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**Portland Area Service Committee  
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous  
17200 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR  
June 30, 2007**

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 Syd  
The Twelve Concepts were read by Larry  
The 4th Concept was read by Eric  
The Dedication to Service was read by Kelly

**Roll Call of Officers**

10 were present.

**Roll Call of Groups**

25 answered the roll call.

**Quorum**

Quorum is established at 12 .

**New GSRs**

The following Group Service Representatives attended New GSR Orientation at 1:30 p.m., prior to the opening of business at the PASC meeting.

Dwayne B – One Promise Many Gifts  
Tammi B – Keeping it Real

**Secretary's Report**

Michael, from Learning to live made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Clean Freaks. Michele, PASC Secretary, asked for everyone's help updating her email mailing list. She can be reached at [mvowell503@msn.com](mailto:mvowell503@msn.com).

**Treasurer's Report**

Ron, PASC Treasurer presented his financial report for Area. Then, he adjusted the figures based on last month's motion to invest \$500 for T-shirts to make money for literature for the Hospitals and Institutions Subcommittee. After paying all the bills and set asides, he expected to send \$202.85 as Portland's donation to Region.

**Unfinished Business**

**Motion # 19** -submitted by Back to Basics, and seconded by Clean Freaks.

Motion: Bylaw Change: Article 1 – Executive Committee, under Treasurer  
To add this section of the Treasurer's responsibilities to Section 9 – Financial Responsibilities.  
“At the beginning of each calendar month, the Treasurer shall disburse or set aside the money to pay all the bills that will be due in that month, set aside a prudent reserve of two months

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operating expenses with the exception of literature, and shall disburse all remaining funds to the Pacific Cascade Region of N.A.

Purpose of motion: To have this under the financial responsibilities of the PASC and under the Treasurer.

**Motion passed: For - 15      Against-1      Abstain-5**

PASC Treasurer, Ron C., challenged the Chair's ruling, saying that the motion did not get two-thirds of the vote. Wayne, serving as chair, said that the motion passed.

### **Open Forum**

**Syd, Outreach Chair**, reminded everyone that Outreach now meets at 1 p.m., before the regular PASC meeting. New GSR orientation starts at 1:30 p.m. He asked that all GSRs fill out a group report form every month – even if your group is doing fine. Right Road, at Clackamas County Work Release, needs support for its clients.

**Toni, Coordinator for Unity in the Streets**: Unity in the Streets is coming up on August 11, from Noon to 8 p.m. at Woodstock Park, located at SE 48<sup>th</sup> and Steele. They are looking for groups that would like a slot at the marathon meetings. The adhoc committee has one last fundraiser, the DJ Dance and Speaker Meeting on Friday, July 13 at the Lents Masonic Temple. This fundraiser is very important to make enough money to put on Unity in the Streets.

**Eric, Activities Chair**, asked GSRs to take activity flyers to meetings as soon as possible. Participation at Portland Area Activity events has been down. Without NA, activities won't happen.

**David, from New Journey**, said his group is concerned that Portland Area is having problems with fundraising events because it is competing with RAP and Oxford Houses for people in recovery. Last year, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic lost money, as it was competing with a RAP event. He understands that NA cannot work with these organizations, but feels we should coordinate our events at different times as these two other organizations. NA is going to help people stay clean. If Portland NA is going to suffer, we need to look at these things, he said.

**Donald, from Find the Way**, said their annual barbecue and picnic will be held at Dabney State Park on July 22 from Noon to 5 p.m. Cost is \$3 per car.

**Pete, from Last House on the Block**, said that the three NA meetings, Quit Hiding, Spirit Within and Hope, No Dope, have combined into one group that meets three times per week – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 8 at the URS Club.

**Tammi, from Keeping it Real**, said the group needs some support. It meets on 134<sup>th</sup> and Ramona.

**Kathryn, from Yets**, said her group will be holding its annual picnic on July 29 at Barton Park, from Noon to 4 p.m. Parking is \$4 per vehicle.

