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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
February 24, 2007**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 Jeff
The Twelve Concepts were read by Scott
The 6th Concept was read by Syd
The Dedication to Service was read by ?

Roll Call of Officers

11 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

23 answered the roll call.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 12.

Open Forum

Mike from Fire Side Men's Step Study asked for help to get the name of the location (the name of the church) where his group meets back into the directory.

Wayne, PASC Vice Chair, reminded the groups that if they need something changed in the schedule, please call Vicky D., (503) 349-4710, whose number is on the front of the schedule.

Matt B. reported satisfaction with how the Outreach Subcommittee handled a request they submitted at the January PASC.

Amy thanked the Outreach Subcommittee for going to all the meetings who had not been represented at area and inviting people back to Area.

Nanette announced that the deadline for the Beverly Beach Logo Contest will be April 1. She encouraged people to submit artwork so we can have a real cool design. Nanette invited people to get involved in the ad-hoc committee to organize Beverly Beach. She encouraged people to mark their calendars for the upcoming Spaghetti Feed to raise money for the event and reserve their campsites. Flyers are circulating. Also, the Activities Subcommittee is asking groups, "What do you think is fun?" She asked GSRs to go back to their groups, get ideas and report back to Activities so it can get some direction.

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Wayne announced the upcoming 4th Annual Luau, sponsored by the What's Really Going On group. All the tickets are sold out. The group will sell 25 tickets at the door; but they are expected to go quick. While he expected the dinner to be sold out, he also said that anyone is invited to the speaker meeting following the Luau. In other business, Wayne said the Public Information Subcommittee is in the process of revamping the Portland Area schedule. Anyone interested in being part of the process is encouraged to show up.

Paul, PASC Chair, said he was concerned about the "fund flow" in the Portland Area. "I've hear that some groups withhold their funds," he said. He encouraged members to read page 92 in the Guide to Local Service for direction.

Unfinished Business

Treasurer's Report- Ron C.

We're getting fairly close to breaking even. Group donations are up. If this continues, Ron said, we may be able to donate to region.
See attached report.

Secretary Report – given by PASC Chair Paul (in secretary's absence)

We understand that groups are frustrated with not getting copies of the minutes sent to their e-mail addresses. The website is up and running. Please download your minutes from the website.

Chair Report- Paul J.

I went to the H & I business meeting this month. It was the biggest meeting I've been to in a long time. While this body is in transition, I will not go on.

Rose City Metro Report – David P.

The Rose City Metro met on Tuesday, 13 February 07. The meeting started on time, 7:15 p. The tree areas were represented by the three designated Metro Service Reps.

All three Reps gave Area reports and check ins. During my check in I had asked the coordinator for Unity in the Streets, Tony O., to come and speak to the Metro group. She invited the other two areas to participate and gave a great presentation on the plans for this year's unity in the streets. I encouraged the other Areas to participate and support this event. I feel, and I expressed this to the Metro group, that this event would be a good event to one day be a Rose City Metro event. The idea is that Unity in the Streets would be hosted on a rotating basis by the different Areas, so as to make this an event of unity in the Portland Metropolitan NA is one, I think, that works and makes sense on many levels. I mean if we are truly committed to a Metro I think that this event is a perfect one for us to bring to Metro as it is named Unity.

At this last meeting, the other areas, TVA and GW, had new representatives begin to serve as the incoming Metro Rep to this body. The bylaws are almost done. Part of those bylaws (section 5.1, 5.2 and 5.7) define what the Metro Committee Representative

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responsibilities are. They also tell us that each individual area has the responsibility of choosing the length of service and how this position is filled – meaning what are requirements for eligibility and how does the appointment to this office occur. I would suggest that it's time for this body to define what it expects and wants out of the Metro Committee Representative. It is my understanding that the other areas have this position as a subcommittee position. At this point, Portland Area Metro Committee Representative is an appointed position with no definition of what is expected or required out of this position.

The bylaws are going to be finished, I think, at the next metro meeting; which will be held on March 12, 2007. The money split, in regards to how much contribution from each area to the two subcommittees coming under the umbrella of Metro at this time, is going to be based on quarterly or yearly budgets for the areas (it is yet to be decided).

