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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
53 SE 80th Avenue
Portland, OR 97213
September 24, 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 Claire M.
The 9th Concept was read by Tim D.
The Dedication to Service was read by B.A.

Roll Call of Officers

14 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

28 answered the roll call.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 21.

Treasurer's Report, Victoria C.

See attached report.

Secretary Report, Linda R.

Motion to suspend the reading of the minutes was made by We're No Angels and seconded by Late Nite Recovery.

Amendment to Change PASP to PASO in the first sentence of the first paragraph of the Activities Report.

Motion to Accept the minutes as amended was made by We're No Angels and seconded by Productive Members of Society.

Outreach was directed by the Chair to get in touch with the RCM of the Willamette Area to obtain their group roster so that those groups no longer in the Portland Area can be removed from our roll call.

Chair Report, JB.

- 1) The Treasurer's ad-hoc committee report by Michelle M:(No report was submitted)

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- 2) The Area wide questionnaire ad-hoc committee Chaired by Steve S will today be represented by B.A.: We are waiting to see the outcome of Motion #74 for further direction.
- 3) The Metro-Area ad-hoc committee Chaired by Tim D provides the following written report: (No report was submitted, however the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the PASO.
- 4) The PASC Alternative location ad-hoc committee Co-Chaired by Colin W and Paul J provides the following written report:

I spoke with Brenda at Miracles (4069 MLK Blvd); she is the person that schedules meetings at Miracles. Miracles is receptive to having PASC come back and have there meetings there. They have the storage area and the building is available on Saturdays for the PASC meeting and sub-committee meetings until 6:30pm. Cost still need to be negotiated. The PASC board will have to go to the Miracles board to work out the details for this facility.

Troy and JB have spoken with the URS club (172nd & Stark) and they are receptive to having the PASC meet at their facility as well. Cost would need to be negotiated.

I have communicated to with 2 locations:

- 1) Portland Alano Club 909 NW 24th Ave Portland OR 97210 – I spoke with Judd Blackwell. They do not have any storage capacity but he is pleased to offer us the last Saturday of the month for our regular meeting time. We would have the basement for \$75 per month and the sub comities can also arrange times to meet there for the same amount. There is a meeting there at 5:30 so we would have to be out of there by that time. There is coffee.
- 2) Long Shoreman's Hall- I spoke to Carl Lunde that location is available after 7 during the week and on weekends he did not disclose the rent amount. Before he would allow us access to the space he would need a letter faxed over describing who we are and what we need.
- 3) I have a call into Gary B (AA Portland Area Intercrop) to discuss where they meet for their monthly group meeting. I will follow up with him.

[Colin]

These are the contacts that we have made and the PASC can make the decisions on what they would like to do.

- 5) The schedule booklet ad-hoc committee Co-Chaired by Vicki and John B reported that: the schedule booklet format is done and now we are waiting to hear from printers for a quote on how much this will cost. We're hoping to have more information next month. Thank you for allowing us to serve, John and Vickie
- 6) As Area Chair I am forming shirts for books ad-hoc committee responsible for presenting to this body an Area H&I design and proposal so that funds can be raised in order that soft-covered basic texts can be sent into those institutions deemed appropriate by the H&I Sub-committee. I am appointing myself, JB, as ad-hoc Chair and I will be giving regular monthly reports until the January PASC. In loving service and gratitude, JB

Vice Chair Report – Subcommittees and Regional Issues, Paul J.

- I have communicated with the chair of outreach. They are doing a great with the limited resources they have. I urge all members to announce the need for trusted servants for this sub committee.

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- I also communicated with PI chair. There is a similar situation as outreach. The lack of participation and the need to fill spots on the board.
- Attended the H&I sub-committee. I was impressed on how well this sub-committee meeting was held, organized and conducted. The attendance was larger then 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 sub-committee that would cause concern. In fact I saw unity amongst the members of this committee. There is a need to increase member clearance to bring the message to the jails.
- Short term goal is to be more active with both PI and outreach to identify what can be done to increase participation in these two sub committee's.

Activities

No Report Submitted.

