

NEI Business Meeting Minutes

The New England Intergroup monthly meeting was held on Sunday, August 11, 2019 in Bowles Conference, Room #6 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Meeting convened at 4:00 PM. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions read, and meeting started, including the final collating of the monthly mailing.

Members present in person: Geri C (Chair), Betsy L, Phil B, Jenny R (Spiritual Reminder), Peter S, Aaron H (Timekeeper), Jeremy B and Joe G. Participating by phone: Seth S and Chris T.

Reading of 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, brief check-ins. All Officers present meet their sobriety requirements.

Quorum: There are six group reps present who meet the sobriety requirement.

Old Business:

- **Outreach – Prescription Pads** we have quoted prices of \$499.45 for 1,000 pads and \$293.90 for 500 pads. There are 360 CSAT counselors in the North East. **Motion to buy 500 pads: Jenny/Betsy 6-0-0.**

Round Robin discussion about layout/content/format: logo or no logo, the word “Prescription” at the top or not, etc. Some agreement that we need to move forward.

Motion that we use the version with the logo: Jenny/Aaron 6-0-0.

Seth has a coupon for free shipping from FWS and he’ll order the free pamphlets to go with the prescription pads.

Seth commented - Response to archivist position at ABM was universally positive.

People were looking forward to a motion next year.

New business

- **2020 Budget** – Of note: ABM expenses last year were low but we’ve already spent \$2,300 for the ABM this year. It has been low because in prior years our delegate Seth paid his own expenses. We’ll go for \$100 in ABM delegate contributions at each of the Gatherings. The PO box was not paid last year so we’ll have to pay twice this year. Discussion about outreach to groups for 7th Tradition donations – some expressed concern that it is small. Some groups do not contribute at all. We have a large inventory for Literature which we can use for income. **Motion to have Intergroup increase literature and 7th Tradition income over the next 2 months: Aaron/Geri 6-0-0.** **Motion to approve budget as amended: Betsy/Seamus 6/0/1.**
- **Fall Gathering** – There had been discussion about cancelling the Gathering because not enough people were doing service. However, Joe and Jeremy from Newburyport advocated for having it. Joe discussed ideas from he and Jeremy about new activities such as a Potluck Social, open meeting and help from Newburyport area volunteers. Discussion about how the Activities Committee can work with Joe and Jeremy. We were persuaded to continue planning the Gathering! Joe will make a flyer.

Department Reports:

- Chairperson – Geri (interim) No report.
- Web Site Coordinator – No report. Motion to give Chris the ability to email monthly mailing even though he does not have the sobriety requirement Betsy/Jenny 7-0-0.
- Recording Secretary, Peter S. – **Motion to accept minutes as amended: JenAaron Vote: 7/0/0**

- Treasurer, Jenny R – No Report.
- Corresponding Secretary, Geri/Jenny
 - Phone Responder Report (Geri) – There are 6 responders. All nights covered except Sunday. In July 126 calls came in. Four callers requested call backs and received calls from the responders.
 - Internet Coordinator Report: No report
 - The monthly mailing went out but there is no report to the number of people.
- Activities, Geri – We have a bike ride coming up on September 28th.
- Printing, Seamus – will bring the mailing to Geri tomorrow for mailing. Seamus is looking to give up the printing because he has moved out of state.
- Newsletter, Betsy – Betsy had lots of contributions at this meeting. She will send out a draft to the Intergroup.
- Literature, Seamus – Seamus is looking to give up the Literature.

Tabled

- Remove sobriety requirement from By-Laws
- Updating signatories on bank account.

Contents for August mailing: September newsletter, approved July meeting minutes, Step Retreat October 4-6, 2019 Retreat flyer, Fall Gathering flyer. The mailing needs to be to Seamus by September 1, 2019.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Peter will bring the Bluetooth Speaker to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Peter S