The question is whether we want to lock it in for a year or do we want to change these contribution rates every quarter, based on the group donations (which is solely designated by the amount of money that come in only from the groups). The Metro Committees first estimation is that Portland and TVA will probably looking at about 37.5 percent each of the monthly cost of the total necessary for subcommittee operation, with GW paying 25 percent of the cost.

So I guess today I come back to this body with questions as to how to proceed?

In service,
David P.
Portland NA Metro Committee Rep

In response to the Rose City Metro Report, and after much discussion, PASC Chair Paul recruited volunteers (J.B., Bill, Cindy and Sheila) to draft policies and procedures to govern the position of the Rose City Metro Representative, as it relates to the PASC.

Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.

This month's activity

1. Ordered & Distributed Schedules
2. Various conversations with Sub-Committee Chairs
3. Attended P.I. and filled in as Chairperson
4. Attended H & I Business Meeting

Hello All,

I would like to welcome all who are new to our monthly Area Meeting. It seems like we have gone through a sort of change over almost the last year where Area has received a new Image. We have encouraged a more respectful and spiritual atmosphere here. We have been more in line with the Decorum Statement in our Area By-Laws. We haven't heard any yelling or screaming by anyone including The Chair (Paul), and we have been able to address issues that concern us.

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I have attended the Portland Area Meetings for literally years and have appreciated the work that the people have done, although I have always thought that this Body has been too political and redundant. I believe that anyone that comes to Area shouldn't feel like they need to possess a Degree in Law to participate. In other words I believe in keeping it simple.

We have focused on cleaning up the wreckage of our Area and moving forward in a positive manner. All the Sub-Committees have been up in attendance and function. The Web-Site although not perfect, is in better shape than ever before. We have a Web-Host and an alternate. We are refining our Sub-Committees to be able to make a smooth transition into the Rose City Metro where needed.

When I was nominated for the Vice-Chair position last year I felt like I needed to accept the nomination for several reasons;

1. It was my turn to give back.
2. I didn't agree with the way this Chair/Vice Chair positions were ran for the last 4 plus Chairpersons.
3. Instead of being one of those people who sit around and complain this would give me an opportunity to put my money where my mouth is so to speak.

I accepted the nomination then I was voted in the following month. In a nutshell....after going over the duties listed in the By-Laws and talking to subcommittee Chairs, and my own experience I really realized the importance of the vice chair position. We are having nominations today. My hope is that we can responsibly pick members that are willing and capable of being a Trusted Servant to our Area.

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. Ron read the 12 traditions; Jennifer read the 1st concept. The first time visitors were Lynda A. Bob S., and Cliff O. Second time visitors were Josh, Dave, Doug, and Kat. They made a verbal commitment to the committee. 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 20 voting members attending. In Unfinished business the April and May Activities meetings have been changed to the first Sunday of the month. The Chair then turned the meeting over to the Vice-Chair for Future, Ongoing, and Past Events.

The event coordinators gave their reports. Beverly Beach and Unity in the Streets are up and running so look for information in flyers and Activities at a Glance. In Past events,

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Snow Tubing made a profit of \$162, Sweetheart's Dance made a profit of \$336.43 so Area will receive 50 percent of those profits. The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business.

In New Business the committee held nominations as follows: Treasurer-Bea N.; Secretary-Jen & Nanette, Vice-Chair-Gene & Tamara, Chair-Eric & Alan. A motion was made and passed as a by-law change that Activities follow Area's Decorum Statement. The committee also decided to donate 20 articles of memorabilia to Step in Outdoors Campout that is put on by TVA Activities in an effort to promote unity.

The meeting closed at 4:26.

Thank you,
Your Trusted Servant
Eric P.

