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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
53 SE 80th Avenue
Portland, OR 97213
April 30, 2005**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer for those who cared to join in.

The Twelve Traditions were read by: Paul J.
The Twelve Concepts were read by: Dennis
The 4th Concept was read by: Dennis.
The Dedication to Service was read by: Vogt

Roll Call of Officers

13 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

39 answered the roll call.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 20.

New GSR Orientation

Treasurer's Report, Victoria C.

See attached report.

Secretary Report, Linda R.

I would like to apologize for the 12 spelling errors in the minutes. Are there any other amendments to the minutes? Jerry MacDonald objected to the last two sentences describing the information on the answers he gave to the questions posed during his nomination process for RCM. The last two sentences stated: **He has misappropriated NA Funds. He took t-shirts to sell for Unity in the Streets and never paid back the money.** There was a lengthy discussion on this as well as a Motion made by Ron C. and seconded YETS to strike these last two sentences from the minutes. The motion vote was 7 in favor 14 against and 5 abstentions. This motion failed. Jerry asked that it be stated; he intended to pay this money back, and this situation happened during a relapse in 1990 and did indeed pay back the money last month after area. The other correction was under nominations for Vice Chair for Barry D. The minutes stated, "**He has served on H & I Regional Service Board and has no current service conflicts.**" It should have read that he was on the Entertainment Committee for the 1994 World Convention. A motion made

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by Back to Basics and seconded by YETS to accept the minutes as amended. This passed with 22 in favor, 1 against, and 2 abstentions.

All subcommittee chairs need to submit a typed report to me, this is part of your responsibility as the Chair of your subcommittee. This becomes even more essential since there are no longer any verbal reports being given during this meeting.

Please sign in on the new sign in sheet so that I can double check all the addresses and make sure everyone gets their minutes. You can choose to receive your minutes by email, but remember if you make this choice you will NOT receive them in the mail. There is no space specifically for your emails addresses, but please add it if that is how you prefer to receive your minutes. The minutes that are being sent while I am interim secretary will be in Word form only so, if you cannot open Word with your email or your computer please make sure you chose to receive your minutes by regular mail. As always you can also go to our website portlandna.com to print off the minutes.

In regards the bulk mailing, since I have made a commitment to this service position to the May 2005 PASC only, I will NOT be organizing all the area's mailing. I believe it would be too confusing to start this now and then try to hand it over to the new secretary. I also do not see that we generate enough mail to follow the guidelines required to use this permit.

Chair Report, JB.

First off I'd like to thank all of the GSR'S that attend Area and Contribute towards the solution. I'd also like to thank the various subcommittees and their members in making the efforts they do. Thanks to the elected and interim officers and thanks to the Area fellowship in their trust.

Secondly, subcommittees will continue to submit their written reports to the Vice-Chair but verbal reports have been taken off the agenda. If there are specific questions concerning a subcommittee please attend their monthly business meeting. This will hopefully foster greater participation at the subcommittee level, satisfy Motion #47, and help speed up this Area meeting.

Perhaps, we can start a buddy system, like H & I, for new GSR'S after they get out of orientation and have been recognized. This will help them answer immediate questions regarding motions, procedures and how we do things here.

The Board of Directors met just prior to today's PASC, and we made two decisions by general consent. #1. That the Portland Area Service Office (PASO) subcommittee now has an established prudent reserve of \$500. PASO will then make out a check to the Area's Treasurer prior to those months PASC. #2. The second is a 5% literature handling fee added to all orders. This will take effect June 1, 2005 and new literature forms will be available next month.

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This Area has several upcoming challenges to face and I hope that we can come together in unity as a fellowship to provide solutions.

Vice Chair Report – Regional Issues, Paul J.

Attended the Activities sub-committee meeting. There is a lot going on in this subcommittee and they do have a handle on it. There are no issues with other subcommittees or conflicts. I would like to see the Chair for this committee meet with PASO Chair or attend the PASO subcommittee to work out and coordinate different activities and agree which activities or events will be shared or segregated.

