

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – May 5, 2013

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

Bill G. – Monday Bedford rep, Multi-media chair

Bill Partridge – Thursday Bow, Region 6 rep

Debi Granfield – Secretary

Diane L. – Monday Manchester rotating rep

Eileen RT – Thursday Derry rep, PI chair, Event flyer chair

Judy G. – Monday Concord rep

Mary M. – Saturday Franklin rep, Sharathon and Retreat Chair

Naisa Chase – Answering Service chair, Region 6 rep

Nancy Sullivan – Treasurer

Paula S – Saturday Derry rep

Peter L. – Monday Nashua pm ad Tuesday Nashua 5:30 pm

OPENING Debi opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Diane L. read The Twelve Steps and Peter L. read The Twelve Traditions. Eileen RT read Concept 2. Each person introduced themselves by giving their name, service position or what group they represent.

Reports

Secretary: The April minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer: The April Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Nancy made the following comments about the April report: For Unity Day we contributed a raffle basket and sent a speaker and the report shows \$62 received from the organizers. For the month of April, a number of donations were received and are noted in the report. The 7th tradition, set up to cover additional rent, was passed around.

Committees: Bill P. reported for the **Ways and Means Committee** that he took the book covers to Region 6 and to 3 meetings, selling 14 covers for a total of \$104. He does not feel there is any need to produce more covers at this time. Naisa reported for the **Answering Service Committee** that there were not many calls last month but that it is too early to consider the Answering Service obsolete. It does seem that more people seem to be taking advantage of information that can be found on the web rather than calling. Mary M. reported that the **Retreat Committee** has chosen a topic and will be submitting a flyer to the Event Flyer committee soon. The dates for the retreat are January 10, 11 and 12. Diane L. had a question about committee reports as to whether the comments that delegates made were their opinions and what if the exact wording of "our primary purpose" had not been stated. The question was about Bill P.'s **Region 6** report so he answered that the part that was of concern was his opinion. Naisa C. gave her report of her **Region 6** participation. This was her second time attending and she was in the Youth in OA committee. There was a lot of discussion at Assembly about increasing the outreach to youth and one concern was what to do if a young person shared about abuse. Would there be liability for not reporting it to the authorities? Naisa said that they discussed that a person should share those types of things with a sponsor. A meeting is for sharing our experience, strength and hope. Fear of liability could get in the way and they discussed that instead they should set up meeting guidelines for sharing that would handle the potential problem. Mary M. said that the **Sharathon Committee** was working on having an event at the end of July and that a flyer would be coming. The Franklin meeting would be sponsoring that. Bill P. mentioned the Region 6 Trustee's challenge for having a workshop, which we will be discussing later in the meeting. There are some Committee chair openings: **Back to Basics is open**. Debi mentioned that the wrong committee report template was used so there were some mistakes on this month's committee report regarding which ones were open. Designated Downloader and Mailing Coordinator are somewhat obsolete because of no longer mailing information. Amy W. did offer to help Debi and Barb out on the task of compiling information for e-mail addresses. Anyone considering interest in any committee chairs or an elected position should see Nancy or Debi today or let Jill know.

Old business: There was discussion regarding the interest in holding meetings in July and August. Nancy suggested it would be best to have people share several pros and cons. Note: the first Sunday in July is the Sunday from the July 4th weekend and that would not be possible. The other date for summer meetings would be August 4th.

Pros:

1. Continuity – following the elections in June we are focused on things and then we lose momentum over the summer.
2. Difficult coordinating events with a new slate of officers.
3. September meeting seems long and there's not enough time to do business.
4. Maybe the answer would be to have one summer meeting.
5. Maybe it's possible to have an Intergroup meeting without Promises and meeting lists and other requirements.
6. Would be good to communicate details of new jobs or things that need to be on an agenda.

Cons:

1. We won't know if NHTI is available until after May 17th.
2. Expenses are not considered for the summer in the area of rent, Promises and meeting lists.
3. Reality of summer meetings and people being available does not necessarily match.
4. It would have to be a full meeting and what if people wouldn't come then some people have changed their schedule for nothing.
5. If decisions were to be made, have to have full complement in attendance.

Nancy then mentioned that she just found in the by-laws that it states that there are no meetings in July and August. What is mentioned is a special meeting because doing otherwise would require a by-law change. The special meeting is called by a majority of the Officers or by 35% of the group members.

Motion: Eileen moved that we put interest in a summer meeting on the agenda in June. Bill P. seconded the motion. 3 were in favor, 6 opposed and 1 abstention. The motion did not pass.

New business:

Proposed dates: Nancy gave out the chart of proposed dates for meetings. The one that is a problem for meeting space is November 3rd because NHTI is not available. It was mentioned that we could use the Hopkinton Library in exchange for a donation. Diane L. will check into that possibility.

Sponsorship workshop: The Region 6 Trustee, Karin H. gave a challenge to the Assembly to hold a workshop that would be sponsored by Region 6. To meet the requirements to be sponsored, the workshop would have to be held by the end of September. Also, it has to be registered with the Region and mention the Region because they are sponsoring. The first 10 Intergroups that are registered would be sponsored up to \$200. Two questions were raised: is there a suggested format and how long would it be? Two to three hours like Back to Basics? **The question to the Intergroup is:** Is there someone who can form a Committee and run with this? It was felt that we need a bit more information and that possibly the WSO website or Region 6 website might have more info. It was also suggested to put a question in the June Promises to ask for people's interest and have responses go to Jill.

Elections: Nancy distributed a chart showing open positions and which positions will be elected or which committee chairs would be appointed at the June meeting. Nancy gave the reminder that you must be present to be elected to an officer position but committee chairs do not have to be present to be appointed.

Attendance policy: Nancy also pointed out that the Bylaws state that if you are not present for 3 meetings in a row, you need to be in contact with the Chair. You need to submit a report or say you have nothing to report.

Motion: Bill G. made a motion to close the meeting and Peter L. seconded the motion.

CLOSING Nancy closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Granfield, Secretary.