

## NH INTERGROUP MINUTES – February 5, 2017

### ATTENDEES: (alphabetical order by first name – Board members are listed with their first and last names)

Anne W. – Peterborough Sunday pm rep, Tuesday pm rep  
Beth M. – Derry Saturday am rep  
Claire P. – Salem Friday pm rep  
Dee S. – Hillsboro Mon rep  
Doreen D. – Website chair, Answering service chair,  
Manchester Mon pm rep  
Dorothy Martin – WSBC del, R6 rep, Event flyer chair,  
Hopkinton Tue pm rep  
Effie S. – Ways & Means chair, Nashua Thurs 6:30am rep  
Eileen R. T. – PI/PO Chair, Derry Thursday am rep

Elaine Tostevin – NHI Chair, WSBC del, R6 rep  
Joe A. – New Boston Tuesday pm rep  
Madeleine G. – Nashua Monday noon alt rep  
Pat Gocklin – R6 rep, Manchester Tue rep  
Pat S. – Workshops Chair, Back to Basics Chair, Hopkinton  
Tues pm alt rep.  
Peter Lewis – Secretary, Nashua Thurs pm rep  
Sandy M. – Newsletter Chair, Nashua Monday noon rep  
Sue W. – Retreat Chair, Lebanon Tue pm rep  
Tracy M. – Peterborough Tue pm alt rep

### **Opening:**

Elaine called the meeting to order at 2:47 PM\*, inviting attendees to join her reciting the Serenity Prayer. All present identified themselves and their NHI roles. Pat G. read the 12 Steps, Effie read the 12 Traditions. Doreen read Concept One. The attendance sheet was circulated and 15 eligible voters were counted. Elaine read the disciplines for the meeting.

**\*Editor's Note:** This business meeting began at 3:00 PM and was abbreviated in order that NHI might conduct an “Intergroup Inventory” from 1:00 PM until 2:32 PM. The inventory process used the questions outlined in the “*Twelfth Step Within Handbook*” and was facilitated by the NHI Chair. Today's session completed the inventory begun in January, and covered Parts II and III of the inventory questions.

### **January Minutes:**

Copies of the January meeting minutes had been distributed by email and were also available at the literature table.

**Motion:** Effie **moved** to accept the January minutes as submitted. Joe **seconded** the motion. One individual pointed out that document's title should specify the year 2017, not 2016. No other questions or issues were raised. **Vote:** The motion to accept the minutes, with the stipulated correction, **passed** by a majority show of hands.

### **January Treasurer's Report:**

Copies of the January Treasurer's report had been circulated by email and some were available at the literature table.

**Motion:** Dorothy **moved** to accept the January Treasurer's report as submitted. Effie **seconded** the motion.

**Discussion:** Nancy was absent, so Elaine asked for questions or comments with respect to the report. Joe observed that the adjusted statement balance of \$11,370.74 seemed excessive for an OA intergroup. Elaine acknowledged that excessive cash retention is an issue that NHI has been working to resolve, in part with one-time additional donations to R6 and WSO in 2016, and by funding additional projects as they arise. Calling attention to the section titled “*Cash, Balance Detail of All Funds*” on page 2 of the report, Elaine explained that all but \$4,511.63 of the adjusted balance was encumbered for budgeted expenses, and that budgeted amounts were likely to be insufficient for the Delegates fund, and for workshops. **Vote:** The motion **passed** by a majority show of hands, with one abstention noted.

### **7th Tradition:**

7th tradition contributions were collected.

### **Committee Business:**

**Retreat Status:** Retreat starts this Friday (2/10). Everything ready. Sue said that in order to reserve the same venue for the 2018 retreat, the Harris Convention Center requires a reservation and deposit within 10 days of the 2017 retreat.

She said she would make the reservation while at the retreat, unless objections are raised; There were none. **Event Flyer Checklist:** Dorothy noted that the Event Flyer Checklist, distributed by the secretary prior to the meeting, is a draft copy which has since been revised. She said that Doreen would post the revised copy on the NHI web site for review, to be approved at the March business meeting. Sue W. suggested that, in order to expedite communication about events, the checklist should encourage the use of the specific anonymous contact information for the committee sponsoring an event rather than the central NHI email and phone number. Doreen further suggested that the checklist could provide for two versions of event flyers: a public version containing only anonymous contact info, and a version for distribution at meetings which could contain personal contact info of the committee members sponsoring the event. Sue W. also pointed out that the checklist should specify that all flyers should contain the NHI logo. Dorothy agreed that the Event Flyer Checklist would be updated again, as suggested by Sue and Doreen. **Ways & Means:** Effie proposed that she would devise a survey questionnaire to be distributed at the March and collected at the April meeting, in order gather ideas for the future direction of the Ways & Means committee. There were no objections or comments,

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so Effie said she would go forward with the proposal. **Website:** Doreen urged meeting reps to continue to advertise the fact that each meeting has an email box which they can register for by contacting the webmaster. If a meeting registers, its email address will be listed on the NHI meeting list, so that the meeting can receive emails from the public, as well as receive intergroup news. **Workshops:** Dorothy and Elaine mentioned that, although Pat S. was absent today due to family emergency, she was moving forward with plans for a Spring workshop on sponsorship. Elaine urged anyone interested in helping with the workshop, or anyone who has information about venues for future workshops to contact Pat.

### **NHI Business:**

**Bylaw Amendment:** Action on amendment of NHI Bylaws Article IV, Section 6, Part F, concerning qualifications for WSBC delegates was postponed until March. Elaine said she had found, in a World Service document, a recommendation that at least one WSBC delegate from an intergroup should have prior experience at WSBC or at a Regional assembly, and suggested that NHI might consider working that suggestion into the amendment when it is next considered.

**WSBC Agenda Items Discussion:** Elaine outlined two stages of action to discuss related to the WSBC agenda:

1. Today she wanted to collect input from the membership through the the meeting reps as to whether or not each proposed agenda item should be on the agenda. Results of this survey are due at World Service by 3/2.
2. She and Dorothy intended to form an ad hoc committee to survey the membership for pros and cons for each agenda item and on how the NHI's WSBC delegates should vote on each. She said the committee would need to form soon and to report results at the April meeting, prior to the WSBC. She asked individuals interested in serving on this committee contact her or Dorothy.

With regard to stage 1, Elaine walked through the list of proposed agenda items and asked those present to report the results of discussion in their groups as to whether each proposal should be included on the WSBC agenda.

**Summary of Results:** It was decided in favor of having all 22 proposals go on the WSBC agenda. Many items were pro forma housecleaning and there was little discussion on most items. Items that did trigger discussion and some opposition were: Item C (new tool of Mindfulness → tie vote: 7y, 7n), item 2 (meeting formats to include OA steps, traditions, and preamble → vote: 9y, 3n), item 3 (remove “religious” from list of kinds of organizations to receive OA assets if OA is dissolved → vote: 5y, 3n), and item 8 (change WSBC schedule yearly to every other year → vote: 8y, 1n) .

### **CLOSING:**

**Motion:** Sandy M. **moved** to close the meeting. Sue W. **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed** by unanimous show of hands. Elaine closed the meeting by leading a recitation of the serenity prayer. 3:47 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, March 5, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Peter Lewis, Secretary.