Met with the newly elected area chairperson. We discussed issues as they pertain to the area such but not limited to: Our primary purpose, UNITY, possibilities of a Metro Area, where we are as a fellowship today and where do we see the fellowship in the future, and PASO planning.

Attended fundraiser for Beverly Beach Campout. There was great turn out and the event came off well. The trusted servants that put that together should be commended for the fine job they did. At that event I had the opportunity to speak to the Hotline chair to discuss any areas of concern or interest. That committee appears to be well organized and is evident of a strong chairperson.

Attended the H & I subcommittee. I was impressed on how well this subcommittee meeting was held, organized and conducted. The attendance was larger that I thought it would be and the participants were eager to carry out our 5th tradition. I did not see any conflict with any other subcommittee that would cause concern. In fact I saw unity between the Literature chairperson and the chairperson for this committee.

RCM REPORT

No report provided.

PCRCNA XIII, Claire K.

Financial -\$4043.10. Need help budgeting/planning.

Support Needed -Special needs, arts & graphics, executive secretary.

Merchandise - Fundraising clocks for sale here. Highlighters will be here May 14. Pre-registration merchandise will be hot.

Entertainment - Moving forward with blues cruise, dances and more.

Programming - Need speaker tape submissions and ideas for workshop topics? relating to theme.

Fundraising - Dance on 5/14 and Breakfast 6/4 - fliers available here.

Registration - Early registration begins 5/23/05 at PCRCNA XII in Grants Pass.

Subcommittee Meetings for May-

Hotels & Hospitality 7:30 on the 2nd Thursday at 20647 NW Trailwalk Dr - H209

Convention Info 7:30 on 1st Thursday at 1215 NE 80thAve

Programming 10:30 on 3rd Sunday at Providence room HCC8

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Registration 7:00 1st Monday at 855 SW Wert Court, Sherwood
Fundraising 6:00 on 1st Thursday at 5119 SE 140th Ave
Entertainment 2:00 on 2nd or 3rd Saturday at 7872 SE 66th Ave
Executive 12:30 on 3rd Sunday at Providence room HCC8
PCRCNA XII is on May 20-22, 2005 in Grants Pass, OR
pcrcna13@portlandna.com for information or feedback

New GSR Recognition

Mike K.	What it is	GSR
John L.	The Solution Group	Alt. GSR
Stephanie B.	Burnside Blues	Alt. GSR
Ukana A.	Determined Dames	GSR
Tara D. "Shorty"	Multiculture	GSR
Jack McC.	Hardly Dangerous	GSR
Danny C.	Sick in St. Johns	GSR
Sarah B.	Sick in St. Johns	Alt. GSR

Break 3:00 pm

Meeting reopened at 3:15 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Count of Voting GSR'S

39 present.

Unfinished Business

Motion # 8 Submitted by Michelle M. Seconded by Back to Basics.
To start holding new GSR orientation before area at 1:30 pm.
30 For – 0 Against – 2 Abstain

Motion #19 Submitted by Ron C. and seconded by Recovery In the House.
That the Portland Area Service Committee (PASC) and its Board of Directors (BOD) by-laws be revised to read in section three, line e (Roberts Rules of Order Revised).
Motion was tabled.

Motion #24 Submitted by Activities and seconded by Recovery In The House.
To establish seed money on Beverly Beach campout as noted in past motion #94,
establishing \$2500 as set aside line item.
30 For – 0 Against – 3 Abstain

Motion #25 Submitted by Activities and Seconded by Find The Way.
To establish seed money on Unity In The Streets as noted in past motion #94,
establishing \$2000 as set aside line item.
29 For – 0 Against – 4 Abstain

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Motion #37 Submitted by Ron C. and seconded by Clean Freaks.

