusett hike is on May 16 with carpool from Riverside stop. Massachusetts in-state retreat weekend of May 29-31 at La Salette retreat center in Attleboro. Need at least 20 people registered in order to have it. Picnic site is reserved for Sunday, August 16.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Contacted New Hampshire intergroup to invite them to one of our NEI meetings. Wil would like to provide something downloadable with SLAA core documents. Bridgewater MTC asked for core documents (12 Steps, 12 Traditions, Preamble) in large print. One new volunteer for Bridgewater MTC. Need volunteers for group visits.
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Now is time to submit Motions and Items for Discussion for ABM. Delegate has registered and signed up for raffle for free registration. Purchased ticket for flight. Need to decide what to donate. Last year, we donated a basket of gift items from New England states. In previous years, donated a lobster dinner. Second agenda for ABM is currently in process.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – David brought copies. Change “In-State” to Massachusetts in retreat info. Quote is ok. Wil C will write article on Tradition 5. Michael, Patrick, and Peter are proofreaders.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Will soon ask for feedback on ease of use. Try to find information and see how easy it is to get. Need feedback for next NEI business meeting.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Tuesday Weymouth is no longer a workbook meeting.

#### Old Business

1. NEI Group Inventory – Someone from Western Mass intergroup is willing to facilitate. We'll have it at June 14 meeting.
2. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer (July 1<sup>st</sup>). Treasurer requires 4-6 hours per month. Knowledge of Quickbooks is not required. We have automated system to generate reports.
3. 2016 and 2017 ABM/C in Boston – Deadline for application was April 1. Had some teleconferences. One person volunteered to be team leader, but backed away from it. Still not too late to submit an application.

#### New Business

#### Contents of Mailing for April – Deadline for materials to get to printed: Wednesday, April 22

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. March Meeting minutes (David B)
3. March Financials (Bob G)
4. Meeting List (Lisa P)
5. Group Inventory Flyer (Peter S)

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 5 PM. Respectively submitted, David B