Literature

Total sales this month - \$1,500
Total expenses this month - \$.00
Current Balance \$2,809.56

Outreach

Bryan E, Vice Chair Outreach

The Outreach Subcommittee meets two hours before Area every month. Everyone is welcome. There is no clean time requirement. Our main resource is willingness. With that we can get a lot done. Outreach exists to promote unity between groups in our area. To promote communication, GSRs are encouraged to fill out Group Report Forms at Area every month. Any concerns are then addressed by Outreach or passed to the appropriate Subcommittee. Another primary function of Outreach is to train new GSRs when they report for the first PASC. New GSR Orientation is held at 1:15 p.m. before area.

Last month, a representative of the Salem area approached the Portland Outreach Subcommittee for help setting up services in their area. Representatives of the Portland Outreach Subcommittee will be going to Salem to share their experiences and the materials used in the Portland area.

Hospitals & Institutions

Total Commitments -41
Missed - 8
Cancelled -0
Number of addicts seen -772

Steve, H & I Chair, added that the subcommittee had cut its literature order in half the last two months to help balance the PASC budget. Also, he accepted the subcommittee's nomination to continue at H & I Chair for another year.

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H & I meets at 4033 SE Woodstock, All Saints Episcopal Church, the Friday before Area at 6:00 pm.

Hotline

At this month's Hotline Subcommittee meeting, more than 40 regular members were in attendance. However, J.B., the outgoing Hotline Chair, said that no one stepped up to take the chair position. He added that the Subcommittee retains its vice-chair and other officers, who should be able to keep the subcommittee running smoothly. The vice-chair, however, was not able to fully commit the time needed to step into the Chair position.

There are currently 4 open shifts that are being covered by other shift workers. The requirements are 6 months clean and a working phone. We are always looking for additional 12 Step volunteers, which need to have on year clean. The Hotline Subcommittee meets on the second Friday of the month at 8:15 PM, at 17200 SE Stark, immediately following "One Promise, Many Gifts".

I want to thank this committee for allowing me to be of service, JB

Public Information

Report given by Wayne, PASC Vice-Chair

Public Information has a new ad hoc schedule committee which is looking at updating the look and function of the schedule. PI has an alternate web host, Andrea. PI also followed through with one commitment – a request from the community to come tell the story of Narcotics Anonymous – and that went well. Wayne encouraged members to look in the schedule to find the times and places where subcommittees meet. Come on down to be of service. No body's going to turn you away.

RCM REPORT:

PASC has no Regional Committee Member

Alt. RCM-Steve S.

No regional meeting. No Report.

Unfinished Business

Members of the PASC ratified the Portland Area Budget for 2007 by general consent.

For – 11 Abstain – 7 Against - 0

New Business

Motion # 2-submitted by Burnside Blues, and then withdrawn prior to discussion.

Motion #5 -submitted by Southeast Serenity

Motion: To wave clean time requirement for alternate RCM.

Purpose of motion: To nominate Eric for Alternate RCM.

Chair ruled motion out of order

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(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 #3 -submitted by Steve P, H & I Chair, and seconded by New Journey.

Motion: To administer a single point of accountability for the Hospitals and Institutions (H & I) Subcommittee to the Rose City Metro Board of Director's contingent upon:

1. Confirmation of Rose City Metro Board of Director's;
2. Validation of a Rose City Metro bank account;
3. Confirmation of Rose City Metro By-laws.

Purpose of motion: To share services and their associated costs with the Metro Area.

Motion #4 -submitted by Ron C., PASC Treasurer, and seconded by Southeast Serenity.

Motion: To provide a \$200 set-aside, as a one time expense for the initial start-up contribution to the Rose City Metro.

Purpose of motion: To provide a set-aside in our annual budget for the initial financial start-up costs.

Nominations for PASC Officers

Chair

Paul – nominated by Eric and seconded by New Journey

Vice Chair

Wayne – nominated by What's Really Going On and seconded by Fireside Men's

Secretary

Tabled until next month

Treasurer

Ron C - nominated by Fireside Men's and seconded by Southeast Serenity

Archivist

Michele – nominated by Wayne and seconded by Back to Basic

RCM

Steve – nominated by Southeast Serenity and seconded by Fireside Men's

Alternate RCM

Nominations tabled until next month