That the PASO adhere to its approved business plan by establishing monthly fund raising events. This motion was tabled for the second time by the Chair to conform with Motion #47, that any motion that affects a subcommittee will be presented to that subcommittee prior to bringing it to Area. There was a lengthy discussion that followed. The maker of the motion stated he did bring this motion to the subcommittee; however the Chair of this committee, Rick P. stated that it was never brought to the subcommittee meeting. After the Chair tabled this motion, the maker of the motion made a motion to challenge the chair's decision. The vote was 0 in favor – 20 against – 0 abstentions. Challenge failed. Motion will be tabled for one month to be presented at the PASO subcommittee meeting.

Motion #39 Submitted by Victoria C. and seconded by Let's Get It On.

To make bylaw changes, Section Ten – Article II – Business Meetings: Subsection C:

“The regular meeting of the P.A.S.C. is to be gin promptly at 2:00 pm and will end at 5:00 pm. Extension of an area meeting can only be done by a majority vote of GSR'S at the meeting.” Change would read, “Start time to 12:00 pm and end time to 4:00 pm.

This motion was tabled for the second time to satisfy motion #47, which states it must be presented at all affected subcommittees.

Motion #40 Submitted by JB RCM and seconded by Minute by Minute.

To amend Section Seven: Article I – Executive Committee Treasurer- to include “The treasurer is also responsible for the preparation of an annual Area budget by the September PASC. 30 For – 0 Against – 5 Abstentions. Motion passes.

Elections

Vice Chair – Paul J.

RCM – Jerry McD.

Alt. RCM – Kat H.

Secretary Nominations

Linda R. was nominated by What's Really Going On and declined the nomination due to the violation of bylaws that this nomination would cause.

Becky V. was nominated by What's Really Going On. She declined the nomination.

PASC Secretary Nominations will be held over to the May PASC.

New Business

Motion #47 Submitted by Pat R. and seconded by Kick The Monkey.

Request for starter kit for new meeting in Forest Grove called Manic Monday from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Motion passes by general consent.

Motion #48 Submitted by Healing of the Spirit and seconded by Recovery in the House.

To get starter kit. Location: Church of Rockwood, Child care provided. Address: 17021 E Burnside, when: Monday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Women's Step Meeting – We will have speakers once a month and work out of the Step Working Guide.

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Motion passes by general consent.

Motion #49 Submitted by Michelle M. seconded by Late Night Recovery.
Request all flyers be half page size to save copy and expense on space on literature tables. Motion was withdrawn by maker.

Motion #50 Submitted by Linda R. and seconded by Recovery In The House.
Emergency motion for \$34.82 for expenses for mailing minutes over and above the \$150 allotment provided for the PASC Secretary. 20 For – 0 Against – 4 Abstain

**Motion #51 Submitted by H & I and seconded by Recovery In The House
To Ratify H & I By Laws.**

(OLD) Amend Section Six, Article 7 which reads:

Article 7 -Clearance Coordinator

Requires two years clean time and one year working knowledge of H&I Subcommittee.
Responsibilities include:

- A. Making available clearance applications and information to all subcommittee members
- B. Maintaining contact with clearance facilities regarding any changes in requirements
- C. Making available address and phone numbers of clearance facility volunteer coordinators

To Read:

(NEW) Article 7 - Subcommittee Member Development Coordinator

Requires two years clean time and one year working knowledge of H&I Subcommittee.
Responsibilities include:

- A. Contact members after 6 months on the subcommittee to provide information about how to get clearance.
- B. Coordinate with members and clearance facility coordinators to match those who are able to clearance with the facilities that need them.

(OLD)

Article 7A - Clearance Facility Coordinators

Requires two years clean time and one year working knowledge of H&I Subcommittee. There will be one coordinator each for Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Oregon State.
Responsibilities include:

- A. Making available clearance applications and information to all subcommittee members
- B. Maintaining contact with clearance facilities regarding any changes in requirements
- C. Making available address and phone numbers of clearance facility volunteer coordinators

And:

Amend Section Four: Elections, first paragraph, last sentence, that reads: Jail Panel Chairs will be elected in November with a one-year term starting the following month.

To Read:

Jail Panel Chairs and **Clearance Facility Coordinators** will be elected in November with a one-year term starting the following month.

