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<p>Budget Nancy S.</p>	<p>The Budget Committee will be meeting in October [tentative date: Sunday, October 2nd, right after the NHI Business Meeting] to prepare the new Budget for the 2017 Calendar year. At that meeting, we review and discuss the draft of the 2017 Budget. The Budget is presented at the November NHI Business Meeting and voted on at the December Meeting.</p> <p>To help us come up with a realistic budget, we need all Committee chairs to submit budget requests and any questions for 2017 by September 30th.</p> <p>Membership on the Budget Committee is open to any member of NHI.</p>
<p>Meeting List Diane L.</p>	<p>New Hampshire Intergroup currently has 39 groups, but WSO continues to show us at 40 groups. The North Hampton, Tuesday, 5:30 group continues to be attributed to NHI. It is the group rep's understanding that the group is within the Seacoast Intergroup. It has been promised several times, over several months, that the group will make the change at WSO. If it is the wish of NHI, I can contact WSO about reassigning the group. I don't feel it is my call to make this change without guidance. Thank you!</p> <p>The Nashua Thursday meeting at 5:30 is listed at WSO as a closed meeting, but does not have this designation on the NHI list. A call to the contact rendered a phone number no longer in service. If anyone has a contact for this meeting, I would love to get that information.</p> <p>The Wilder VT meeting on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM has different contact information between WSO and NHI listings. Calls have gone un-returned. If anyone has a contact for this meeting, I would love to get that information.</p> <p>Thank you to all the group contacts I was able to reach who are making changes to other discrepancies on the meeting lists. 100 copies of the new Non-Public list will be available for group reps at the September meeting. Updated meeting lists, public and non-public will be available online in there respective locations.</p>
<p>Promises Editor Sandy M.</p>	<p>Everything is going well.</p>
<p>Public Information Eileen RT</p>	<p>We have been following up on the Lifeline Subscription project from cards and information sent in my OA members. Currently there are 10 medical offices on the list who are willing/happy to accept the subscription. The plan is to wait for the September NHI meeting in case there are any more cards to come, and then send the list in to WSO.</p> <p>Since the new Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide was sold out at the convention on Saturday, PIPO will order and examination copy for NHI.</p>

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<p>Retreat Sue W.</p>	<p>Planning for the 2017 (February 10-12) retreat is underway. The retreat is a full weekend event at the Barbara C. Harris Convention Center in Greenfield NH. It includes 2 nights' accommodation (very nice room w/pvt bath in St Mark's Lodge), 5 meals, and a full schedule of recovery, meetings and connection.</p> <p>We're almost ready to print the flyer, but still have a couple of things to finalize before it goes to the Event Flyer Committee for approval. The committee will be meeting this week.</p> <p>We've had an increase in the cost from the Barbara C. Harris convention center this year which has increased the registration fees by \$25 per private room (to \$320) and \$20 per double (to \$235 pp). In addition, 3 cabins with 4 beds each are available this year, at \$190 pp. This brings total accommodation to 33 attendants.</p> <p>We would like to add an online registration option using PayPal for payment. The fees would need to be paid by the registrant as the retreat budget cannot absorb it. An additional cost for online registration is \$8 for private room, \$6 for double, and \$5 for a quad (cabin) bed.*</p> <p>*The actual fees are \$4.37/quad, \$5.47/double, and \$7.34/private. They've been rounded up, the extra can go back into the general retreat fund.</p> <p>Can NHI pay the PayPal fees instead of increasing more the registrant's cost? If all used this option it could be about \$176.00.</p> <p>The scholarships NHI offers have been 50% and 25% of a "double" cost: this would be \$117.50 and \$58.75 respectively for 2017.</p> <p>The Retreat budget pays for the leader's room, mileage, a gift. We also pay a surcharge for our food, and budget in some money for supplies. So far we're looking at about \$582 outgo.</p> <p><u>In summary</u>, we need these details finalized in order to get the flyer finished and the information onto the website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we use online registration, who pays the PayPal fees, and do we use actual or rounded numbers? • Are the costs and scholarship funds approved by NHI?

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Book Cover Kits
Sandy M.

WSO Convention ‘Special Project’ Book Cover Kit Report

All book cover kits were completed. There was an error on the 12 Step & 12 Traditions (Small/Pocket) kit that resulted in having to do some reprinting. I have submitted a motion for September meeting to approve reimbursement for reprinting costs, since all the approved money for the Special Project has been spent..

Purchased and not requesting reimbursement:

- spray paint to spray paint bookmarks that I made from left over plastic canvas from the book covers. Bookmarks were FREE at the Boutique.
- 2 storage containers to sort/organize Book Cover Kits
- Purchased plastic canvas to make AA Soft Cover book covers. The AA Soft Cover is NOT an approved Special Project book cover and a kit has not been created. I brought 11 AA Soft/Small book covers to the convention. When I left on Saturday there were only 4 AA Soft/Small book cover that weren't sold.

Requesting reimbursement (budget override for Special Project (Boston WSO Book Cover Kits)):

I reprinted kit #5 (12 Steps & 12 Traditions Small Pocket) as I discovered the kits' original cover was way too large for the book. I did not realize the size/fit issue till after I had printed the Small Pocket Kits. Before and after pictures of the book cover are at bottom of this page. My personal copy of the 12 & 12 is the Large Print. I drew/outlined a members' 12 & 12 Pocket as a pattern guide and must have misjudged/mismeasured....

