

## **2020 NEI Business Meeting Minutes Draft, Version 2 – 6/14/2020 Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 5:00 VIA Zoom**

**Attendees: Jenny R, Seth S, Betsy L, Chris T, Phil B, Mark S, Lisa P, Geri**

Volunteer to chair today's meeting in absence of acting chair -- **Chris T**  
Serenity Prayer/12 Steps & 12 Traditions/Check-ins (Sobriety Accountability)  
Ask for Timekeeper – **Phil** & Spiritual Reminder -- **Lisa**  
Affirm there is a Quorum 5 GR and AR with 3 months sobriety, Betsy/Geri 3-0-0  
If needed, vote to allow webmaster to bypass Sobriety requirement for this month  
Betsy/Phil 4-0-1

**Ask for volunteers for open service positions:** Chair, Vice Chair, Newsletter Editor, Corresponding Secretary, Outreach Chair, Activities Chair.  
No volunteers. To go on agenda again next month.

### New Business

#### **2. How to get out monthly mailing during quarantine?**

##### **Don't do quarterly mailing. What is relevant during this time?**

(Note: Aaron joined in the meeting via phone at this time.)

Add a note in the mailing asking those who get the hard copy to mailing to "opt out." Mailing will include bike ride flyer & Retreat flyer. Chris/Seth 6-0-0.

#### **3. Status of "prescription" pad mailing to therapists**

Sent out 275 at last meeting; got back 8-9 via return mail. Vote to put the rest of mailing on hold, though cross-referencing of additional therapist name/addresses will continue. Chris/Geri 6-0-0.

#### **4. Update on website revisions**

Previously links to in-person meetings overridden with COVID-19 virtual meeting list that will remain in place until restrictions change. Website subcommittee will continue to meet.

#### **5. Activities Committee Discussion Items**

Progress on Fall Gathering to be discussed at upcoming Activities Committee meeting. **Activities committee put together a set of preparation and guidelines for a group that wants to host, in total a five-page document. NEI members to read and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.**

#### **6. Status of Bylaw Review?**

Motion – put on hold. Review prior to next meeting. 6-0-0.

#### **7. Draft Motion for Archivist position within FWS for next ABM. Address at May 3 NEI meeting.**

**8. Katie G is interested in considering going to ABM/IRC delegate. Tabled as she was not at the meeting. Note: ABM will be held as a Zoom meeting this year: perhaps can interest more NEI delegates to attend. Put on agenda for next NEI meeting.**

### Department Reports

**Recording Secretary** – Betsy L., Review March minutes, approved Chris/Geri 4-0-2

**Treasurer –**

*[In minutes previously submitted, it was written: Jenny, A donation was made Nikki to help support the Vermont retreat house. Total donation was \$487.80. Reminder that people can make donation through the website to be included in next E-bulletin; Mark S. volunteered to email something to Chris. If not sending people to the ABM, expenses will come down dramatically.]*

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**Clarification email from Jenny R, emailed 5/1/2020:**

*Minutes from last mtg edits*

*The treasurers report says that we donated to Nikki. The monies donated to Nikki were from the participants. We reimbursed 2 participants and 1 asked that their registration go to September. Can you clarify that in the edits?*

**Revised Treasurer –** April retreat was cancelled and monies refunded. Some who signed up chose to make a donation to Nikki to help support the Vermont retreat house. Their total donation was \$487.80. Reminder that people can make donation through the website to be included in next E-bulletin; Mark S. volunteered to email something to Chris. If not sending people to the ABM, expenses will come down dramatically.

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*[Note: Seth left the meeting]*

**Website –** Chris, traffic up about 14%, most visited in COVID-19 response page

**Telephone Coordinator –** Geri, answering service 110 calls, responders responded to 10. All days are still covered.

**Activities –**Jenny, Next meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Jenny to give info to Chris to post on website.

**Printing –** Chris, Nothing to report.

**Literature –** Aaron, Prior to COVID-19, averaging about 1 order per month.

**Group Reps Reports:** Mark S. overall in his meetings, people are grateful for the Zoom meetings. Phil B: a couple of newcomers from outside the area.

Confirm contents of next mailing:

Bike Flyer; Retreat flyer; E-bulletin; Minutes from February & March NOT TO BE INCLUDED. Vote: Chris/Geri:Vote 3-1-2. Jenny volunteered to print and send out mailing.

Check outs; Serenity Prayer.

Revisions submitted 6/14/2020

Betsy L