

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – June 2, 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

Debi Granfield – Secretary

Denise T. – Monday Manchester rep

Dorothy Martin – Monday Hillsboro rep, Region 6 rep

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

Elaine T. – Treasurer, Saturday morning Amherst rep

Jill Meier – Chair, Region 6 rep, WSBC delegate

Joanne M. – Alt rep Saturday morning Derry

Judy G. – Monday Concord rep

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

Naisa Chase – Answering Service chair, Region 6 rep

Nancy Sullivan – outgoing Treasurer

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

Reports

Secretary:

The May minutes were accepted with one clarification. Under “Attendance Policy” it should have read that if a committee chair or officer is not going to be present they should be in contact with the chair. Also they should submit a report or say that they have nothing to report. Jill also mentioned that although the group voted at the May meeting to not have meetings during the summer and that it was brought up that the by-laws state that we do not meet during the summer, the by-laws can be changed. Also, she reminded people that committees can meet during the summer, separate from any Intergroup meeting.

Treasurer:

The May Treasurer’s report was accepted as submitted. Nancy updated the group on the IRS issue. She did receive word that our packet and check were received and the check was cashed. The letter said that we should hear something by August 22nd. The letter said that there were three options. Either they would give us back our tax exempt status, inform us they want more paperwork or they would refer us to a specialist. The 7th tradition, set up to cover additional rent, was passed around.

WSBC 2013

report:

Jill mentioned that the business information from WSBC will be forthcoming. She shared her feelings on her experience. Her report was e-mailed to the distribution list. (If you did not receive it or know of someone who would like a copy, contact Debi by e-mail). Jill mentioned that there is an e-workbook for Voices of Recovery that can be downloaded as a PDF or to can be put on a book reader such as Nook or Kindle. The charge for the download is \$5. In addition, at WSBC they announced that there will be an e-workbook available for For Today within approximately a month. Jill thinks you can find it on the OA website at the Bookstore link. Nancy asked if the comments under General Comments in the Sponsorship Workshop in Jill’s report were being considered for addition to the program. The specific comments questioned were, “Do away with the idea that breaking one’s abstinence is not that bad,” and “Don’t give sponsees a reason to quit.” Jill said that the comments noted were people’s thoughts shared during the workshop. They are not being considered for addition to literature or as a change to the by-laws.

Elections:

Note: To be a WSBC delegate you need to be a Region 6 rep. Those people who are Region 6 rep or WSBC delegate can also be Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, or Parliamentarian.

Region 6 rep: Region 6 handles issues important to the region which is made up of MA, MH, ME, CT, NY and the Bahamas. There is an Assembly twice a year which does the business of the region (next Assembly is September 28 in Albany). Intergroups can send the number of reps based on the number of meetings in their Intergroup. We have 5 positions and currently Jill, Naisa and Bill P are reps. WSBC: Intergroups send delegates to the Business Conference which is made up of the 10 regions of OA.

Nominations for chair: Naisa nominated Jill. Jill was elected by ballot by a majority of the members present.

Nominations for vice-chair: None. The position will remain open until September.

Nominations for treasurer: Naisa nominated Elaine. Elaine was elected by ballot by a majority of the members present.

Nominations for Parliamentarian: None. The position will remain open until September. Several members are familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and will assist the Chair when information is needed about the proper procedure.

Nominations for Region 6 reps (to finish Diane P and Dee P's terms): Debi nominated Dorothy and Naisa nominated Judy. Dorothy and Judy were elected by a majority of the members present.

Alternate Region 6 reps: Judith R. is willing to be an alternate however, Pam T. is unsure if she will be in the area. Eileen RT is willing to be an alternate and she was elected by a majority of the members present.

WSBC delegates: Next Business Conference will be April 30th through May 3rd of next year.

Motion: Elaine moved to table the election until September. Bill G. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Motion: Bill G. moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. Judy seconded the motion. 8 votes in favor and 2 opposed. One abstention.

Committee Chairs: If someone is interested in being the Back to Basics chair, contact Jill.

Workshop: The sponsorship workshop will be held on September 15, 2013 and there are flyers available, 10 for each meeting. There is a sign up sheet that will be circulated for people to volunteer to help plan, arrive early or clean up. If you are interested in assisting at the workshop, contact Jill.

Meeting dates: The November 3rd meeting of Intergroup will be held at the Hopkinton library. Information will be available in the fall.

Traveling Hopefuls: This week they are going to Concord, Monday 5:30 on June 3, 2013. Bring your 12 and 12 because it is a Step meeting. More information on the Traveling Hopefuls is on the website.

E-mails: We will be looking at a strategy for keeping our distribution list up-to-date, either yahoo or google or some other system that will allow people to add their name or remove it.

Strategic Plan: From World service – Our Primary Purpose: **What can NHI do?**
Goal #1: Increase focus on actions required for abstinence. Abstinence is # 1.
Goal #2: Increase focus on necessity of working all 12 steps. It takes all twelve.
Goal #3: Increase focus on individual's responsibility to carry the message. For this I am responsible.

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

CLOSING Jill closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Granfield, Secretary.