

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – March 4, 2012

ATTENDEES (in alphabetical order by first name – Officers are listed with their first and last names)

Bill G – Monday pm Bedford

Debi Granfield – Secretary

Dee Pingleton. – Vice Chair, R6 Rep, WSBC Delegate,
Answering Service Chair

Eileen M. – Lebanon rep

Eileen RT – Event flyer, fill in Secretary April and May

Kelley W. – Mailing coordinator/Designated downloader, Mon
Laconia rep

Leslie Z – Promises Editor/Meeting list coord/ Saturday Derry/Region
6 rep

Nancy Sullivan – Treasurer

Nathan W. – Back to Basics Chair; Thursday Hopkinton

Peter L. – Nashua noon

Opening: Dee opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Dee asked that each person introduce themselves by giving their name, service position or what group they represent. Eileen RT read The Twelve Steps and Nathan read The Twelve Traditions. Debi read Concept 4.

Reports

Secretary: February minutes were accepted as submitted. Debi mentioned that she will not be here in April, May and possibly June due to double knee replacement surgery at the end of March. Eileen RT offered to do the minutes in April and May. Thanks for your service!

Treasurer: Nancy mentioned several explanations for items in the report. Rent has to be paid in advance so it shows a higher amount. Donations were a bit lower this month, probably due to quarterly schedule of donations. There may be submission for expenses for a Unity Day raffle basket which will change that amount. The February Treasurers' report was accepted as submitted. The 7th tradition, set up to cover additional rent, was passed around.

Committee reports and updates:

Retreat: Nancy distributed two handouts regarding the Retreat report. Since two people who had scholarships did not attend the retreat, we paid \$400 to the retreat center for people who did not attend. Nancy wanted us to discuss how we can address this situation in the future. Nathan wondered if we had information from the past and Nancy said we only had information from 2008 and this year. Bill thought we had that discussion three years ago and that the decision was to do half scholarships. Leslie mentioned that it would appear from the Nancy's e-mail notes that it was discussed that it would be best to have attendees pay and be reimbursed by scholarship after attending. Apparently that was never formalized as a decision. Without more people here and not more information on past decisions, the feeling was it would be best to postpone further discussion.

Motion: Leslie moved to table the discussion until June. It was seconded by Bill and it was unanimously approved.

New Business:

The question came up as to whether we would be willing to reimburse NHI officers for travel to NHI meetings. Secondly, would people be willing to encourage groups to reimburse reps when attending NHI. There was much discussion including that it was a good idea, important to keep the Traditions in mind regarding no stars or VIPs, the need to ensure the Policies and Procedures are updated and making sure the budget has enough to cover a new line item. The feeling was that we should start with the officers and see if there is enough money and then discuss what would be possible for committee chairs who do not represent a meeting. We also discussed the rate at which they would be reimbursed.

Motion: Bill moved that NHI officers may submit a bill for \$.25 a mile for reimbursement. Leslie seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

Leslie mentioned that she will put in the Promises about encouraging groups to reimburse group reps for mileage to the NHI meetings. This might help encourage more representation.

Next we had discussion about adjusting reimbursement for Assembly if only one person attends. This is becoming an issue this month due to the recent resignation of two of the reps, unavailability of another, leaving just one to attend without the possibility of sharing the cost with other reps. Nancy mentioned that \$1000 is budgeted for the two assemblies. In December we moved that there would be a stipend of \$125 if four attend and \$100 if five attend.

Motion: Leslie moved and Eileen seconded that in the event only one person can attend, they be reimbursed for one night hotel, appropriate meals and mileage. It was approved by 8 votes with one person abstaining.

Election: Kelley nominated Leslie for Region 6 rep, Debi seconded and it was approved unanimously. Congratulations and thanks for your willingness, Leslie.

Open officer positions: We currently have Pam, Dee and Leslie as Region 6 reps. There are still 2 rep positions available and 2 alternates needed. In addition, we need one WSBC Delegate and a Parliamentarian.

Committee Chair Openings: Kelley mentioned that there is a PI opportunity coming up soon that she would like to see us take advantage of. It is the Behavioral Health Center in Laconia is putting an insert in papers and they are selling ads. The plan is to put it on the Agenda next month. There was discussion about whether they have to bring up ideas to NHI or since there is a budget they can take advantage of opportunities as they arise. Kelley is willing to be the PI chair and Eileen offered to be on the committee. Thanks for your willingness to do service.

By-laws:

Line 636 – no discussion on changes.

Line 656 – have it say whatever WSO amount is.

Line 663 – Dee suggested using the same language as line 656, to say, “limited to amount set by WSO”.

- Bill asked if we needed a 2/3rd vote for all changes and it was noted that we would discuss and vote at the end on all proposed changes.

Line 694 – OK to make change via e-mail or hardcopy.

Motion: Bill moved to accept all changes in the By-Laws as discussed last month and this month. Leslie seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Leslie has a bag of OA articles for the Ways and Means bag and it needs to go to someone who is taking that over.
2. Remember the Spring Sharathon on May 12th from 9-3pm at the Main Street Methodist Church in Nashua.
3. There are 3 upcoming events in Massachusetts, one on April 27-29th in Duxbury, Mass, sponsored by the South Coastal Mass Intergroup, two on June 1-3. One of the June events is in Westfield, Mass, sponsored by OA Western MA Intergroup and the other one is in Wareham sponsored by MetroWest Intergroup. Flyers were available at today’s meeting.

Motion: Moved by Bill to adjourn and seconded by Leslie. It was approved unanimously.

Closing: Dee closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Granfield, Secretary.