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**Sam, from Step Working Group**, said his group would like some help creating T-shirts for a fundraiser, as the group is not making enough money.

**Amy, from Back to Basics**, announced a new women's step group, Stepping Up, to be held at the Clackamas Service Center, 8800 SE 80<sup>th</sup>, on Fridays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

**Chair Report- Paul J. - Absent**

**Rose City Metro Report – David P.**

I really don't know what to say in this report. I can tell that I was embarrassed for this body at the last metro meeting. I can also tell you that we looked like the Portland Area that those people broke away from. The Rose City Metro met on the Second Tuesday at the Paulist Center. We were going to plan for an open house and to invite all GSR and groups from all areas to come to Metro for a question and answer of anything that an interested individual wanted to ask or know from the those that have been. However, we spent most of our time on the recent motion that Portland passed by PASC, Motion 18. On that I can only, that

Motion 18 - *To suspend any further progression toward enjoinder with the Rose City Metro by the PASC and all sub-committees for 6 months, giving time for the groups to obtain more accurate information: i.e. workshops and a chance to participate further.*

*Purpose of motion: Halt further motions from being passed, engaging us further into responsibilities regarding Metro, so that Metro may better coordinate what they are already doing.*

after Studying this motion as it is written says that all previous motions for the conjoining of service by the H & I, Hotline and P & I are on hold. So if that is the case, I will be resigning as Rose City Metro Rep. For the PASC immediately. Portland has affectively now said that the motions that were all almost unanimously passed are now going to wait for 5 months, before Portland re-decides as to whether or not it even wants to participate in a metro. This will be contingent on a the success of workshop that this body has appointed, not of the people representing the three areas who have been working on the Metro for the last 2 and half years, but instead by the group of people whose only real argument that holds is that they don't want a metro. I see any more effort as Portland Rep to Metro fruitless and not a good use of my time. I am not someone who spends my very precious time spinning my wheels. I may however work with the other area participating in some capacity as a recovering addict. Because I believe that service body of this type can work and will best serve the primary purpose of the 5<sup>th</sup> tradition. Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

**Metro Workshop adhoc – presented by Michael from Learning to Live**

Metro Workshop Ad Hoc Report June 2007 Written By Travis Brake

Things are going as well as can be expected in regard to the Metro Workshop at this time.

I attended the Rose City Metro meeting in an attempt to discuss the possibilities of attendance and participation by the Rose City Metro Committee as well as representatives from the respective areas. I had hoped that I would be well received and that they would be excited about

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the chance to address Portland Area GSR's and members concerning the particulars relating to the metro and their intentions, plans, hopes, and fears thereby defining enough clarity of their vision to allow the PASC to know with out question whether it's involvement will be of great benefit or another fruitless venture that should have been avoided.

I was not received well. There was a lot of anger, resentment, and fear. I can accept this, though I do not understand it. What I cannot accept is the outright PASC bashing and control issues that were openly displayed.

Even the PASC's liason David was adamant about his disdain for the Portland area. David I am sorry that I am not here so you could hear me say this myself. It happens to be coincidence that this report and I are not together. I appreciate the work you have done and I know that if you are offended, you at least have the comfort of knowing it is the truth. Things were pretty heated so the form was not there, but pertinent info that I gathered that I believe should be made available to the PASC is:

1. The Metro committee does not want all of the committees at once.
2. The Metro committee wants to start with PI although none of the areas want to disband their individual PI committees, so they will have three separate committees reporting to the Metro Committee. (What the ?)
3. They are angry at the PASC (for many many things) and don't want to go to a workshop "Where you guys get people from World to tell us how we're doing it wrong"
4. They are angry!!!

Scheduling people from world is tough with the world convention coming up at the end of August. Getting assistance from world will take time to coordinate and we are working on making that happen. Once I hear back from World I will try to work out a date for the workshop that is best for all.

