

**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark St
Portland, OR
January 28 , 2006**

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

The Twelve Traditions were read by Michelle V.

The Twelve Concepts were read by Jeff S.

The First Concept was read by Becky V.

The Dedication to Service was read by David P.

Roll Call of Officers

12 present

Roll Call of Groups

34 answered the roll call

Quorum was established at 18

Treasurer's Report. Victoria C.

See attached January report

Secretary's Report

No submitted report

Chair Report. JB

Chair report Jan '06:

I feel the need to express to the Portland Area fellowship several things. Our standing Sub-committees are in serious need of help. Activities have many positions available and there is no clean time requirement to be an active member. Outreach and Public Information has the same members doing most of the work and are looking for new NA members to get involved. H&I is always looking for people to get involved and to be part of the solution. Hotline will have several positions available during the up-coming nomination process and to be a shift worker one needs to have 6 months clean and a working phone. Our Area Literature committee processes more material each month than the rest of our entire Region. The bottom line is GET INVOLVED

“Each Group has but one primary purpose --to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.”

Area service committees are ultimately responsible to the Groups they serve.
In loving service and gratitude, JB

Vice Chair Report - Subcommittees and Regional Issues. Paul J.

I was directed by the area chair to secure the PASO check book. We were successful in having the check book returned. I am currently investigating the security deposit put forth to secure the PASO space. I have left messages for the landlord with no response. I will now direct my attention to the prior PASO chair, secretary, treasure and members of that sub committee to assist in the investigation of this deposit. (When was the deposit made, for how much, and who was it made out to).

I have great concern over the future of our subcommittee's. Mainly the structure services and support. More importantly, how are we to function as an area with the state of the area of the area as it is today? After reading the Metro adhoc report it became apparent to me that the subcommittee's need to engage in this process and provide valid factual data. I recommend that they do so immediately.

No other subcommittee were contacted or visited this month.

More will be revealed.

Activities

We would like to remind everyone that the activities meeting meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm 7817 se stark, every one is welcomed and there is no clean time requirement for most events. Wally the chair was sick so Eric opened the meeting. Eric then took reports from the treasurer flyer cord. RCM, calendar cord, storage cord, gratitude cord, Eric then took reports from the upcoming and ongoing events. We decided to let the unity speakers meeting to be a regular meeting with a GSR that will report directly to the area, Eric then looked at Beverly beach camp out. will be having a spaghetti fund raiser event coming up in march so keep your eyes open for the flyers, also for you service workers look for the ad-hoc flyers for the planning of this event. Bowling reported that they had 7 people show up would encourage the support from the fellowship. This event happens every third sat of the month from 12:00 to 3:00pm at cascade bowling center located at 2700 ne 82nd ave. See ya there next month. Snow tubing event reported that they had three vans to transport up to mountain and back all is well ready to go. Sweet hearts dance reported that the dance will be on feb 11th @ Bartholomew's church in Beaverton. There will be two speakers Randy and Karen A they will have a desert table with allot of goodies and a D.J. dance. I would like to remind everyone that this event is a co-op between the T.V.A. Area and the Portland area activities so lets go and show Beaverton our support. I would also like to remind everyone that the picnic in the park still has no coordinator if you are looking for service to our fellowship and would like to coordinate this event come to activities and we will show you how. Oh! Ya! next month will be nominations clean time requirements as follows Chair 2yrs Vic-Chair 1yr Sec 1yr Treasure

2 yrs RCM 1yr. see you next month at activities.

Thank You Your Trusted Servant,
Wally N.

Hospitals and Institutions

Number of commitments: 68

Number missed: 15

Number canceled: 1

Addicts seen: 843

Our subcommittee meets at 4033 SE Woodstock Blvd at the All Saints Episcopal Church on the Friday before Area at 6pm. Please come be of service. -

Hotline

The last hotline meeting that was held on Friday January 6, 2006.

We currently all hotline shifts filled.

The new hotline voicemail will be up and running by February 10, 2006.

This voicemail will only be used in the event of an emergency when a given shift cannot be covered.

We are putting forth a motion for the groups to ratify the new and updated hotline subcommittee by-laws, which were approved at our last subcommittee meeting.

At the next hotline subcommittee meeting which will be February 3, 2006 at 8:00 pm. It is held right here at the URS Club, 17200 SE Stark Street. We will hold nominations for the three Officer positions, which include Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, with elections to be held on March 3, 2006 also at 8:00 pm with new terms to begin April 1, 2006. Anyone interested in these positions must be present at the next meeting. This is great way to be of service to our area.

Thanks,
Linda R.

Literature

Average number subcommittee members: 5

Current bank balance: \$361.27

Total income this month (sales): \$3259.09

Total expenses this month (order): \$3494.44

Outreach

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new meeting "The Recking Crew" and welcome their new GSR Robert.

Public Information

No report submitted

RCM/Alternate RCM

Could not access file.

PCRCNA XIII

No written report

New GSRs

Carry the Message James S.
Heart and Soul, Steve R.
The Recking Crew , Robert S.
Clean Freaks, Greg T.

Unfinished Business

Motion 88: Submitted by Shirt for books Adhoc committee. Seconded by Back To Basics

Motion: To approve the submitted designs and to provide \$468.00 in seed money for the purchasing of 96 t-shirts. The profits from the sales would then be forwarded to the H & I subcommittee to be disbursed as needed. The initial funds would then be returned to the P.A.S.C.