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This motion was sent back to the groups for a vote.

Motion #52 Submitted by Wayne C. and seconded by Recovery In the House.

To have open forum at the beginning of the meeting at a set time.

Purpose: #1 To ensure that open forum happens. #2 To ensure that members can participate. #3 So members can bring information to us and know that they will be heard at a specific time. Kick The Monkey ask for a friendly amendment to move open forum to after the break. Maker declined the friendly amendment. Vote was 5 For – 18 Against – 5 Abstentions. Motion fails.

Motion #53 Submitted by Aaron of Activities.

To ratify Wally N. as our new chair of activities. Motion passes by general consent.

Motion #54 Submitted by Laurence J. and seconded by Hope No Dope.

To ratify Laurence J. as Outreach Chair. Motion passes by general consent.

Motion # 55 Submitted by Jerry M.

To have phone numbers of GSR'S and subcommittee chairs to be included in the minutes. Withdrawn by maker.

Motion to extend made by What's Really Going On and seconded by Let's Get It On.

6 In favor – 3 Against – 0 Abstentions.

Open Forum

Kick The Monkey; We must identify the problem as well as find a solution to the problem.

Wayne C. – The problem in our area is that members believe that their voice is not being heard. We rejected an opportunity to let members have a set time for them to represent themselves.

Laurence – GSR Orientation will be at 1:30 pm in May, per passed motion.

Kat H. – I attended the Portland Area Inventory Workshop sponsored by Let's Get It On. We took our area's inventory and identified problems as well as some solutions.

Problems with our Infrastructure

Communication

Bureaucracy

Subcommittee support

Leadership

Lack of commitment/Lack of consequences

Resources/People

Money

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Size/Number of GSR'S @ ASC
Roberts Rules
Service isn't attractive
Training
No unity
Lack of old timers involvement
The format doesn't allow all groups to be involved
Forgotten Primary purpose
Complacency

Solutions

Attractive Service
Fewer Personalities
Less anger
Make respectful discussion an expectation
Encourage people to help/make service attractive
Training
Archives
No Robert's Rules of Order
Conscious based decision making
ASC too big
Study Metro section of the Local Guide to Service
Raise Service Awareness
Recovery meeting discussions
Build Unity
Support subcommittees
Collaborate/Cooperate services with liaisons
Mentorship
Living principles/Lead by example
Traditions/Concept discussion at ASC
Overlap elections/positions

Problems with Our Public Image

We are not recognized as a district fellowship
Bad behavior at events and meeting places
People think once an addict always an addict
We don't know how we are perceived
Professionals think we are less effective
Media focus on crime not NA as a solution
NA is seen as part of the drug problem
People think that we relapse more
Lack of community awareness
We act as if we are a secret society
People who use drug are demonized in the media

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Lack of NA literature in the public domain

Solutions

Be mindful of behavior
Be good when no one is looking
Be receptive to community needs
Collective conscious is the solution
Live in the message
Lead by example
Take responsibility for personal behavior
Make NA literature available in schools
Live the program when representing NA
Public service announcements
Be good when everyone is looking
TriMet Benches
Write editorials to new papers
Do a demographic survey of Portland Area by race, age, drug of choice and use it to educate
Survey treatment center staff, see if they refer their clients to us, it not why?
Revise meeting/PI mailing
Public Information with focus on family recovery
Carry a clear message
Learn what anonymity means
What we are, what we are not

Our Area's Problem

Leadership
Communication
Resources
Telling groups they have no say
Area too big for all to participate
Lack of participation
Lack of trust/accountability
Members governing rather than leading
GSR's are neglected
Poor time management
Personalities before principles
Personal agendas
Focus on subcommittees instead of groups
Area service not welcoming
Lack of respect
Animosity
Lack of vision/focus
No training

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Lack of decision making strategy
No group conscious

Solutions

Remember who we serve
Respond to GSR's
Reach out to members
Offer respect to GSR's
Publish group reports
Better communication between GSR's
Mentor leaders
Split up Area
Define job descriptions
Learn and use consensus building
Offer respect and dignity to each other
Trusted servant should study concepts/Traditions
Publish trusted servant's phone numbers
Have one check book
Public quarterly budget
Effective rotation of leadership
Better support those elected to service/Help
ASC meet earlier and end on time
More service learning days/have fun
Smaller Areas with Metro Board

Jim B. P. I. Chair – Saturday Market Booth signup sheet is being passed around. May 20th 7:00 pm will be a short orientation then you can go out to the booth to carry the message.

