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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
March 29, 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.

Roll Call of Officers

13 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

25 answered roll call. A total number of 37 groups checked in during the meeting.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 12.

Nominations Open

Paul, PASC Chair, opened nominations for RCM.

Embracing Reality nominated Michael M, seconded by Southeast Serenity.

Mike R withdrew his nomination.

Nominations were opened for Archivist.

Back to Basics nominated Michele V., seconded by Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters.

Minute by Minute nominated Carol G, seconded by What it Is.

Michele declined the nomination.

Nominations were opened for Alternate RCM.

New Journey nominated Steve R, seconded by Find the Way.

Also see attached Service Resumes

PASC Elections

The following people were elected to serve on the PASC Board of Directors:

Chair: Wayne C.

Parliamentarian: Jeff K

Vice Chair: Travis

RCM – Michael M

Secretary: Kathryn

Archivist – Carol G

Treasurer: Maggie

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Secretary's Report – Michele V.

Mike from Diversity Group, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and approve minutes as written; seconded by Harold Street Blues. 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 said that everything is going good with the Subcommittees.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Wayne C.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities

Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Steve R read 12 Traditions; Dave read the 3rd concept; Ron C read the Decorum Statement. There were no first time or second time visitors. 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 not met so no issues could be voted on.

In Future & Ongoing Events Fort Stevens Campout Taco feed fundraiser dance will be on April 26th starting at 6pm the campsite raffle drawing will be held this evening. The Beverly Beach spaghetti feed fundraiser will be on May 3rd at 6161 SE Stark. Picnic in the Park starts April 19th in Lauralhurst Park at 12pm.

In past events Bowling had 30 people in attendance.

The meeting closed at 4:24pm

Thank you
Your trusted Servant
Eric P

Literature - Carolyn

February Report:

Beginning Balance: \$809.41

Total Income (Sales): \$1,687.70

Expenses (Bi-Mart for USB Cable: \$9.97)

Total Expenses: \$9.97

Ending Balance: \$2,487.14

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Outreach – Troy J.

Good afternoon. I'm Troy. We had 9 new GSRs attending orientation. We are going well. We have elected Troy J. as Chair and Kevin S as Vice Chair. We still have a secretary position open. If anyone is interested, please come to Outreach at 1 p.m., the last Saturday of the month, before area. Thank you for your patience with my learning curve. There are group update forms. Please fill them out and return them. Also, Lawrence J has agreed to help do GSR Orientation.

Thank you, in service, Troy J.

Hospitals & Institutions – Lawrence

Four panel chairs were absent; there were not enough to do business. Vice Chair Mike C said he will call panel chairs and treat this like a missed H & I commitment with sanctions according to the bylaws. There are no report totals on commitments, it would be incomplete

Misty stepped down as Chair due to her increasing school schedule.

Elections were held for H & I:

Treasurer: Denise

Secretary: Erin

Vice Chair: Mike

Chair: Lawrence

Hotline – Lynda, Hotline Chair

The hotline meeting was held Sunday, March 29, 2008 at 4:00 pm at Roundtable Pizza. We had a small turn out as it was Easter Sunday. We had 5 committee members including myself. Elections took place and Lynda A. and I will serve a second term as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. We currently have one open shift, Monday 12pm – 5pm. We also have made two changes to the hotline subcommittee by-laws over the last 6 months and have presented them today in motion form for ratification today in so we will be in compliance with the PASC By-Laws. Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 20th at 4:00 pm at Round Table Pizza at the corner of SE Foster & SE Holgate.

Yours in service,
Hotline Vice Chair,
Linda R.

Public Information – Jim B.

The schedule will be changing formats starting on the next cycle in May. We will be categorizing meetings from different area's, locations (S.E., N.E., S.W., etc...) and their times and day. We will be removing the Vancouver meetings from the schedule. And, we will be adding a small column for our two Spanish speaking meetings, "Latinos Unidos", Sundays, 2:00p.m., Beaverton, and "Juntos Podemos", Sundays, 5:00p.m., Portland, to make them easier to find. We would also like to ask the Activities Committee if it would be possible to publish area birthdays in the "Activities at a Glance" flyer, so they can continue to be circulated while saving room for the schedule.

