

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – March 3, 2013

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

Barbara M. – Saturday Nashua 8:30 am rotating rep
Bill G. – Monday Bedford rep, Multi-media chair
Debi Granfield – Secretary
Dee Pingleton – Chair, R6 Rep/WSBC Delegate
Diane Plourde – Monday Manchester rep, R6 rep, WSBC Delegate
Elaine T. – Saturday Amherst 7:30 am
Jill Meier – Vice chair, R6 rep, WSBC del, Sunday 1pm, Webmaster
Kim F. – Saturday Lebanon 11 am
Mary M. – Retreat chair, Saturday am Franklin rep
Nancy Sullivan – Treasurer

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 P. read The Twelve Steps and Kim read The Twelve Traditions. Elaine T. read Concept 12.

Reports

Secretary: The February minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer: The February Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. The 7th tradition, set up to cover additional rent, was passed around.

Committees:

Retreat: The paperwork for the 2014 Retreat is being signed off on today. The retreat committee met today and discussed ideas for the retreat. An e-mail will be sent out so if you want to be added to the e-mail list, please let Mary know.

Sharathon: The April Sharathon is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict at the church. It will be held at a later date.

Mailing

Coordinator: We need someone to call to get e-mail addresses from meetings so that we can cut down on costs for mailing information to reps. Barbara offered to help. Debi asked if we wanted to continue mailing to other states because we do not have e-mail addresses for them so something would have to be mailed asking for that contact information. It was agreed that we need to do that so Barbara will help with that task by contacting those Intergroups by mail.

New business:

Treasurer: Nancy needs two volunteers to stay and audit 6 random financial transactions to check the back up. Mary and Elaine offered to do that.

Nancy asked regarding two expenses that happened last February. She wanted to know about the website charge and the travel expenses for WSBC delegates. Both will come in to NHI in March.

IRS issues: Nancy explained that she was notified that we had lost our tax exempt status because of not filing properly with the IRS. In November, Nancy was following up on a notification and she had a phone conversation with an agent who said we were all set. Unfortunately, we were recently notified that we have lost our tax exempt status as of May 2012. Debi mentioned that the previous Region 6 Treasurer, Zazu G., should have information on the process because Region 6 went through it. Nancy called the IRS to find out what could be done and was told she could send a letter with her concerns. She will be sending the letter tomorrow and reporting back to us in months to come. She is going to work with the previous treasurer to fill out the twelve page form and wanted our feedback on whether we felt we should pay the fine and not fight the unfairness of this finding. Elaine and Debi

said that they felt that we should pay the fine because we did not file and then we can move on from there. Diane P. felt that we did not need further information from our treasurer and past treasurer, rather that we can trust them as trusted servants.

Disciplines: Dee mentioned that she was asked at last meeting to bring up the point that eating at the Intergroup meeting is distracting to some and could we ask that eating be prohibited during the meeting. It was agreed that if someone needed to eat, they could eat outside the meeting room. If people were coming a long way, they should plan to arrive early and eat prior to the meeting.

Motion: Elaine moved that we ask that no food be consumed in the Intergroup meetings and that only beverages be allowed. Kim seconded the motion and it was unanimous.

Disciplines: In addition to food, it was brought up for discussion that e-mail and cell phones beeping could be distracting during the meeting and should also be added to the disciplines.

Motion: Mary M. moved to add to the disciplines: Intergroup members should turn off all cell phones and all other forms of media communication. Cell phones can be left on vibrate in case of emergency. Diane P. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Works in progress: Policies and Procedures – It was worked on last year so it will be forwarded to Dee and Jill and then the minutes from November forward should be reviewed to see what needs to be added. Speaker list – Debi said that the list was updated in January 2012 but needs to be updated again. She will contact the people by e-mail to update it.

Announcements:

Traveling Hopefuls: They are again going to meetings. If you are interested, call people to join you at a meeting. This week the Traveling Hopefuls are going to the Hopkinton meeting on Thursday. If you want to join them, meet them at 5:30 at the Goffstown Shaw's and Fashion Bug parking lot. Anyone as a fellow member of OA should make it known they want to go and it is not just a few people who are coordinating this.

Secretary for June: Debi mentioned that she has a family obligation in June and cannot attend the meeting. She wondered if anyone could do the minutes for that month. Although it was said we could announce this again in April and May, Elaine offered to do the secretary's duties for that month.

Dee stepping down: Dee announced that she will be moving to Ohio for the next 13 to 14 months to care for her grandchildren. Jill as vice-chair will be stepping in as chair but she will be in Albuquerque in May so there was discussion about whether we should proceed with the meeting with another officer leading or if we should do it the next weekend (Mother's Day) or if we should cancel the May meeting.

WSBC review: Jill would like us to discuss the agenda motions for WSBC at the next meeting. These are the items which were voted on by all Intergroups.

June elections: Given Dee's news we should list the positions which will be up for election at the June meeting.

Motion: Diane P. made a motion to close the meeting and Bill G. seconded the motion.

CLOSING Dee closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Granfield, Secretary.