Literature

Total sales this month - \$1,647.74

Total expenses this month - \$1,116.08

Current Balance \$972.85

Outreach

Breakfast Club of NA (Vancouver) has moved to the W. Mill Plain Denny's at Sunday @ 10:30 am.

Canby Wednesday Night is no longer meeting, remove from schedule.

Tigard Recovery Center needs a meeting for their residential side, Lawrence will help with that.

Canby Friday Night visits on next Friday by Nanette and Will.

Outreach supports the B.O.D. and this Area. Lately we have not been getting any new group forms, so if there are any new groups please see Nanette P.

Visits: Doing Life men's meeting on Monday night on 74th and Stark, there was no one there to open the door. Gateway to Recovery is no longer meeting, have received phone calls about members having the meeting outside the facility, Nanette P. will follow up to help them again access to the facility.

Hospitals & Institutions

Total Commitments -55

Missed - 9

Cancelled - 3

Number of addicts seen -625

Hotline

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Things are going well for the hotline. Our next business meeting will be October 7th here at the PASO.

Currently there are 3 open shifts:

Monday's 12 pm – 5 pm
Thursday's 6 am – 12 pm
Friday's 7 am – 1 pm

The clean time requirement for a shift worker is 6 months. Hotline is working on putting together an alternate shift workers phone list. This is so that when shifts are open, people go on vacation or quit we can have coverage. If you have an interest in either of these positions contact Linda or Shannon.

We are always looking for willing and available 12 step volunteers. The clean time requirement for this is one year. If you have an interests speak to Shannon.

We appreciate everyone who announces in meetings that hotline has open shifts. Hotline would also like to thank everyone who continues to help cover shifts.

At this time hotline is only sending out orientation packets for new shift workers. We have stopped mailing newsletter packets in the effort to save some money.

Thank you, Linda R.

Public Information

There was a phone interview done with KOIN-T.V. Who wanted to know if N.A. would do anything for victims of hurricane Katrina seeking help at a relief center here in Portland? This story was shelved due to no evacuee's coming to Portland. We did though, hand out a few schedules, with some of our info pamphlets, to our local Red Cross, and took some more of the same info to the possible relief center that has seen some people come in with the help of local churches. There was contact made with the New Orleans P.I. Chair, who amazingly wrote back, and they now have information available if anyone may be coming here. We did a presentation with H & I at the Washington County Jail. We spoke with their Volunteer Cord. to see about getting an H&I panel in the jail. P.I. could use some support. We still just have several people doing a lot of work, and could use some help in every position. Please come to our next meeting on October 27th, 7:00P.M., at the PASO.

Thank You

Jim B.

PASO

Minutes for September 4, 2005

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Meeting was **brought to order** at 1:00 p.m.

Six voting members were present.

Quorum was established at 6.

Treasurer's report: See attached report. A check for \$876.25 will be cut to Area today (9/4/05).

Chair report: Rick thanked everyone that has been here for the long haul. Area has voted not to renew the lease on the PASO. As of yet we have no direction from the groups. Decisions are being made without having the solutions.

Fundraising events: The desert table at Unity in the Streets went well, about \$50 profit. The Oaks Park picnic had a good turnout, the profit was \$344. Concessions continue to do great.

The **PASO** has been closed a lot due to lack of volunteers. If we know of anybody that would like to volunteer please have him or her get a hold of Sunny.

Meeting closed at 1:45 pm.

PCRCNAXIII

No Report Submitted.

RCM REPORT: Jerry M.

No report submitted.

New GSR Recognition

Leslie	Solutions
Donna	Walk Your Talk
Bruce	Learning To Live
Mike	What It Is

Break 3:00 pm

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

Count of Voting GSR'S

27 present.

Unfinished Business

Motion #61 – Submitted By Wayne C. Seconded by Back To Basics

Motion: To amend By laws, Section 7, Article 1, Secretary Duties to read: “ The secretary is responsible for keeping clear and accurate minutes of the PASC and will make available a master copy online and at the PASO the previous meetings minutes and agenda no later than 10 days before each PASC Monthly meeting.

