

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – November 4, 2012

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

Betty L – Tuesday, Manchester 5:30 rep
Bill G. – Monday Bedford rep, Multi-media chair
Carelle – Tuesday Keene rep
Debi Granfield – Secretary
Dee Pingleton – Chair, R6 Rep/WSBC Delegate
Diane Plourde – Monday Manchester rep, R6 rep, WSBC Delegate
Eileen R T – Event flyer chair, Thursday am Derry
Eileen M – Tuesday Lebanon rep
Kelley W. – Mailing coordinator/Designated downloader/ PI Chair
Naisa Chase – Belmont pm rep, Answering service chair, Region 6 rep
Nancy Sullivan – Treasurer
Pam L – Monday 5:15 Manchester rep
Peggie M – Twelfth Step Within chair, Alt Saturday Derry

OPENING Dee opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Each person introduced themselves by giving their name, service position or what group they represent. Diane read The Twelve Steps and Pam L read The Twelve Traditions. Debi read Concept 9.

Reports

Secretary: October minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer: Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Two items were brought forward to the group by Nancy. First of all, we have not received clarity on how to handle line items that are over the budgeted amount. In past years we have not been consistent. For now, we are just pointing it out by putting stars on those items in the budget document. Secondly Nancy mentioned that the Budget Committee felt we should consider capping the fund designed for supplementing the rental amount which is already in the budget. Their suggestion was to cap it at the amount that would be needed to supplement for one year. The 7th tradition, set up to cover additional rent, was passed around.

Motion: Nancy moved to cap the Cash NHI 7th Tradition (Future Rent) fund at \$500 on December 1, 2012. It was seconded by Eileen RT and it passed unanimously.

Motion: Nancy moved to move the \$209.52 surplus from the Cash, NHI 7th Tradition (Future Rent) fund to the Meeting Donations line. Naisa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion: Nancy moved to rename Meeting Donations line to Meeting and NHI Donations. Proceeds from the NHI 7th Tradition will go into the renamed Meeting and NHI Donations line. Pam L seconded and 9 voted in favor and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Starting on December 1, 2012 a revised Meeting Donations form will be used to encourage meetings to receive their receipts via email to save on postage and handling.

Committee reports:

Committee chair openings: Sharathon, Ways and Means and Back to Basics.

Old business: Phone tree has been completed. If you need to be added, please contact Debi G.

New business:

Budget notes for 2013: Overall, our income is stable from Meeting Donations but not growing to keep up with our Expenses. We have been receiving minimal income from Ways and Means sales and Sharathons. In order to balance our 2013 Budget, the Budget Committee reduced many expense categories. Some of the expense reductions require motions to replace current practices. The following 6 motions reflect those needed changes.

Motion #1: To reduce our Designated Downloader and Mailing Coordinator expenses [copying, large envelopes, postage, etc.] NHI will transition from hardcopy mailings to e-mail messages directing meetings to make copies of handouts from the NHI website. The webmaster will load all handouts to the website within a week of the NHI meeting. Eileen RT seconded this and was unanimously approved.

Motion #2: To reduce our quarterly donation to Region 6 from \$100 to \$75 a quarter to bring the amount to \$300 per year. Raffle basket donation will remain at \$50, replacing the policy of December 6, 2009. Peggie M seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Motion #3: To reduce our monthly donation to World Service from 10% of donations to 7%, replacing prior policy. It was seconded by Pam L and passed 11 in favor, 1 abstention.

Motion #4: To reduce our Mileage Reimbursement for NHI officers from \$.25 a mile to \$.20 a mile, replacing prior motion/policy of March 4, 2012. It was seconded by Bill G and passed 11 in favor with 1 abstention.

Motion #5: To reduce NHI's Retreat Scholarship to cover the cost of one (1) partial scholarship, replacing policy of November 1, 2009. It was seconded by Pam L and passed with 11 in favor and 1 abstention.

Motion #6: To increase the funding for World Service Business Conference delegates and Region 6 Reps from 33% to 38% of the Meeting Donations. Funds would enable two Delegates to attend WSBC in Albuquerque and four Region 6 Reps to attend the two Assemblies. This replaces the policy of December 4, 2011. This was seconded by Diane and passed unanimously.

Youth in OA Project: Naisa is a member of the Youth in OA committee at Region 6 and as a result she brought forward a discussion of how NHI can increase our outreach to college age youth who are still suffering. Kelley mentioned that when she received the PI materials, there were manuals in it that had ideas about contacting college offices. Since she is now the Chair of the PI committee, she wondered if several NHI members could get together and come back to NHI with a plan to outreach to some schools. Carelle mentioned the possibility of reaching out to the school newspapers or finding someone young to start a group. Eileen RT suggested focusing on specific geographic areas. It was decided that the PI Committee would proceed to work on this project and use some of its budget to reach out to Youth.

Works in progress:

Strategic Plan

Policies and Procedures

Mentor list

Motion: Moved by Bill to adjourn and seconded by Eileen M.

CLOSING Dee closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Granfield, Secretary.