

Meeting held on Sunday, June 14, 2015 in AR100 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 6:00 PM with Serenity Prayer, reading of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and brief check-ins. Business meeting started at 6 due to Group Inventory starting at 5:00 PM. Members Present: Peter S (chair and facilitator), Andrew Z, Michael T (spiritual reminder), Read P, Bob G, David B, Lisa P, Jenny R (timekeeper), Steven E

Quorum: 3 elected representatives with at least 3 months sobriety. **Motion to allow all reps to vote (Michael/Bob): 3-0-0.** Only 3 group reps are present.

### Department Reports

- Chairperson (Peter S) – Review of agenda.
- Recording Secretary (David B) – **Motion to accept minutes as amended (Bob/Michael): Passes 3-0-0.**
- Corresponding Secretary – (Kim is acting) Kim is stepping down as acting C.S. in August.
  - Mailing (Kim) - The USPS mailing was sent to 45 recipients on June 7. The emailing was sent on June 14. Both the USPS mailing and the e-mailing included the June NEI Newsletter, the NEI minutes for April. The e-mailing also included a link for the flyer for the July Vermont 12-step retreat, April financial report, and the flyer for the June NEI Group Inventory.
  - Phone (Peter S) - 143 calls were received by the answering service in May 2015. The volunteer responders returned 4 calls

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| Questions about how to have phone meetings | 1 |
| VT Retreat questions                       | 1 |
| Wachusett Hike info                        | 1 |
| Looking for ride to hike                   | 1 |
| Total                                      | 4 |
  - Internet Coordinator Report: (Lisa P) – Web Site Statistics for May 2015

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| Mailing List - update or deletion                        | 1  |
| Telephone Meetings                                       | 1  |
| Meeting Information                                      | 2  |
| Volunteering at Bridgewater Meetings                     | 1  |
| Looking for therapist with SLAA focus                    | 1  |
| Copies of meeting list                                   | 1  |
| NEI Meeting lists accessible electronically or via login | 1  |
| Member looking for Connecticut Intergroup                | 1  |
| Inquiry on Mt. Wachusett Hike                            | 1  |
| NEI Attleboro 12-Step Retreat                            | 5  |
| Vermont 12-step weekend inquiry                          | 1  |
| Total  | 16 |
- Treasurer (Bob G) Paid 2 bills for answering service since last meeting. Largest expense/income for May is Massachusetts retreat in Attleboro. Already have several people registered for July retreat in Vermont. \$285.75 currently in Vermont Scholarship fund. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contribution from S.O.S. (Sharing Our Strength) meeting is Boston. **Motion to accept (Michael/Andrew): passes 3-0-0.**
- Literature (David B) – Sold a book at Attleboro retreat. Sold 16 pamphlets for \$20 at May NEI meeting. A Worcester meeting bought \$54.25 in literature. Short on some things, but can pick up literature at ABM.

- Activities Committee including Vermont (Peter S) – Successful retreat in Attleboro with 23 attendees. People liked the location and the food. We'll see about planning another retreat in Attleboro. Vermont retreat coming up in July. Picnic coming up August 16. Question: Why are we at Blue Hills instead of Beaverbrook? Difficult to reserve site at Beaverbrook. Tried to move events closer to south shore and Rhode Island. Contacted Grace Church about doing Fall Gathering there for last two Saturdays in October or first two Saturdays in November. WNEI will have half-day retreat in Springfield area (probably) on October 17. Connecticut's event is Saturday, August 8.
- Outreach and Outreach Committee (Wil C) – Not present
- ABM Delegate (Wil C) – Need to prepare ABM flyer to distribute before July NEI meeting.
- Newsletter (Rich N) – Rich supplied drafts of newsletter. Change date of picnic to August 16. Quote is 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Jenny will write article on 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. David will do article on the Attleboro retreat. Peter will do summary report on Group Inventory. Need flyer for picnic and blurb for newsletter. Add announcement about IRC. Peter and Michael will proofread.
- Web Site (Lisa P) – Still in process of reviewing stuff.
- Group Reps Reports (if any) – Saturday meeting in Worcester may disband. Saturday meeting in Brookline is doing well. North Quincy Men's meeting is still "humming along".

#### Old Business

1. Open positions: Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer (July 1<sup>st</sup>). At least one person interested in Treasurer position. A couple other recommendations for treasurer.
2. 2016 and 2017 ABM/C in Boston. Question from Board about planning ABM/C for next year. Need to get something by end of July. People are interested in working, but no one is willing to take the lead. David will contact someone in S.L.A.A. who does event planning for a living. We need to find a site as soon as possible. Possibly La Salette. Question: should we do this? **Motion (Michael/Bob): passes 3-0-0.**
3. FY 2016 Budget Approval. Add \$900 for literature expenses. **Motion to approve as amended (Michael/Andrew): passes 3-0-0.**

#### New Business

1. WNEI update - Western New England Intergroup is sending a delegate to the ABM.

#### Contents of Mailing for April - deadline for materials to get to printed – June 24

1. Newsletter (Rich N)
2. May Meeting minutes (David B)
3. ABM flyer
4. Picnic Flyer

#### Tabled Until Next Meeting

#### Closing

Next NEI Meeting is Sunday, July 12, 2015, at 5 PM. Respectfully submitted, David B