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**Portland Area Service Committee  
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous  
17200 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR  
February 23, 2008**

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 Gene  
The Twelve Concepts were read by Kristen  
The 4th Concept was read by Paula  
The Dedication to Service was read by Linda R

**Roll Call of Officers**

13 were present.

**Roll Call of Groups**

28 answered roll call. A total number of 33 groups checked in during the meeting.

**Quorum**

Quorum is established at 12.

**Unfinished Business**

**Motion #2-08**, submitted by Ron C. and seconded by Learning to Live

Motion: Bylaw Change: That Section Seven: Administrative Officers, Article II, "Parliamentarian" be removed and reinserted into Section Seven, Article I – Executive Committee. Also that the language under Parliamentarian be changed to read: The Parliamentarian shall oversee the administration of the policies and procedures as outline in the PASC bylaws – Section Three: Governing Principles and Procedural References. The Parliamentarian will insure that all motions are in accordance to the PASC bylaws. The Parliamentarian will also advise the chairperson to questions of parliamentary procedure.

Purpose of Motion: To insure that all motions presented and procedures at the PASC are in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of NA, the Twelve Concepts of NA Service, the PASC Bylaws, A Local Guide to Services, and Roberts Rules of Order.

**Motion #2-08 is approved by the groups:**

1 Against      6 Abstentions      11 In Favor

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<b>PASC Nominations</b>			
Elected Office	Nominated by/seconded	Nominations	√
<b>Chair</b>	Embracing Reality/Southeast Serenity	Wayne C	
	Learning to Live/Minute by Minute	Ron C	
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Back to Basics/Freedom Fighters	Travis B	
	Here and Now/Minute by Minute	Steve	
<b>Secretary</b>	What it Is/New Journey	Kathryn	
<b>Treasurer</b>	What's Really Going On?/New Journey	Maggie	
<b>Archivist</b>		Nominations remain open	
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Back to Basics/What it Is?	Jeff	
<b>RCM</b>	New Journey/Find the Way	Mike R.	
		Nominations remain open	
<b>Alternate RCM</b>		Nominations remain open	

*See attached Service Resumes and candidate Q&A discussion items*

### **Secretary's Report – Michele V.**

Linda from One Promise, Many Gifts, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes; seconded by Troy from Back to Basics. No amendments were made to the January minutes. Michele, PASC Secretary, asked for continued support in keeping the contact list up to date.

### **Treasurer's Report**

See attached.

### **Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.**

Wayne touched on the following topics in his report

1. Schedules
2. PR Manual Study Group
3. BOD
4. Conference Agenda Workshop Planning Meeting
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6. The subcommittees are once again running smoothly

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Wayne C.

### **Subcommittees and Regional Issues**

#### **Activities**

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Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Mark read 12 Traditions; Ron read the 1st concept; Toni read the Decorum Statement. First time visitors were Scottie, Justin, Trina, Dave C, Tammy, and Tony. Second time visitors were Brenda and Lawrence, they both made a verbal commitment to the committee. The Chair reported to the committee then called for reports from the Treasurer, RCM, Calendar Coordinator, Flyer Coordinator, Reminder Coordinator, Gratitude Coordinator, Storage Coordinator, Newcomer Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator and Archivist. Quorum was met; we had 15 voting members attending.

In Unfinished Business the event form motion was dropped, will be resubmitted next month; a bylaw motion was passed to directly spell out what activities is to do when area approves new seed money accounts.

In Future & Ongoing Events the Annual Picnic will be on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Government Island has a coordinator and is in need of NA members with boats to help with ferry service please contact coordinator. Picnic in the Park will start in April, also Multnomah falls hike and the Tube float has coordinators. Fort Stevens campout will be putting on a shamrock dance on March 15<sup>th</sup> there next AD-hoc will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Marriott Residence Inn in Lloyd Center area. There will be a paintball campout coming up on June6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> look for information in flyers and activities at a glance.

In past events Bowling had 60 people attending. In past events Snowtubing had a good turn out over 80 people attended the event.

In New Business nominations were held for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasure, Secretary, and RCM. A motion was submitted and passed that the Paintball campout be a multi-area event. TVNA is on board for this. There was also a motion that Activities fund and coordinate a “Subcommittee Workshop Day” in promotion of unity. The workshop to include involvement of members of all subcommittees. This motion passed.

The next motion was that the PAAS put up \$300 for the workshop and to ask PASC for a matched financial contribution to relieve activities financial burden for the event. This motion also passed.