Purpose of Motion: To provide soft covered basic texts to those unable to get to an outside meeting.

Motion Passes by general consent

Motion 89: Submitted by the BOD. Seconded by Recovery in the House.

Motion: To amend Section eight: Elections, Article II – Rules of Nomination, Letter E to read: If there are no nominees for a PASC office or Board position, nominations for that office will be held again each subsequent month until an eligible nominee is found. The person in that office will continue until a successor is duly elected and/or appointed by the Chair on an interim basis.”

Purpose of Motion: To have the bylaws reflect accurately.

Passed by General consent.

Motion 90: Submitted by BOD, seconded by Back to Basics.

Motion: To delete from the bylaws and literature from Section Six, Letter G: “PASC subcommittees shall send a representative to our quarterly Regional service conference. Subcommittees: Activities, H&I, Hotline, Public Information, and Literature.”

Purpose of Motion: Portland Area’s literature subcommittee buys directly from World Services.

For: 12 Against:4 Abstain:5 Motion Fails.

Motion 95: Submitted by Learning to Live, Seconded by Late Night Recovery.

Motion: That the PASO subcommittee of the PASC be dissolved.

Purpose of Motion: This subcommittee no longer serves a purpose.

Passed by General consent.

Motion 97: Submitted by Ron C., seconded by Late Night Recovery.

Motion: That Section Eight, Article III – Rules of Election be changed to include a Subsection G to read: “All candidates will submit a résumé stating clean time, personal qualifications, prior service experience and willingness to serve.

Purpose of Motion: To fulfill our Fourth Concept of Service that states: “Effective leadership is highly valued in NA. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.”

For: 9 Against:10 Abstain:5 Motion fails.

Motion 99: Submitted by Ron C., seconded by Here and Now.

Motion: That Section Nine: Financial Responsibilities add a Subsection G to read: “The PASC shall provide any new requesting group, which has met a minimum of four times and provides a request form, one starter kit of books and materials, not to exceed twenty dollars.

Purpose of Motion: To put an end to arguments and embarrassment to new groups and provide our newcomers with badly needed supplies.

For: 18 Against: 4 Abstain: 2 Motion passes.

New Business

Motion 1: Submitted by H&I subcommittee, seconded by Back to Basics.

Motion: To insert into the PASC bylaws Section Nine, Letter A, Subsection One to read: “Except H&I who are allowed an additional \$250/month for literature only.”

Purpose of Motion: To accurately reflect the financial needs of the H&I subcommittee.
Sent back to groups for vote

Motion 2: Submitted by the Hotline subcommittee, seconded by Recovery in the House.

Motion: To ratify subcommittee bylaws passed at subcommittee level.

Purpose of Motion: To be in accordance with PASC bylaws.

Sent back to groups for vote

Motion 3: Submitted by Lara M.

Motion: Starter kit for new NA meeting Lake Grove Firehouse at the Lake Grove Firehouse 16400 SW Bryant, Lake Grove. Days: Sundays and Thursday nights @ 9:00 PM for one hour.

Purpose of Motion: To carry the NA message to other suffering addicts.

Motion ruled Out of Order.

Motion 4: Submitted by SE Serenity, seconded by Find the Way.

Motion: Participate in the new Metro by appointing a representative from the PASC.

Purpose of Motion: To promote unity and alleviate some of the current burden placed on our subcommittees.

Motion ruled Out of Order.

OPEN FORUM:

Tim- I signed the home group book at SE Serenity and tried to attend the business meeting, There was a conflict between me and the owner of the building (who is also an addict) and subsequently I was kicked out of the building. I tried to attend the business meeting and apparently they changed the bylaws and I was not allowed to attend. I have serious concerns when meetings start kicking people out of the rooms. I am not the only one he has kicked off the property.

Clair- First of all...shame on everyone who left before open forum. Secondly, groups on the west side have been meeting for 10 months, they nominated a chair to form a new area and they are going to elect trusted representatives. They formed an area not out of resentments but because one was needed. They want to work with Portland area on subcommittee's and financial stuff.

Samantha- I was just wondering why phone bill was not paid how are we going to rectify this?

Victoria- Nov. wasn't paid; December and January's bill hasn't come in the mail so I went ahead and took Linda's word on it and paid it. Hopefully it will be in the PO Box on Monday when I go check it.

Jerry- I see Metro as a win/win situation. Metro is sharing of info, ideas and resources. I would invite the BOD to come to the next meeting. It's about giving and sharing, we all want to be a part of it all (NA as a whole). Everything's ready to go, we're just waiting for you guys.

Wayne- Maybe announcements could be made at the beginning of area when most of the people are still here?? Feb. 4th Luoa, speakers meeting. Look for activities flyer and encourage everyone to attend.

Lawrence- A lot of the GSR's are quick to point out what JB does wrong, although they are now gone, but I'd like to point out that he comes every month and I greatly appreciate his service. I have nothing but admiration for him. Thank You!

Victoria- Nominations are next month and I will not be able to come back. Joan would like to do part of it if someone else would step in and help.

BA- I feel like I'm preaching to the choir but some things can't be changed. I feel we should be able to question subcommittee's while they are giving their reports. The area should be able to grow, it is growing and that's the reason we need a metro...to improve the whole lot.

Susan- We fight growth, welcome to NA. H&I and Public Information could come together under the "big" umbrella of metro. Also Tim's situation concerns me from a

legal standpoint and as a member of NA. I'm wondering if both parties have been talked to but either way I am REALLY concerned.