

NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – October 6, 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	Jill Meier – Chair, Region 6 rep, WSBC delegate, Webmaster
Bill Partridge – Region 6 rep, WSBC delegate, Bow rep	Judy Gothreau – Monday Concord rep
Debi Granfield – Secretary	Mary M. – Saturday Franklin rep, Sharathon and Retreat Chair
Dee P. – Tuesday Lebanon rep	Naisa Chase – Answering Service chair, Region 6 rep
Dorothy Martin – Monday Hillsboro rep, Region 6 rep	Nancy S. – Tuesday Derry alternate rep
Eileen RT – Thursday Derry rep, PI chair, Event flyer chair	Nathan W. – Back to Basics Chair
Elaine Tostevin – Treasurer, Saturday morning Amherst rep	Peter L. – Monday and Tuesday Nashua rep
	Ron – Monday Manchester rep and Wednesday Bedford alternate

OPENING Jill opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Each person introduced themselves by giving their name, service position, what group they represent and by sharing one of their strengths that can be useful to our Intergroup. Dorothy read The Twelve Steps and Bill P read The Twelve Traditions. Dee read Concept 5.

Secretary: The September minutes were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer: The September Treasurer reports were accepted as submitted. Elaine stated that at budget time it might be good to have a motion regarding the discrepancies noted between the checkbook and bank statement. Nancy noted that some income funds roll over and that could cause some of the problems. Elaine noted that when she receives the back-up to expenses made, she enters them into the record. That is why the totals for the Ways and Means might be a bit different from what the minutes noted last month. Nancy mentioned that since there was no convention this year the \$50 for the raffle basket will not be spent. The 7th tradition, set up to cover additional rent, was passed around.

Meeting list: Some changes in the meeting list were noted and will be forwarded to Leslie. The Hopkinton meeting will be changing to Tuesday night from 5:30-6:30 pm as of October 15, 2013. Thursday Nashua meeting has the wrong street name, it should be 58 Lowell Street and the Nashua Friday meeting from 6-7 pm is no longer meeting. In addition, the contact for Concord Monday meeting should be Judy G. at 225-0681.

Committees: **Retreat:** Mary M. reported that there are 11 people registered for the Retreat for 2014. Please announce at your meetings that a new retreat committee chair is needed for the 2015 retreat. **Budget:** The budget will be presented at the November meeting and will be voted on at the December meeting.

Open: Three positions are open:

Vice Chair, who handles the new rep orientation, updates the notebooks for reps and assists or fills in for the chair.

Parliamentarian, which is not as critical a position because we do have members who can assist in that task.

Retreat chair, as mentioned before, will be open next year.

Workshop: A motion was made and withdrawn regarding the issue of expenses and income for the Sponsorship Workshop. It was decided that Jill or Bill P. will contact Karin, the Region 6 Trustee, to ask if the intent of the Region 6 money was to pay for sponsorship activities (such as purchasing literature to be used in the future) or just to reimburse for expenses incurred in holding the workshop. Elaine will send a recap of the sponsorship workshop expenses. Anyone with expenses can submit receipts for reimbursement. Last call!

New Business: There will be changes proposed in the by-laws. Jill will create the motions and send out for review and voting at the December meeting so that the by-laws can be sent to World Service before the due date. Dorothy raised the question as to whether we can take the policies and procedures out of the by-laws now and Jill responded that because we have to give 45 days notice of the proposed changes, we will need to do it when we have more time. Dee offered to help with the by-law review.

Announcements:

- Elaine will be leading the November and December meeting in Jill's absence.
- Jill is working on an e-mail group (Friends of NHI) which is more general than reps from groups and is for people who want to receive information from time to time. It will be easy to get off the list. Please pass along the information to your groups.
- Also, please tell folks that there is a traditions meeting on Sunday at 1 pm in Concord. Encourage people to attend and to stay for the Intergroup meeting.
- Leslie will be working on meeting list reconciliation, working on matching our list with World Service's list and she needs some help making calls. Judy G. and Dee P. will help.
- Several items will be on future agendas: 2013 Year of Abstinence Awareness and Strategic Plan: what can NHI do?
- Region 6 Convention will be October 24 – 26, 2014 in Burlington, MA.

Sharing on Workshop:

Dorothy shared that despite the fact that we're not perfect, we're doing a lot of things right. "The number of people here today is great proof that we are active". She said that there were good ideas shared that will re-invigorate us and our meetings. She mentioned that the vice chair could plan to visit all meetings face-to-face and by phone. How do we retain newcomers? What are we doing? What is working and what is not working? The challenge was to think creatively. "Glad I went". Dorothy mentioned that Don C. said that at his Intergroup all the workshops and events are free of charge. You can make a donation. Income has increased by offering it for free. The lesson: take action and leave the results to God.

Jill said that she appreciated all the information. One good thing that Don C. said was that we should steal as much as we can from other OA websites, we don't have to reinvent the wheel. She will point out links for resources that can be helpful. The take away for her was, "if you build it, they will come. If there's value to coming, be solution oriented and that will encourage people to come". She also mentioned that having people here who have physical recovery and are abstinent will keep people coming back. Be a role model for people so they will keep coming.

Sharing on Region 6 Assembly:

Naisa shared that relationships built will last a life time and that was the best part.

Bill P. said he would remember, not the business meeting but the 6 reps from other countries. They were cheerleaders for service work.

Judy G. said she was very fortunate to go to the new rep orientation where Karin explained the whole OA organization and the map on-line helped her understand it.

Dorothy said she appreciated being in the by-laws committee and learned that the Policies and Procedures are easier to fix if separate. The by-laws from World Service can be adopted.

Jill added that she had a great time.

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

CLOSING Jill closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Granfield, Secretary