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We will be having an orientation for our Booth Sitting volunteers, our Presentation Panel, and our Hotline shift workers on April 27th. This is a workshop designed to train everyone involved with our Area Contingency Plan and how we address professionals, the public, and the media. We would like to specially invite all those involved with “Unity in the Streets”, and the “4th of July Picnic” to be a part of this as well, as these events are in the public eye. All are welcome, and we will be serving food. We hope to be having it at 4033 S.E. Woodstock at about 2:30p.m., but this is still tentative at this time. Please check with me or Jim B. as early as next Saturday for more information. We are approaching the final stages of approving a revised set of Bi-Laws, and should have them here for approval next month, or in May at the latest. We had elections and Lynda A. was voted in as PR Treasurer, Steve V. was voted in as PR Secretary, and Media Coordinator, and Linda R. is now the PR liaison to Outreach and Activities. The vote for Steve G., for PR Chair, and the vote for Andrea C. were tabled until next month as they were absent from our last meeting. The PR Committee will be moving to the same place and time as the Hotline Committee meeting starting in May. This will be reflected in both the May/June schedule and the website, and should be reflected in the “Activities at a Glance” flyer as well. Thank you all for your support and cooperation as we are making this careful transition to a Public Relations Committee. We had eight members in attendance, and our next meeting will be on April 24th, at 7:00p.m. at 1706 S.E. 39th, with a PR Handbook study prior to our meeting beginning at 6:15p.m.

Jim B.

Interim PR Vice-Chair

Report from Public Information Committee Web Team

March 2008

In accordance with the Portland NA Web site Guidelines, the names of the current PASC officers were removed from the PASC web page, leaving just their titles as email addresses to be used to contact them. It is also suggested that webhosts serve for a term of 1 year, so the beginning of my term as Webhost should be noted in the PI minutes for future reference as nominated in February and elected in March, if possible, even though technically I began to serve in this position in February. Further review and updating of the guidelines will continue this month.

All PASC and Board of Director minutes, as well as the Area Planning Tool, Agendas, Candidates Resumes, Building Strong Home Group discussion pages, etc. have been promptly posted as send by the PASC Secretary.

The January 2008 updated version of the PASC literature order sheet is available on the PASC page, the Literature Sales Committee page, and the home page.

If Public Information Committee is going to be renamed Public Relations Committee, this should be reflected on the web site.

Hotline Committee has been requested to update their page, and other subcommittees will follow as we continue the work.

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Jim K. has been in charge of updating the meeting schedules, including posting those from other areas as they are updated – such as Southwestern Washington.

The Rose City Metro page has been removed for now, along with listing of their minutes or other documents until such time as Portland decides to proceed with cooperation in the Metro system.

Portland Area activities have been constantly updated, with inclusion of activities sent to us for announcement by other areas as well.

Finally, it would seem the fellowship is catching on about emailing birthday announcements, as there have been many this month. Happy Birthday to All!

Yours in service,
Andrea C.
Webhost
PI Committee

Regional Committee Member –

No report.

Alternate Regional Committee Member – Eric

No report.

Open Forum

Melody has Rising From the Flames retreat sweatshirts for sale in pink and black. Support the Women's Retreat.

Travis, said he appreciates the attendance. He said that the term “Area Circus” creates its own reality by perpetuating the myth. He is looking forward to a sustained environment of spirituality at the PASC.

Bill, from Full Circle, said that Full Circle is organizing a softball fundraiser for the end of June. The money will pay for literature for people coming into the Danmoore, new in recovery. Bill asked anyone with ideas to give him a call.

Marcus, from Here and Now., said that he has not allowed the personalities at Area to keep him from representing his group. He did think that the workshop at Flying Pie was a good idea to help the Area diffuse some of that ego.

Lynda, asked people to support Freedom Fighters at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, at 145th and SE Powell.

Nanette, announced the upcoming Taco Feed on April 26, located at 5811 SE 92nd, where people will be able to purchase their campsites for the Fort Stevens campout this summer, July

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11 through 13. Campsites are still available, \$55 per campsite for the weekend. She also has T-shirts, long sleeves shirts available for \$10 to \$15. She has hoodies for \$25.