I have hope that the Rose City Metro and GSR's of the respective areas as well as all interested members will be willing and able to attend.

In Service, Travis B.

### **Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.**

June 30, 2007

This month's activity

1. Ordered & Distributed Schedules
2. Various conversations with Sub-Committee Chairs
3. Attended H&I Business Meeting & Regular Meeting
4. Attended Metro
5. Attended Board of Directors Meeting

Hello All,

I would like to again thank you for allowing me be of service. I did not turn a report for April and May due to a couple reasons.

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# 1. April's meeting was so chaotic and disorganized that we never got a chance to hear any of the reports that myself and the Sub-Committee Chairs had put together..

#2. I did not feel the need to spend time making a report that may or may not get heard (for May) as it's not in the Bi-Laws that I need to do so.

As a result of April's fiasco at least one activity failed due to the word not getting out and who knows the other ramifications to the other Sub-Committees. The March Meeting was also not the greatest. I was glad to see things turn around for May's Meeting. I make a Report to keep myself accountable to the Fellowship I serve.

Before I get off this tangent I would like to constructively criticize things that I saw happen in the least judgmental way I can.

Things I did not care for in March & April's Meetings-

#1. Some people showed up to criticize & judge the Treasurer in a very rude and unspiritual way not to mention very time consuming.

#2. One Group in particular that actually Seconded the Motion to participate in the Rose City Metro showed up and basically held us hostage for a considerable time going back and fourth about The Metro.

#3. I felt that the Area Chair could have done a better job with the flow of the way the meeting went.

#4. A lack of GSR's that A. have a copy of the Bi-laws from our Area., and B. Have read and understand them. (I include myself on the understanding part)

I am pleased to say that May's meeting was a complete turnaround, and I pray that June's meeting (today) will be the same especially since the Chair will not be present, and I will be facilitating it, which is one reason I have said what I have so far.

I hope that all GSR's have a copy of our By- Laws. If you do not please Go to our web-site (Portlandna.com), or see our Secretary Michelle V. she will have some available.

## **Subcommittees and Regional Issues**

### **Activities**

The Activities Subcommittee meeting was held on June 10, 2007, at 8800 SE 80th @ 2:00pm Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Ron read the 12 Traditions; Dave read the 5th concept; Cliff read the Decorum Statement. First time visitors were Tamara B. William C. and Don. There was no 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 met; we had 13 voting members attending. There was no Unfinished Business. The Chair then turned the meeting over to the Vice-Chair for Future, Ongoing, and Past Events.

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The event coordinators gave the reports. The events happening in July are 4<sup>th</sup> of July, The Tube Float, Government Island Campout and NA Fishing Trip. All info on these events and more are in Activities at a Glance. The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business.

There was no New Business.

The meeting closed at 4:30pm.

Thank you, Your trusted Servant

Eric P

Eric reminded the body that the PASC still has items in storage that need to be disposed of. If you are interested in any of the items that were listed in last month's minutes. Call Eric.

Please be aware of these upcoming events that need your support:

- July 13, DJ Dance and Speaker Meeting, 5811 SE 92<sup>nd</sup>; Speaker begins at 7 p.m.
  - July 14, Tube Float, BBQ and NA Meeting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$12
  - July 22, Fishing Trip, begins at 1 p.m. at Indian Springs Trout Farm, 17951 S. Springwater Road. Meet at the Clackamas Denny's at 11:30 to car pool.
  - August 3 – 5, Beverly Beach Campout
  - August 26, NA Annual Picnic at Oaks Park from 12 to 5 p.m.
  - August 11, Unity in the Street, Woodstock Park, SE 48th and Steele, Noon to 8 p.m.
- More information on all these events can be found in the Activities at a Glance.

