

2020 NEI Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Sunday, June 16, 2020 at 5pm

Via Zoom

Attendees:

Betsy L, Chris T, Aaron H, Phil, Scott R,
Arrived late: Seth, Jenny

Volunteer to chair today's meeting: Chris T

Ask for Timekeeper: Phil & Spiritual Reminder: Scott R

Serenity Prayer/12 Steps & 12 Traditions

Check-ins / Sobriety Accountability

Affirm there is a Quorum 5 GR and AR with 3 months sobriety

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 takers.

Department Reports

Recording Secretary - Betsy L., Review draft of April minutes approved: Chris/Aaron 4-0-3
May minutes approved: Chris/Aaron 4-0-3

Treasurer - Mail has not been picked up at Brookline P.O. so unsure about donations; but some money has come in through the website. Motion: accept all three treasurer's reports: 5-0-0.
Jenny to complete 3rd Q budget. Jenny noted NEI donation of \$600 was left off FWS summary.
Jenny volunteered to contact FWS to make sure recognition is given. She will follow-up and report back.

Seth: Description of FWS Lifesavers program.

Website - Chris. 46 emails; 558 distinct users; Covid-19 Meeting views: 1,400-1,500 - [Note: 60% mobile; 40% desktop]
Monday, June 15, Chris will migrate to Outlook. The only email that doesn't have a secondary is the phonecoordinator, Chris will be the backup until Geri finds a backup person.

Telephone Coordinator - Geri, will not be attending. She will forward numbers to Betsy and whether calls have to be recorded.

Activities - Jenny. Vermont retreat flyer updated, needs to be sent out soon. Chris to do ASAP.

- Activities Committee Event Guidelines/Fall Gathering
NEI Trivia Nights, report 😊 - Went well, will be 2nd and 4th Saturdays in July because of the 4th.

Printing - Report.

- Confirm contents of next mailing: E-Bulletin, 3rd Q financials.

Literature - Aaron. No report.

Group Reps Reports. Scott R, Tuesday, Danvers group.

New Business:

- Should we post on NEI website: "The Journal is now accepting short shares and articles for the next issue, #186 Tools for No Contact: Have you ever gotten through the pain of a no contact rule to come to some new revelation about yourself, clarity, peace, or mindfulness? Please share any tools that make no contact easier. The due date for

submissions is July 15th. Attached is a flyer to distribute. Grateful for your service." Yes, Chris to include in E-bulletin.

- Follow up from April minutes: Reminder that people can make donation to Vermont Retreat house through the website to be included in next E-bulletin. Was this done? Should it be done? No.

Tabled from last meeting

- Issue: can we cover \$300 phone/answering service cost per month during pandemic. - TABLED.

- ABM will be held as a Zoom meeting this year. Interest more NEI delegates to attend? How to generate more participation on NEI, and make those new to NEI feel welcome and included. One day ABM July 31; early registration is July 10? Six month sobriety requirement, though NEI can wave. Jenny said attending ABM can be a life-changing experience. Hard to just show up, listen and leave. Best to get involved in committee work. Committees meeting 1 hour a month. ABM cost is \$185 this year which might make it more accessible this year.

(Clarification: Don't have to be a delegate to be on the Committee; don't have to on a committee if a delegate.)

Phil to go as NEI delegate: Chris/Betsy - 4-0-1. Seth volunteered to write blurb for E-Bulletin tonight synopsising the process for others interested in being a delegate, essentially to contact NEI about one's interest.

- Bylaw Review (comparison document distributed to NEI members) -- Tabled.
- Discussion: requirement for each group to send GR or not to be listed. Require Group Reps to attend. Concern, NEI serves the groups, not vice versa. - Chris/NEI will require Group Rep name to post "live meeting" to go in July E-Bulletin.

Check outs & Serenity Prayer

Submitted by Betsy L.
July 8, 2020