

Meeting held Tuesday, October 9th, 2007

Dave P GWV facilitated meeting.

Meeting opened with moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Jerry Read 12 concepts

New attendees – Bob

All committee members present

Minutes Approved

Dave, Portland – Didn't attend Portland Area this past month. Eric reported there had been a motion to back out of the Metro commitment however the motion was ruled out of order due to a technicality. Eric attended the workshop and found it very informative. World delegates position was that Metro's can or can't work, it's up to the areas. Believes there will be a further effort. Question raised on whether Portland had received any of the leaflets, however the leaflets have not been corrected with last changes. Gilbert advised that he had lost the copy with the revisions.

Doug, TVA – Attended workshop and found it very informative. Doug handed out flyers to GSR's as they were mailed out. One copy to each. All area officers except secretary attended the workshop, area was very well represented. Submitted request for \$500, Area approved \$250 at this time.

David, GWV – Good showing from GSR's at Area. Distributed schedule as a tool for the local area. Wrote a check for \$250 for seed money for Metro..

Treasurer – Did not receive enough information from check signers, needs name, dob, ssn and address. Account is setup and Rose City Metro Service Committee is registered with the state and Alan has paid \$50. for the registration fee out of his own pocket. Alan has been authorized to purchase a receipt book.

Eric – Activities PASC – Committee doing well. Starting a new campout at the beach at Fort Stevens 2nd weekend in July, have 35 spaces reserved (8 people per site, 2 -3 tents). Need a coordinator for Beverly Beach last year. Unity in the Streets and Beverly Beach turned a profit. Tried to coordinate with TVA but heard that nothing had been firmed up and needed to get the spaces. Need better coordination with the areas at the Metro level to avoid conflicts with schedules. Willing to coordinate with TVA to make it a multi-area campsite. Jim suggested that North Coast Area of NA be involved.

Bob – Looking for information on Metro. Needs educational information to go out. Provided him with a copy of the current leaflet.

Jim – Regional, interim PASC PI Chair – Submitted a motion to remain a Portland Area subcommittee, however priority is to have a presence in Metro. Have had a lot of new members join in. Will be doing a PI committee inventory on October 20th and begin working on new guidelines. Working on better integration of PI with the other service committees in the Area.

Jim will be attending Western States Learning Days in Ogden, Utah next week representing the region. All learning days speakers are recorded and will be available for download in MP3 format on the region web site.

Alan – Area activities chair resigned. Vice chair has taken over activities and is working on developing a subcommittee. Looking for interim activities chair. Most area activities are coordinated by individual groups.

Jerry – GWV Activities. Spooky dance on the 27th. Some groups have been putting on events on their own. Working on getting more people to attend activities. New Years Eve extravaganza at the Marriot. 12 days of Christmas coming up in December. Possible taco feed in Forest Grove in December.

Concept review and discussion. 4th Concept.

Eric – has seen the problem in his area of GSR's with limited clean time who are put in important positions without guidance on the position.

Groups aren't training GSR's. Getting people to be a GSR is difficult. Jim argued that consensus based decision making is much more inviting than Robert's Rules of Order. Outreach committee in TVA has prepared a handbook for their GSR's.

Leadership is important, not governance. Have to make sure that people have the skills, table selections until appropriate representation can be found. Important that trusted servants learn their positions and follow the guidelines. Need people to honor their commitments. Need rotation to keep more people involved, can't keep in the same position for 5 – 6 years. Following the agenda can not take precedence over listening to the needs of the groups. 7 inventories have been taken that suggested the Portland Area break up to better serve the groups.

Open Forum –

Voight – Started out in Portland area, things were chaotic, we're not about bashing any one group, it's supporting each other. Hears Portland saying we need to drop back and take care of our own things, not cooperate. What happened to working together.

Jim – We're not going backwards, moving forward. Need to revisit how they are working together and on their own. Portland can use change, to think it doesn't is not realistic. Must have objectivity and willingness to change.

David – Healthy communications between the areas

is important. We are not here to influence other area's in how to run their areas, only to offer shared services to the areas. We need to focus on the services we are here to provide. Can't let our passions get in our way.

Doug – Decision has already been made to have the Area's maintain their own PI. All three areas have agreed they want it to go that way. TVA has taken it's inventory using the forms and is holding workshops to address issues.

David – We are here in a Metro because Portland had issues that resulted in the area splitting up. He has tried to educate people on what Metro is. We are just now getting organized to the point where we can be functional. Let's take this thing and experiment with it.

Dave – Proposal to amend agenda to move the open forum to the end of the meeting. Alan concerned that Open Forum would then be shortened. Eric suggested that it be before new business in case issues arise. Alan agreed with the suggestion. All agreed.

Dave - Schedule distribution needs to be done. He will have a draft schedule for distribution to the Area's for approval before the next Area meetings.

Yours in service,

Gilbert Silva