

Portland Area of Narcotics Anonymous Board of Directors Meeting

March 28, 2009

Michael M. opened the meeting at 12:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Third Step Prayer.

Present when the meeting opened:

Michael M., RCM
Linda R., Secretary
Troy J., Outreach
Michele V., Outreach
Ron C.
Steve G., Public Relations

Carolyn G-E., Literature
David G., Hotline
Lawrence J., H & I Chair
Maggi G., Treasurer
Lynda A., Hotline

Troy J. read the 12 Traditions.

Michael M. started with going over the topics that would be discussed.

Those included:

Area Inventory
Audit
Outreach
PR Chair and Vice-Chair positions are now vacant.

Audit: Literature has a bank account. H&I no longer has a bank account, it has been closed. Joan T. normally does the audit and files the appropriate forms for the taxes every year. Maggi, said donations for the Area are way down and it is resulting in a negative balance after all prudent reserves and money set aside for Region.

Inventory:

There are two main area of focus:

1. Subcommittees
2. Outreach orientation for GSR'S

There was a very lengthy discussion about the GSR orientation, it centered on whether or not the orientation should be left under the umbrella of the Outreach Subcommittee or changed to an Admin position directly under the Executive Committee. Brian is currently doing the orientation and is doing a great job and would like to continue his service to the Area in that capacity. Several members had strong opinions in favor of

leaving the orientation with Outreach. There was also a discussion about the "Buddy System" as it currently stands, and it was recommended to ask those GSR'S that are assigned a "Buddy" to sit with the new GSR so, they could ask them questions and get further trained as to the flow of the ASC meeting.

All agreed that #1 there is an issue, and #2 we want to move towards a solution.

It was finally agreed upon that an Ad-hoc Committee for Outreach and the orientation would be formed in order to move towards a solution and develop an improved process to train incoming GSR'S.

Some ideas about changing the orientation were discussed, such as giving the New GSR'S a copy of "A Guide to Local Service", the "12 Concepts" and the "GSR Handbook". These could be combined in a notebook that would be given to the GSR'S for their group and when one person's service commitment was completed they would then pass it on to the next GSR.

Subcommittees:

The subcommittees have been acting somewhat autonomous from the PASC. It is important to remember that all subcommittees are **NOT** autonomous, but answer to the PASC. Part of the problem is that the incoming Chairs of the Subcommittees are not receiving proper training from the outgoing Chair. The Executive committee is working on ways to make changes in that area, so the Subcommittees will work more harmoniously with the rest of the Area. Some of these are outlined in the Inventory report handed out last month.

Literature:

Carolyn, the Literature Chair brought up the subject of Starter Kits. Currently new groups can fill out a form and choose what literature they want in their starter kits with a maximum dollar amount of \$20. The idea that literature has is giving the new groups requesting a starter kit, the starter kit that World now has, plus adding some additional items. The starter kit that comes from World consists of 2 White books, 16 different IP'S, the Group Booklet, a couple of new IP'S just released, the group treasury workbook, a copy of the NA Way, a World order form and a group registration form. The items that are not in that kits that literature would also like to include are; a Basic Text, group readings, and key tags. With all this included, it would increase the cost of a starter kit from \$20 to \$30. Carolyn made a motion to go ahead with this idea. There was a discussion concerning this and it was decided to table this motion until the next BOD meeting.

Meeting closed at 12:45 pm.