The reprint also resulted in my having to reprint 3 pages in each Summary Kit.

I am submitting a motion to request reimbursement for reprinting the kits. The entire approved budget amount was spent prior to the reprint problem .

#5 12 & 12 Small (15 Complete Kits) (8 pages) (120 pages <u>reprinted</u>)	\$4.80
12 & 12 Small (15 Instructions Only Kits) (8 pages) (120 pages <u>reprinted</u>)	\$4.80
#6 Summary kit (25 Kits) (3 pages) (75 pages <u>reprinted</u>)	\$3.00
Paper cost for reprinting (315 pages (ream of paper))	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total reprinting and Paper Costs	\$17.60



Left (new/smaller) Right (original/too big)

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	<div data-bbox="493 279 716 562" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="623 569 748 600" data-label="Caption"> <p align="center">New/Fits</p> </div> <div data-bbox="431 720 1503 972" data-label="Text"> <p>I was stunned by the low ‘traffic’ in the Boutique on Saturday at the WSO Boston convention. I believe the ‘mystery’ solution of NHI’s traffic/sales was that the convention attendees did not understand what ‘Boutique’ meant in the convention program guide. The program guide did not state it was ‘The Fundraising Room’. I suspect if a sign had been outside the room that the sign might have brought people into the boutique and resulted in higher traffic/sales.</p> </div>
<p>Ways & Means Effie S.</p>	<p>The W&M Convention Team (WSO Convention Labor Day weekend 2016 Boston) became active in late July and during the month of August. Lists were made and jobs assigned, schedules made, props designed, forms created and copied and inventory assembled. A Convention 3 ring binder was created housing all important documents and lists. Thursday afternoon, the NHI book cover ensemble arrived at the Copley Marriott in Boston. At 8:00 am, Friday, the goods were unpacked and displayed on 2 tables in the Boutique room. (At 8:05, customers began to arrive with one person buying \$85 worth of covers before 8:15!!)</p> <p>A new and significant addition this year were ‘dummy’ book covers crafted by a team member from cardboard with a replica of the OA book pasted on the cover. This turned out to be helpful for customers and volunteers alike. Also new(at least for the Chair) was the shutting down of the table during some of the workshops so the volunteers could partake in the scheduled events. The three days went quickly and smoothly with many opportunities to talk and share with members from all over the world. So many people were complimentary about the NHI endeavor and said they wished they had room in their suitcases for more!!! The organizers of the WSO are to be commended for providing Boutique monitors for the room. The total sales were \$724. A breakdown of this figure can be found in the attached document outlining individual items sold and inventory remaining.</p> <p>On a personal note, I could write a book on all the help that was given by our NHI members, many of whom did not even attend the convention. There were members</p>

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	<p>who crafted book covers, god cans, and book cover kits. donating time and materials. There were members who helped with organization such as rewording documents, reformatting and constructing graphs, members who donated boxes for the table, and members who made signs, members who picked up slack at the table when we were inundated with customers, members who came by bus for the day and spent several hours of that day at the table, members who donated new items like a new and improved cash box, members who spent time with customers, giving a show and tell as to how to make a cover, new members who took charge, older members who took charge...Approximately 14 members came to staff the table during the three days. I hope I have hit some highlights but really there is no way to put it all into words.</p> <p>In going forward, there are some things as a group, we will need to work on and work out. What I have learned, after 3 conventions with NHI goods for sale in a Boutique room, is that there is no rule of thumb, there is no way to predict what will sell and what won't. One year there was a run on one item, this year there was not. Next year's Region convention is in Toronto. Do we want to go? I am renewing my passport!</p>
<p>Website Doreen D.</p>	<p>It is with great pleasure that the Website Committee announces that as of September 1st, our redesigned site was launched live – just in time for the WSO conference!</p> <p>The updated site has stricter security measures, and NHI members will have their own unique login credentials to access the secured section of the website. This empowers us to not have to change the user name and password for everyone after a NHI rep has chosen to step down from Intergroup.</p> <p>In addition, each officer, committee chair, Region 6 rep, and WSO Delegate also has a unique email address that they can use to communicate as representative of NHI. These email boxes can be accessed via a secured URL or by setting up an email client.</p> <p>Each NHI member will receive their own user credentials and instructions on how to access their respective email boxes and the secure section of the website via email from the Website Committee Chair following the September 2016 NHI business meeting.</p> <p>The website committee is also creating documentation with instructions on how to manage the website. The first NHI members that will have direct access to that documentation are all the members of the Website Committee and the NHI Secretary.</p> <p>Also our domain name is currently being transferred from a registrar to another registrar where just our domain name exists in the account. This allows the website committee to manage our domain name directly. This transfer will be complete by the next NHI business meeting. At that time, receipts for the domain name and</p>

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	<p>website hosting will be presented to the treasurer for reimbursement.</p> <p>Current Task List</p> <p>As of today, here is the committee’s current “To Do” list in regards to this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email Capture/Blast<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Per the vote at the March 2016 business meeting, the web committee will arrange for a MailChimp account once the new hosting has been secured. NOTE: This new MailChimp account will use a newly created oanewhampshire.org email address. <p>Future Development Open for Consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adding locally recorded speakers• Allowing people to register for events such as our annual retreat online via PayPal• Allowing people to buy book covers and book cover kits online via PayPal• Additional suggestions from other NHI members are welcome