Mary, from Late Night Recovery, said that she has been coming to the PASC meeting for many months. She missed last month and apologized. From listening to the chair, she understands that the GSRs are in charge of the meeting. Mary said that she is a GSR. Yet, when she asks a question, she said she is told to sit down. And, she is told that maybe she shouldn't be coming to this meeting. Mary said she is very deeply offended. We listen to subcommittee reports. Mary suggested that the GSRs should be able to ask questions. Maybe its not possible to attend all the subcommittee meetings. That is why we all come to the PASC; to discuss the business of the Portland Area. In addition, she was surprised to find out that the Board of Directors approved the GSR Handbook for distribution without any say from the groups. "Don't we get to say no?", she asked. After decades, is there no way to improve this piece of literature?

Paul, PASC Chair, took responsibility for the change in the agenda. Paul explained that when he started in his position, the meeting was too long. Something had to give. The Subcommittee reports seemed to take too long, so they stopped accepting questions during the middle of the reports.

Steve F, from What it Is, said their meeting is facing a substantial rent increase, so they are looking for a new location.

Trina from Southeast Serenity, said her meeting is sponsoring a free Barbecue at 92nd and Foster on April 20, beginning at 6 p.m.. There will be free food. The speaker will be Jackie J.

David from New Journey, thanked the outgoing officers for their service. He announced a new step study meeting to be held on Wednesday nights at 7:15 p.m. at the church on 34th and SE Gladstone.

Angelique from Determined Dames, said that hers is a newcomer meeting with lots of women in treatment. The meeting is in need of women with clean time. Determined Dames meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at 8 NW 8.

Troy, Outreach Chair, said he is striving to be more spiritual and less aggressive. He wanted to be on record saying that he felt very attacked when he gave his report today. "If you guys feel you can do a better job at Outreach, I will go to my car, give you the stuff and walk away."

Jeff K, from Lucky 13, said that the chair is the trusted liaison. We need to go ask the people who are going to do the work, before we ask them to do it. During the Area Service Committee meeting, we interact with that information. Jeff said he can either use the bylaws and the traditions to push hisr own agendas on others or he can try and work with people.

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Chair Report- Paul J.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve this area first as Vice Chair and then Chair. We as a body have done a good job focusing on areas that needed repair and I thank the board members for their service.

As this area moves forward I urge you to remember that this is about progress not perfection.

On that note I would also like to thank the body and the groups they represent. I commend you on the excellent job done with donations, attendance and participation.

I think I am going to miss this!
I love you all.

Humbly yours in service, Paul J

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.)

Motion #6-08, submitted by Big Steve – **RULED OUT OF ORDER**

Motion: To follow up on “new” meetings to be sure they are using NA funds responsibly. At this time there is no follow up.

Purpose of Motion: To spend NA funds to “carry the message”

Motion #7-08, submitted by Big Steve – **WITHDRAWN BY MAKER OF THE MOTION**

Motion: To spell-out to the RCM how they should distribute the CAR (getting names of grps that have received the CAR – etc.)

Purpose of Motion: To direct the RCM the proper way to distribute the CAR.

Motion #8-08, submitted by Big Steve – **WITHDRAWN BY MAKER OF THE MOTION**

Motion: To no longer purchase the CAR to any GSR who wants it.

Purpose of Motion: To spend NA funds more responsibly.

Motion #9-08, submitted by Activities, seconded by What it Is

Motion: That the Area contribute \$300 to the PAAS (Activities) to help financially support the sub-committee workshop day that they have already approved to match and coordinate.

Purpose of Motion: To work together to support this event and to share expenses.

Troy made a motion to table motion #9-08 until May's PASC, for the purpose of review and for lack of information. The motion to table failed with 16 votes against, 11 in favor and 3 abstaining.

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Discussion:

Gene from Activities read the following:

Sub-Committee Workshop Day

Our group has discussed and approved \$300 to be contributed toward an activity that we feel will help bring knowledge and unity to our area.

We are suggesting to present this activity in a neutral location like downtown or nearby. The rent for this facility will most likely exceed \$300. Food will also be served.

We will have speakers from H&I, PI, Activities, Hotline, and Outreach that will share their experience strength and hope about how to initiate and maintain subcommittee participation.

Ron, PASC Treasurer, spoke in favor of the motion. This motion was brought to this Area from Activities to get the groups involved; to try and get participation from this Area. And, the best way to get participation is to get a little money out of pocket.