## **Literature**

Beginning ----- \$1938.87

Sales ----- \$1898.85

Expenses (order) -- \$4

Ending Balance ---- \$3833.72

## **Outreach – Syd, Outreach Chair**

The Outreach Subcommittee now meets at 1 p.m., on the last Saturday of the month before Area, followed at 1:30 by new GSR Orientation. There is no clean time requirement. Outreach needs support. Outreach is the go to Subcommittee between the groups and Area. Anything we can do to help with your meeting; or any questions we can answer, let us know. Please fill out Group Report Forms so we know how your group is doing. If you don't tell us what is going on, we can't help.

## **Hospitals & Institutions**

Total Commitments – 64

Missed – 4

Cancelled – 0

Number of addicts seen – 1,040

During the Subcommittee meeting, Steve P., H & I Chair, asked for a show of hands for people coming from different areas. Approximately 12 people came from Tualatin Valley; 2 from Greater Willamette Valley; and 85 came from Portland.

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## **Hotline**

Thanks to all who came to the hotline business meeting on June 10. In attendance were Lynda A., Jackie A., Bob Y., Tana W., Michelle B., Sam H., and Dori. Ther

There are two open shifts:

- Friday 7 a.m. to Noon
- Friday 5 p.m. to Midnight

The business meeting is getting bigger every month. The clean time requirement is now 90 days to fill a shift; and 1 year for 12 step calls. Hotline is still in need of 12-step callers, men and women. Everyone is doing a great job. The Hotline subcommittee will be meeting on the second Sunday of every month at Foster and Holgate at Round Table Pizza from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on July 22.

In Service, Lynda A., Hotline Chair

## **Public Information – Report given by Vicki D.**

### **Public Information~May 24, 2007**

Opened meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at at 7:12 P.M.

Twelve Traditions read by Scott C.

Introductions done and phone list passed around.

**Chair:** Vacant position, no one representing.

**Vice-Chair:** Vacant position, no one representing.

**Secretary:** Vacant position. Minutes read by Shannon.

**Treasurer:** Scott C.

Didn't receive check last month from Area. Need to go this month and collect a check.

Jim only needs two cent stamps to bring postage current.

No expenses at this time.

Suggested to have the Basic Text bought by P.I. for treatment centers, libraries, schools, etc. to be rubber stamped with the hotline number. This would be a one time purchase for the rubber stamp. No price estimate for the rubber stamp at this time.

**Webhost:** Steve G.

New secretary for area and minutes were received. March and April are posted on the website.

Updated guidelines for Metro. Metro minutes for April posted on website.

There are several schedule changes not posted.

Several names of area have changed for region area.

Area secretary to convert files to PDF so Andrea also has access to post on website.

**Assistant Webhost:** Andrea C.

Want number put on next schedule for birthday notifications, so that Andrea can update them on the website.

Suggested some changes for PASC pages on website. There are two ways to get to there.

(Home page & PASC tab) both take you to the same place.

Several things are links that go to the same page.

Check to see if Regional has link to Rose City Metro.

Updates for Activities at a Glance are on the website, through June 16th. The one received at area was dated through June 9th. Indoor laser tag needs to be added.

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Information about Hotline subcommittee meeting states second Friday of every month, at 6:15 P.M., at 17200 S.E. Stark. Link on website is incorrect. Needs to be changed in two places on website.

Activities sub-committee meeting states the address is 7817 S.E. Stark. The correct address is 8800 S.E. 80th, at the Clackamas Service Center.

Birthdays continue to be updated.

**Archivist:** Absent.

**R.C.M.:** Absent.

### **Project Coordinator Reports**

**Flyer Coordinator:** Shannon

Four flyers out and will be checked about the 15th of the month. In contact with Pastor from Freedom House Ministries and may send a flyer for posting there, waiting for the OK.

**Booth Coordinator:** Scott

Will be out of town for the summer, need replacement for unity table.

**Schedule Coordinator:** Vickie

Updated schedule. Almost out of room on schedule. Hope no Dope needs to be back on schedule and website for 5:30 P.M..

Some meeting schedule changes were received after printing.

Schedule sent to webhost to update website.

### **New Business**

Vickie nominates Shannon as secretary. Steve seconds. Passes unanimously.

