

## NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – September 8, 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 – Region 6 rep, WSBC delegate, Bow rep  
Debi Granfield – Secretary  
Dorothy Martin – Monday Hillsboro rep, Region 6 rep  
Eileen RT – Thursday Derry rep, PI chair, Event flyer chair  
Elaine Tostevin – Treasurer, Saturday morning Amherst rep

Jill Meier – Chair, Region 6 rep, WSBC delegate  
Judy Gothreau – Monday Concord rep  
Mary M. – Saturday Franklin rep, Sharathon and Retreat Chair  
Naisa Chase – Answering Service chair, Region 6 rep  
Nancy S. – outgoing Treasurer  
Peter L. – Monday and Tuesday Nashua rep  
Ron M. – Alt rep Monday Manchester

**OPENING** Jill opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Each person introduced themselves by giving their name, service position or what group they represent. They also gave their thoughts on what abstinence means to them. Eileen RT read The Twelve Steps and Bill P. read The Twelve Traditions. Nancy S. read Concept 4.

### Reports

**Secretary:** The June minutes were accepted with one correction. Region 6 includes Bermuda, not Bahamas.

**Treasurer:** The June, July and August Treasurer reports were accepted as submitted. Elaine mentioned that the August donations were not deposited until September so they will be reported on the September financial statement. She brought up two discrepancies that pre-dated Nancy, the previous treasurer. There is \$70 more in the bank when compared with our checking account, so that is in our favor. However, there is \$200 less in the bank when compared with our cash balance. It was decided that these discrepancies should be noted in the minutes. Elaine also offered to send out an amended Treasurer's report which has additional lines at the bottom which note these two issues. It was suggested that we make an adjustment to our balance sheet at budget time, making note of the issues in case the amounts causing the discrepancies are found in the future. Elaine also suggested she could add four lines to the Treasurer's report which will show the bank statement balance, the check book balance, the difference between the cash balance and the bank balance and finally the difference between the cash balance and the check book balance. The 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, set up to cover additional rent, was passed around.

**Elections:** **Note:** with the written ballot it was decided the nominee does not need to leave the room for the election.

**WSBC delegates:** Bill P. offered his name for WSBC delegate and was elected by a majority of voting members. Others interested in becoming WSBC delegates should contact Jill.

**Vice-chair:** there were no nominations but the job description was given. The Vice-chair fills in for the Chair when needed, maintains the rep notebooks and handles orientation of new reps. Anyone interested in being Vice-chair should contact Jill.

There will be new rep orientation before the October meeting.

**Committees:** Nathan will be returning as Chair of the Back to Basics committee. If your meeting is interested in volunteering to sponsor a Sunday afternoon meeting that focuses on the basics such as the tools and first steps, please contact Jill or Nathan.

There are two committee chairs no longer needed: designated downloader and mailing coordinator. This may need to be changed in the by-laws.

**Retreat:** Mary M. reported that there are 4 people who have sent in their reservations and 2 have requested scholarships. After this retreat Mary will be giving up this position so anyone considering taking the lead for next year should contact Jill. November 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for retreat registrations and for scholarship requests. Given the amount currently on hand for scholarships and the amount that will be given by Intergroup or other meeting donations, there will be at least 6 scholarships available.

**Workshop:** The intent of the sponsorship workshop which will be held on September 15, 2013 is to encourage more people to be sponsors and to give information on what to do to become a sponsor. Jill circulated a sponsorship sign up sheet. If you are interested in assisting at the workshop, contact Jill. Eileen RT offered to call people to see if they will donate items for a door prize.

**Unity Day:** This event at the end of February is sponsored by a New England Intergroup and to date no one has volunteered. Let Jill know if you are interested.

**Ideas:** Jill will be attending a training workshop before the Region 6 Assembly to improve Intergroups and how they operate. She asked for ideas on how we are doing. What kind of programs have we done or are we doing that are successful or need improvement? Many attendees gave their ideas on what we are doing well, what needs improvement and what could we do differently:

- a. Invite members from meetings to an Intergroup meeting to show what we do.
- b. Encourage sponsors to invite sponsees to Intergroup meetings. Someone also suggested extending an invitation to and Open House Intergroup meeting.
- c. We could do better with communication. We should promote workshops and retreats more.
- d. There seems to be lower attendance at OA meetings and some felt that the need for sponsors could cause people to leave.
- e. We should use the internet more.

**Motion:** Eileen RT made a motion to extend the meeting for 5 minutes and Bill P. seconded it. 10 voted in favor.

- f. Our Back to Basics workshops are an example of our successes.
- g. There was discussion about changing what is said at meetings. Instead of asking who is available to sponsor, encourage newcomers to get a sponsor and get started.

Please e-mail Jill any suggestions for her training.

**Motion:** Bill P. made a motion to close the meeting and Peter seconded the motion.

**CLOSING** Jill closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Granfield, Secretary.