The meeting closed at 5:10pm

Thank you  
Your trusted Servant  
Eric P

## **Literature - Carolyn**

### February Report:

Beginning Balance: \$5,692.41

Total Income (Sales): \$2,645.90

#### Expenses

WSO Literature: \$7,520.94

Grocery Outlet for markers and bags: \$7.46

Total Expenses: 7,528.90

Ending Balance: \$809.41

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Carolyn also reported that they were able to salvage some IPs damaged by flooding. She believes there is a security issue that needs to be addressed. When we moved into this facility, we were told that we would have a secure place to store out supplies. This is not happening, she said. This month we lost a stapler.

Moving supplies in and out of the building is not a viable option, Carolyn said. The Literature Subcommittee is looking for a solution.

Will A. asked how many times this has been a problem.

Carolyn said two times, the last two months.

Linda R. asked if she has talked to the management of the URS Club.

Carolyn said that she had. We were told that the locks would be changed; as of yet they still have not.

## **Outreach – Troy J.**

Good afternoon. I am Troy and I am an addict. Outreach is going OK. We had 6 new GSRs for orientation. We held nominations this month. Troy J. was nominated for Chair. Kevin S. for Vice Chair. Outreach still has two positions open, secretary and treasurer. The GSR Handbook has been reprinted and has been approved by the Board of Directors to distribute to GSRs.

Also, he received three letters from inmates and need some women to respond to these letters.

Thank you, in service, Troy J.

## **Hospitals & Institutions – Nanette**

Total Commitments – 29

Missed – 6

Cancelled – 2

Number of addicts seen – 244

The above numbers are missing reports from 2 of the larger facilities and 1 smaller facility.

Nominees for H&I officers are:

Chair – Misty M.

Vice Chair – Chuck P.

Secretary – Erin J.

Treasurer – Denise D.

RCM – Dan E.

Alternate RCM – Tabled

H & I received a request from a new facility: St. Vincent's Hospital Psych Ward. They want us to come in on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m., every week.

## **Hotline – Lynda, Hotline Chair**

The meeting opened at 4 p.m. on February 17 at Round Table. The 12 Traditions were read. Discussion focused on bringing PR and Outreach together, especially as it relates to the bylaws and motions.

There are three shifts open (Thursday 6 a.m. to Noon) (Thursday 11 p.m. to Friday 7 a.m.) and (Wednesday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) Thanks to Bill S for taking the Saturday shift. They discussed some guidelines when taking on a shift. The meeting closed at 5 p.m. Thank you to all the shift workers, In Service and gratitude, Lynda A.

## **Public Information – Jim B.**

We had a good turnout at the business meeting with seven NA members contributing to solving the issues at hand. This month we had a book study meeting before the regular PI meeting to learn about the Public Relations Handbook. This will continue to build our core structure and become more effective at carrying the message to recovering addicts, professionals, and the public as a whole. The biggest item discussed were schedule conflicts with no less than five people managing different NA schedules (printed and web versions) and keeping them accurate. The web host is spending many hours changing web schedules, making updates, and contacting people to insure the meeting listed is correct. See attached Web team report for more information on this topic.

We feel we must carry the message to addicts with an accurate meeting schedule. However, we are in a dilemma about the Motion #42 that prohibits us from participation at the Metro level. When we interact with other areas about the schedule it is in direct conflict with our directive from the PASC. Also, when there is two schedule printed it is a duplication of services, but we are working to find a solution to this delicate problem.

We have decided on a consensus based meeting format and are refining the way we conduct our business. The time for all our topics of discussion are limited. Therefore we want to manage the meeting as effectively as possible and still make progress on key issues. We encourage input from everyone and will continue to make changes for the betterment of the Public Relations team. Currently we have the NA Hotline chair joining us and would encourage Outreach to join us for the vision to be under one umbrella structure called Public Information. Then we can share resources and support each other all together in one location.

We had a report from the RCM, which is listed below:

There will be a Regional Learning Day on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. The panels will be on the PR Handbook, Training Your Replacement, Reaching Out to Professionals, and Newcomer Workshops/Working with Drug Courts. There will be a skit, an "ask it" basket (which consists of answering questions written down throughout the day), and a speaker meeting. A flyer will be made available around the second week of March.

The Regional P.I. Committee will also be having nominations in April. Open positions are Treasurer, Web host, and Secretary.

Thank You, Jim B.

We had nominations for PI Chair – Steve G, Secretary – Steve V., Schedule Coordinator – Linda R., and Treasurer – Lynda A. and we will vote next month to fill these positions to become permanent.

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Jim B. gave our committee the revised By Laws for us to review and vote on next month as well.

Rusty has agreed to head up a workshop for training and orienting people for the NA Presentations and Booth events that come up during the year. May 10<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for this training.

We have a lot of things happening in this area and are moving toward unity in carrying the message of hope to the addict in need. Come be apart of the solution and get involved with service. We need each other, and NA needs us.

