

Portland Area of Narcotics Anonymous Board of Directors Meeting

October 27, 2007

Paul, PASC Chair, opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were:

Paul, Chair
Michele, Secretary
Ron, Treasurer
Eric, Activities Chair
Jim, Interim PI Chair
Lynda, Hotline Chair
Wayne, PASC Vice Chair
Ana, PASC Archivist
Carolyn, Literature Chair

The Board of Director's met in special session to prepare the 2008 PASC Budget.

Ron, PASC Treasurer, presented the 2007 budget and a spreadsheet with the income and expenses to date in 2007 for comparison. Ron said the groups are donating now, and the PASC is meeting its expenses. Ron said he does not believe that we are hoarding money. We have to look at holds and reserves. Right now we actually have four months we are working with. And, we should never go into our prudent reserve. The only thing we have to work with is our monthly donations. Any expenditures that the groups approve should only come from "available funds."

This is one of the first years the PASC has evened out with income and expenses in a long time, Ron continued. For many years, Activities was regularly borrowing about \$1,000 from Area to put on activities.

What upsets me, Ron said, is that we haphazardly give money away. That is not being responsible with the seventh tradition money. That is why he recently submitted the series of motions.

Wayne, PASC Vice Chair, said he thinks Ron is doing a great job. What Wayne had a problem with is the language. Wayne said we need to keep the language in our motions at an 8th grade reading level. We shouldn't have to be lawyers to figure it out.

Paul, PASC Chair, suggested that the area change one month of expenses into working capital, instead of holding four months of expenses.

For just barely a year now, the groups are supporting our area, Ron explained. We are not solely being supported by income from Activity events.

The groups are coming back to Area, Paul said.

This is something we've never done, to tell the groups that they need to increase their donations to Area.

Wayne said that Area has reigned in its expenses, such as renting meeting space at the URS Club. "It don't get much cheaper than this," he said.

Ana, PASC Archivist, said that it would be nice to have the PASC meet closer to town.

Paul chimed in that it's "based on attraction, not promotion." He believes that groups are increasing their presence at Area because it is becoming more spiritual.

The BOD compared the 2007 budget with actual expenditures. All of the subcommittees have come in under budget, so far, with three more months to go in the fiscal year.

When discussing anticipated expenditures for 2008, Jim, Interim PI Chair, said his subcommittee is considering a newcomer meeting, where the drug courts can send people to get familiarized with what goes on at NA meetings. This meeting would be in the schedule. But, the PASC would need to support it financially, as newcomers are not expected to be able to support the meeting financially.

Wayne suggested that the BOD meet again to finish working on the budget, so it is ready to submit to the groups for ratification.

Paul said the BOD will meet again at Noon before the November PASC to discuss the budget, the bylaws and how to move forward with an area inventory.

The BOD meeting closed at 1:05 p.m.