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Answering Service Naisa C.	The Answering Service has nothing new to report
Back to Basics Pat S.	We are looking forward to having a Back-to-Basics workshop in 2016.
Budget Nancy S.	<p>The 2016 Budget was approved at the December NHI meeting with minor adjustments. My thanks to Elaine T. for presenting the three separate budgets on my behalf.</p> <p>In compliance with the motion approved at the December meeting, the “Cash, NHI 7th Tradition (future rent)” account of \$500 was donated to Region Six.</p> <p>At the January 3rd Business Meeting, we will review the final amount of Unspent Funds from 2015. Elaine will review the next steps for the Special Committee to review and evaluate ideas for ways to use the Unspent Funds to Carry the Message.</p>
Multimedia Bill G.	I was able to find a replacement microphone, purchased it and tested it out. It works and we will be able to use it Sunday. It cost \$90 and will fix the problem that we were having.
Public Information Eileen RT	Nothing to report for January. There will be no report in February or March.
Retreat Committee Cheryl L.	<p>As we enter the final week before the retreat, the committee is hard at work making last minute preparations to host 25 individuals at the BCH Conference Center in Greenfield, NH. We were able to accommodate a few last minute requests for registration and are now completely full for the weekend! No further requests for scholarships were received so the amount that is in the scholarship account now will remain there for the 2017 Retreat. A full financial report will be submitted at next month’s meeting</p> <p>In my report last month, I asked to defer a vote until January on the motion to move the 2017 to another date so that more information could be gathered and the current retreatants could be surveyed as to their preference and flexibility going forward. In the chart below, I’ve captured the results of the informal survey that I took and also some comments that were added. Names have been omitted in the interest of anonymity. And I’ve only included comments that offered additional information to consider:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(See this document for full report including questionnaire results). (Also see this map of BCH facility).</p> <p>My analysis of these results leads me to a few conclusions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The majority of those who responded preferred having the retreat in the winter but

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were open to other times of the year and indicated that they would likely attend if it was scheduled for a spring or fall weekend.

2. The biggest obstacles to having the retreat at a different time of year are the other events that take place already – Region 6 Convention in the fall, Columbus Day Retreat in Maine also in the fall, Religious holidays in the spring.

I have had some questions in the past few days that I will attempt to answer here.

1. Are the adult-friendly cabins handicap- accessible? This answer answers in a general way the accessibility question – from the website

Many of the center's lodge rooms and cabins have been designed and furnished to be accessible to guests with special needs. Please inquire for more information.

2. What exactly is the weekend price potentially going up to in the future? 2 night/5 meal stay (Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch)

The Base rate is \$20 more than this year and so for next year, we'd be looking at a retreat cost of \$235 for shared and \$315 for private. We would likely see a price of \$195 per person for the cabins if there were 4 sharing the space. This is a rate contingent on our expenses staying level for next year.

3. How far are the cabins from the lodges where the meetings take place and from the dining hall?

There are 10 cabins a short walking distance from the lodge – A map is attached to my report.

4. Has anyone been turned away from the retreat this year or in recent years?

No – but I do believe that with more pricing options and a separate living space for men, that we might attract more individuals.

Finally, I'd like to say that I did attempt to get 2017 availability from our contact at the Center prior to this report. She told me that they only book one year out and that is why she couldn't give me dates for next year. I have included here the list of dates that she gave me for 2016 and hope it answers questions about availability at least partially

April 8-10, 2016: 16 lodge rooms with meeting space in St. John's for overnight retreat.

May 6-8, 2016: 12 lodge rooms and 4 adult cabins with meeting space in St. John's for overnight retreat. Doran Center for group of 50+ for day retreat on Saturday or Sunday.

May 13-15, 2016: 19 lodge rooms with meeting space in St. John's for overnight retreat.

September 2-4, 2016: 24 lodge rooms with meeting space in St. John's & St. Mark's for overnight retreat.

September 16-18, 2016: 15 lodge rooms with meeting space in St. John's for overnight retreat. Doran Center for group of 50+ for day retreat on Saturday or Sunday.

October 7-9, 2016: 12 lodge rooms & 10 adult cabins with meeting space in St. Mark's for overnight retreat.

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	<p>Doran Center for group of 50+ for day retreat on Saturday or Sunday.</p> <p>October 28-30, 2016: 12 lodge rooms & 10 adult cabins with meeting space in St. John's for overnight retreat. Doran Center for group of 50+ for day retreat on Saturday or Sunday.</p> <p>And finally – I had some inquiries this year about day-tripping prices. Although we were not set up for this option, I asked about rates for next year. Day Use rates are as follows: \$15/per person per day plus meals (\$10/breakfast, \$12/lunch, \$15/dinner). These are base rates only – we'd need to add a little extra to cover other expenses – about \$15 per person</p> <p>There is a lot of information contained in this report. Please feel free to email me over the next day or two and I will attempt to answer your questions prior to Sunday so as to not take up a lot of time at the meeting.</p> <p>Thank you so very much for the opportunity to serve you!</p>
<p>Ways & Means Effie S.</p>	<p>Nothing to report.</p>
<p>Workshops Pat S.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Unity Day</p> <p>NHI will be hosting the 2016 Unity Day event on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Elliot Hospital in Manchester NH. The flyer is in the works and I hope to have it available at the January intergroup meeting. We will be contacting the Maine, Seacoast, Massachusetts and Vermont intergroups and inviting them to participate. I am in contact with Charlene V. from North Shore Intergroup, who has been involved with the Unity Day event since its inception.</p>