Service in action,  
Steve G.  
Public Relations Chair.

### **Web Team Report – Andrea C.**

Once again this month the majority our time was spent trying to make sure that all the NA schedules in the three areas – Portland, Tualatin Valley, and Greater Willamette Valley – were accurate and had the same information. Because there are five schedulers involved – two for the hard copy Portland Area and Rose City Metro schedules (both of which list all three areas' meetings) and three for web schedules for Portland, TVA and GWVA – a better form of communication was developed between all with the gracious and positive cooperation of TVA, GWVA, and Rose City Metro schedulers. The Portland Area web schedule will now be managed by Jim K., Alternate Webhost, as updates are referred from the Portland Area hard copy scheduler and from the Group Update Form on the Portland Area website, as well as updates sent directly from TVA, GWVA, and the Rose City Metro schedulers.

Changes were made to the Literature Sales Subcommittee's web page to clarify where, when and how literature is sold and that Portland does not have a full Literature Subcommittee but only does sales of literature.

As always, activities and birthdays were updated, as well as minutes and Area reports posted. A sample resume form for Officers was added to the PASC webpage. A link to the Southwestern Washington Area meeting schedule was added to the Meetings by Area page. The March-April Portland and March Rose City Metro schedules have both been posted.

Yours in service,  
Andrea C.  
Webhost, PI Committee

### **Regional Committee Member –**

No report. Steve resigned his position.

### **Alternate Regional Committee Member – Eric**

No report.

## **Open Forum**

**Steve S**, said that he has misappropriated funds, and declines the RCM position. However, he would be happy to be Vice Chair. Steve said he has lots of good ideas.

**Jeff K**, announced a new meeting, Lucky 13. While it is inclusive, the group asks that only people with more than 13 years in recovery share. Everyone else is encouraged to sit and listen.

**Bill, from Full Circle**, said that Full Circle is now seven days a week. The meeting is held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 8 NW 8. He asked for members with more time to attend, to share their experience with people fresh in recovery.

**Will A.**, said that the subcommittees work very hard for Area. He asked that people use judgment and write clearly when drafting motions that will affect the subcommittees.

**Pam, from What's Really Going On**, said she is not the Chair of the Women's Rising from the Flames retreat; and asked that corrections be made.

**Nanette**, announced the Fort Stevens campout this summer, July 11 through 13. Campsites are still available, \$55 per campsite for the weekend. In addition, she announced the two upcoming fundraisers for the event, the Shamrock Dance on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Taco Feed, speaker and dance on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Taco Feed will be held at 5811 SE 92<sup>nd</sup> (Masonic Temple) beginning at 6 p.m. The Speaker will start at 7:30 p.m. and the dance is scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m. She asked that all GSRs take the Activities flyers back to their groups and announce the events.

## **Chair Report- Paul J.**

The BOD had an emergency meeting in to discuss the next steps with the Area Planning tool and Area Inventory.

I was unable to attend the CAR workshop due to minor surgery.

Nominations are being held today and I strongly urge you to consider the nominees. Some key questions to ask are:

Where has the area been

What is it like today

Where do we want to go as an area

As Chair I do not have an opinion but will tell you the area needs more harmony, spirituality and acceptance.

I can't understand how the many GRS's in this area are in agreement with each other but will allow the few to control their decisions.

I think I missed 2 area meeting in the last 4 years and all that time I have been sitting here I have seen the groups vote on something which passes by the majority only to be followed up by

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another motion from a group who did not have the vote go there way. And that my friend is why the area can not get their business done. Lack of acceptance, ego and self will.

So sad, because the Portland area is a great area as far as the amount of meeting it has and the strength of its sub committees.

You need to ask yourself before you bring something to the floor, or ask a question, is this my will or Gods will? Is this the conscience of my group or is it mine? Will what I have to say directly effect and be in line with our 5<sup>th</sup> tradition? With this simple task you may find a reduction in opinions and personal agenda's.

Paul said that the Portland Area Board of Directors will meet in another emergency session at 11 a.m., prior to the March PASC, to discuss the Area Planning Tool and other issues.

He asked all groups, subcommittees and executive officers to complete an area inventory and bring them to the March PASC.

More will be revealed. Paul

### **New Business**

*(The PASC requests groups to discuss the following motions (in red) and be ready to vote on these matters at next month's PASC.)*

**The groups will elect officers for the PASC Board of Directors at the March PASC, see attached service resumes and discussion items.**

**Groups, Subcommittees and executive officers are asked to complete the Area Inventory, pages 13 and 14, from the Area Planning Tool. If anyone needs a copy, contact the secretary, Michele, at 503-679-6581.**

The Chair was unable to bring new business to the floor for lack of quorum.

The meeting closed at 5:10 p.m.