Michael spoke against the motion. Michael said the whole premise that Activities is going to donate to this Area is incorrect. It is all PASC money. It's the Area Service Committee funds held in trust for the groups. We can put on a workshop without having to partner with our own money.

Will A, from What it Is, spoke in favor of the motion. Activities money is kept separate. Activities very seldom asks the Area for money. Last year the Activities Subcommittee contributed about \$5,000 to the Area. Will said he would have liked to see the Area head this workshop when the original motion was brought to the Area. Will said the workshop is important to carry the message and to celebrate recovery. He said that while expenses for the workshop may run to \$1,000; Activities is only asking Area for \$300.

Larry T, from You + Me = We, spoke against the motion. All we need is a flyer, he said, to ask the Area to come and participate. You don't need to blackmail us with unity.

David, from New Journey, said that everyone was getting caught up in the verbiage. The question is whether we want to have this thing occur, David said. Do we want to have a subcommittee workshop day?

Michael asked if the maker of the motion would split the motion. Michael suggested that the motion is asking two different things: Does the Area want to have a Subcommittee Workshop? And, How much does the Area want to pay for it? There was no second and the maker of the motion declined to amend the motion.

Steve R. said that Activities is going to do this whether the Area wants to do it or not.

Troy, Outreach Chair, said that Activities has the money in their account to put on the event.

Motion #9-08 went back to the groups for a vote.

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Motion #10-08, submitted by Big Steve – **WITHDRAWN BY MAKER OF THE MOTION**

Motion: To make available a prepaid credit card of \$150 to pay for hotels and various copying; so the RCM doesn't have to have his own money up front!

Purpose of Motion: To make available funds so "service work isn't based on the ability of that person's ability to pay."

Motion #11-08, submitted by Big Steve – **RULED OUT OF ORDER**

Motion: To start a new meeting to be a Traditions Study Meeting – name is to be determined by the group at a later time. I'd like to hold this meeting at the URS club, if they change their policy about rent for meeting space (more will be revealed.)

Purpose of Motion: To start a meeting that isn't available at this time to my knowledge.

Motion #12-08, submitted by Big Steve – **RULED OUT OF ORDER**

Motion: To make available the credit card for the Kinkos account; so copies can be made as needed.

Purpose of Motion: To let business be done without having access to a lot of cash up front.

Motion #13-08, submitted by Big Steve – **WITHDRAWN BY MAKER OF THE MOTION**

Motion: To make available more copies of the minutes for people without access to computers or to whom the minutes don't come to for various reasons.

Purpose of Motion: Make available to people without computers.

Motion #14-08, submitted by Literature Sales, seconded by One Promise, Many Gifts.

Motion: To ratify Carolyn G.E. as Literature Sales Chair.

Purpose of Motion: To be in compliance with Area bylaws.

Motion #14-08 passed by general consent with 0 votes against and 6 abstentions.

Motion #15-08, submitted by Hotline, unsure who seconded

Motion: To submit attached bylaws for ratification.

Purpose of Motion: To comply with PASC Bylaws.

See attached Hotline bylaws for review.

Motion #15-08 is sent back to the groups for a vote

Motion #17-08, submitted by H&I, and seconded by Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters

Motion: To ratify Lawrence Johnson as Chair of the H&I Subcommittee.

Purpose of Motion: In accordance with the bylaws having the groups the final say of ratifying subcommittee chairs.

Motion #17-08 passed by general consent with 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

Motion #18-08, submitted by Hotline, seconded by You+Me=We

Motion: To ratify Lynda A. as Chair of Hotline.

Purpose of Motion: To be in accordance with our bylaws

Motion #18-08 passed by general consent with 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

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Motion #19-08, submitted by Outreach, seconded by Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters

Motion: To ratify Troy J. as Chair of Outreach.

Purpose of Motion: To be in compliance with Area Bylaws

Motion #19-08 passed with 23 votes in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention

Motion #20-08, submitted by Travis, and seconded by One Promise, Many Gifts

Motion: That the PASC webhost place a link on the PASC website to the Rose City Metro in place of the “defunct button” that is on our website.

Purpose of Motion: To allow those interested in RCM to access their website through a link from PASC.

A member of Public Information explained that Metro does not have a website; only information put together by the Portland Area.

Motion #20-08 was WITHDRAWN BY THE MAKER OF THE MOTION

The meeting closed at 4:40 p.m.