Motion to close by Shannon at 8:12 P.M.

Seconded by Scott.

Closed with third step prayer at 8:12 P.M.

Our acting Chair has not been at the meeting for three months. We have voted a new executive body to the committee. If there are any meeting changes, please try to fill out the meeting update form online at [www.portlandna.com](http://www.portlandna.com) .

If anyone is interested in what is going on, please come to P.I. at 7:00 P.M., Thursday before area at 1706 S.E. 39th.

### **RCM REPORT - Steve**

No report. Next Regional meeting and GSR Assembly will be on July 21 and 22 in Coos Bay.

**Alt. RCM-Eric** – No report

### **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.)*

### **Nominations for Archivist**

Patricia C. volunteered to step up and fill the position. She was nominated by Larry, from U + Me = We, and seconded by Hour of Power. She has 20 years of clean time. She has many years experience serving at the group level. Groups will vote on her nomination at the July PASC.

**Motion #21:** Submitted by Step Working Guide and seconded by Learning to Live.

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Motion: Change voting policy from majority rule to consensus. This would be a by-law change under section Five, Article 1 to be Labeled D. This would also change Article V of Section Five from two-thirds majority to consensus. And the same for article VI of Section Five.

Purpose of Motion: Better chance for God's will, create more unity by eliminating disgruntled minority and improve the ties that bind.

**Discussion:** Sam explained consensus-based decision making by saying, "If everyone doesn't come to a consensus, the motion does not pass." It would probably slow down a lot of what goes on at area.

Michael, from Learning to Live, said he is not against consensus-based decision making, but the motion needs to be more thought out. There is a lot to it.

Pete, from Last House on the Block, said he was in favor of the motion. Consensus-based voting is what we used when I started in service 20 plus years ago, he said. Everything that passes is unanimous. The process is probably faster. The way we are doing it now is unwieldy. I believe in consensus-based decision making; but there will be a lot of motions that do not pass.

Kathryn, from Yets, was concerned that this would change the role of the GSR – which upholds its group's conscience at area.

David, from New Journey, said he is in favor of the Portland Area switching to consensus-based decision making. He uses it in his home group, at Metro, and believes it is the basis for decision making at Tualatin Valley and Greater Willamette Valley. He said that GSRs would still take issues back to their groups, but they would also be charged with the authority to find compromise. Consensus-based decision making will not work without the spiritual principles of love and tolerance.

Syd, from Southeast Serenity, said that while it may save someone from getting their feelings hurt, group conscience is also based in spirituality. In consensus-based decision making, if one person is working from their own will – a motion is not going to pass. We would have a lot of repetitiveness. Maybe if the issue was researched.

Michael, from Learning to Live, asked the chair to form an adhoc committee to look at the issue.

Motion Tabled while the Consensus-based decision making ad hoc committee (Sam, Michael, and Pete) study the possibilities for the next two months; the adhoc will report back next month.

**Motion #22:** Submitted by Step Working Guide and seconded by Yets.

Motion: Suspend Motion #18 because language doesn't match intent of motion..

Purpose of Motion: To have people vote on what they were voting on.

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**Discussion:** Michael, from Learning to Live, said the interpretation of Motion #18 is causing problems.

Greg, from Clean Freaks, said that his understanding of Motion #18 was that anything that the PASC has done so far in supporting the Metro would continue. He based this on what Travis actually said during the PASC meeting. He understood Motion #18 to mean that the PASC would not work to turn yet another subcommittee over to Metro, but efforts to send PI, H&I, and Hotline to Metro would continue. We went back to our groups with this interpretation. I don't believe that most groups would have supported the interpretation of Motion #18 that has come back to us from Metro.

Motion #22 is sent back to the groups for discussion.

**Motion #23** Submitted by Back to Basics .

Motion: To donate the remaining funds for the month of May to the Pacific Cascade Region of NA.

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

Motion withdrawn by maker of the motion.

The meeting closed before 5 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.