Rick P. – 3 Things - #1 Adhoc committee being formed for the bulk mailing project.
#2 PASO Meets the 1st Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm. May 1, 2005, June 5, 2005.
#3 We are now having open forum and there are only a few people let here so, a lot of our members are missing this information.

Ron C. - I have submitted numerous motions that have not been heard. I was instructed to bring the motions to the subcommittee, which I did and the PASO is interfering with this process.

Rick P. – I have learned humility in recovery. I have carried the voice of the PASO subcommittee and if it is found that I am wrong, I will come before this committee and make amends.

Roosevelt made amends for his earlier behavior.

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Dennis – Timothy Lake Campout is June 17, 18, 19, sites are going fast so hurry and sign up.

Wally Activities Char – we have 34 events coming up and need more participation from the fellowship.

Motion to close.

Sub Committee Reports

Reports will no longer be given at Area but, will still be included in the minutes.

Activities

The activities meeting are every second Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm at the P.A.S.O.

Everyone is invited to come and join in, There is no clean time requirement for most events and everyone is welcomed. As you all know we are starting to get geared up for the summer events, and there are adhoc meetings going on as we speak. We have some new comers that have joined our team, Bill, John L, Jerry, and And Tom. We would like to encourage more to come. Wally N has been voted in as the chair of activities, And is waiting to be ratified at area. We also have a new vice chair Eric P, And Bea N Will remains as the treasurer. Some other position has changed hands such as the calendar cord. Is Ron C he will also be our archivist, Rick P. is our R.CM he will also be the storage cord. The flyer cord. Is Bill. There are still some positions open like event cord. For upcoming events also we need a secretary. The clean time requirement for this position is 1 yr. although we have Yes as an interim secretary that was appointed by the previous chair; she has 6 months clean and has shown an interest in the job. We had our event reports, and everything is going very well. We plan everything from money management to flyers and everything in between like locations, type of events. Time and place. Unity is looking for a new location; this event has been formatted for mobility set up by the last cord Will A. There are still some new events still in the makings, I will have more info as these events begin to be planed and take form. We accept any and all suggestion from anyone with good ideas for new activities such as bake sales, auctions, or dances.

P.I. chair has been to several of our meetings talking about how they could be of asst. by setting up and manning with the help of activities the public information booth at some of our upcoming summer events. They also put together a notebook full of public information to be distributed at the picnic in the park, so we are very grateful to be working very close together with our sub comm. Activities has made a 100.00 donation to area for rent and storage, we have also selected a by-law review comm. As well.

THANK YOU

YOUR TRUSTED SERVENT

WALLY N

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Literature

Total sales this month - \$3,797.73

Total expenses this month - \$3,10.27

Current Balance \$287.46

We will be charging a 5% handling fee starting June 1, 2005 on all literature sales.

Outreach

No Report submitted.

Hospitals & Institutions

Total Commitments – 67

Missed – 6

Cancelled – 5

Number of addicts seen -1087

Hotline

The hotline currently has all shifts filled. We are still having difficulty finding people who are willing to be of service as 12 step volunteers. We get many requests for rides to meetings by newcomers and people who are in from out of town and many times we have to turn them away. If you have at least 1 year clean and are willing to be of service in this area please contact me or Shannon. Our next meeting is on June 3, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Portland Area Service Office.

Thank you, Linda R.

Public Information

No report submitted

RCM/Alternate RCM

No report submitted.

PASO

No report submitted.

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