Purpose of Motion: To save almost \$200 per month and to lighten the load of the secretary.

2 Abstentions; Passed by General Consent

Motion #74 – Submitted by Area Questionnaire Ad hoc (B.A.) Seconded by Healing of the Spirit

Motion: Do the groups want a service office??

Purpose of Motion: To give direction to this ad hoc committee.

Yes – 0; No – 19; Abstentions – 2

Outcome: Group Conscience is NO SERVICE OFFICE.

Secretary Nominations – No nominations

Alternate RCM – No nominations

New Business

Motion #75 – Submitted by Board of Directors Seconded by Hope No Dope

Purpose of Motion: To change Section 7 Article III, Letter A: to read from “The PASC shall be responsible to meet quarterly to conduct business. The meeting will be held 1 hour prior to the regular PASC. Business meeting at the same location in March, June, September and December. “To 2 hours prior.”

Motion sent back to the groups for a vote.

Motion #76 – Submitted by Ron C. and Seconded by New Beginnings.

Motion: 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 :

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New Revised (and/or in brief) by Henry M. Robert III, William J. Evans, Daniel H. Honswanu, Thomas T Balch.

Purpose of Motion: To bring our By Laws current and be in conformity with corporate laws. Current edition of Roberts Rules of Order in our By Laws is outdated and not an authorized edition.

Motion sent back to the groups for a vote.

Motion #77 – Submitted by Terra J. and Seconded by Late Nite Recovery.

Motion: New group requesting starter kit: Ravens, 2424 SE Caruthers, Friday 7:00 pm, Women's Closed Meeting.

Purpose of Motion: Starter Kit

Motion passed by general consent.

Motion #78 – Submitted by SE Serenity

Motion: To Direct the PASC to dissolve the PASO subcommittee due to the passing of motion #74.

Purpose of Motion: To eliminate further confusion, motions and discussion on a topic that has been overwhelmingly shot down by the groups of this area.

Motion was ruled out of order.

Open Forum:

Troy – “If we have \$1,800 in the bank, why can't we reinstate the services such as the schedules?”

Guy J. – Show me a need for this expense.(PASO) This is an added burden on our service structure. Other groups have developed new areas because they feel so strongly about it. This office did not work. Some of our biggest learning opportunities come from failures. I will submit a new motion next month.

Terry – Please see flyer for the Westside Area Meeting which will be held at the Recovery Club of Beaverton on Sunday October 2, 2005 at 2:00 pm.

Rick P. – There are many members in our fellowship who attend more than one subcommittee/ad-hoc meetings and it would be nice to have them all in one central location. The \$150 that was previously paid to Miracles was for the PASC meeting only.

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There is no direction been given to the Area or any of the Subcommittees on where they will meet in November? H & I has over 100 members, who were all able to meet at this office; we were able to invite a Congressional Delegate to this office instead of a coffee shop or some other location. These other areas that are being formed are using the services of the Portland Area's Subcommittees, such as Public Information, Hotline and Hospitals and Institutions, but they are not paying for any of these services. These groups are taking from the Portland Area but, not giving anything back to this Area. We need solutions.

B.A. - I've seen some motions recently that affect the By Laws that are not written correctly. It must be stated what the current by law reads and how it will be changed if the by law is changed. Also, JB as Chair of this Area you need to give the Subcommittees direction on what action to take for a location on where their meetings will be held in November 2005.

Will – I go to many different groups. Do we want an office, yes definitely, but we cannot afford an office.

Tim D. – RAP is getting an office and is looking for anchor tenants. This is a possibility of where the Area could meet in a central location for around \$500 a month. Also, there is nothing in the by laws about open forum.

Ron C. – Many motions have passed for this office. The groups have not supported this office. There were ways that this could have worked with the proper support.

Vicki D. = The NA Group, “The Hole in the Wall Gang” is looking for people to join their meeting. This is not just a men's meeting even though it is held as OSP.

Jim B. – Please see flyer for the Regional Learning Days in Roseburg October 8, 2005.

Meeting adjourned.