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**Portland Area Service Committee  
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous  
17200 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR  
November 17, 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 Paula  
The Twelve Concepts were read by Chris  
The 4th Concept was read by Mick  
The Dedication to Service was read by Sheila

**Roll Call of Officers**

13 were present.

**Roll Call of Groups**

25 answered roll call. A total number of 31 groups checked in during the meeting.

**Quorum**

Quorum is established at 12.

**New GSRs**

Kevin S – Unchained  
Chris H. – Off the Hook  
Melissa M – Full Circle

**Treasurer's Report**

See Attached.

**Secretary's Report**

Michele said that she would amend October's minutes to include the Vice Chair report made available at the November PASC for GSRs.

Troy, Back to Basics, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, seconded by Linda, One Promise, Many Gifts.

Michele asked Portland Area officers to get their reports to her in a timely manner so she can include them in the minutes

Michele, PASC Secretary, asked for everyone's continued help in keeping her contact list up-to-date. She can be reached at [mvowell503@msn.com](mailto:mvowell503@msn.com).

**Open Forum**

**Marcus, from Here and Now**, said that Here and Now is once again a candlelight meeting. Here and Now meets seven days a week, 10 p.m. at SW 13<sup>th</sup> and Clay.

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**Travis, from Learning to Live**, said his heart is heavy of late. People are upset with me with regards to stirring up the Metro stuff. I listen to the traditions and they mean quite a bit to me. When I first came here, I didn't understand what a GSR does, bylaws, parliamentary procedure, etc. Last month I made this motion that the Metro representative should be an elected position. The month before a similar motion was ruled out of order because it was "unspiritual." This is one of many inconsistencies Travis said he sees within the Portland Area. We had a motion to turn PI over to the Metro. Then, we have another motion to keep PI as part of the Portland Area. Travis said he is not anti-Metro. The groups have voted. Travis says that the Area should stop, think and assess the course of action, and then do that... There are a lot of egos that get in the way. Travis said he doesn't have a plan, he just thinks the Area should think before it acts. Now that we've committed to do all this stuff, now we're going to do the inventory. That seems backwards.

**Nanette**, announced the Spiritual Brunch on December 2, to be held on SE 92<sup>nd</sup> and Foster. Breakfast begins at 11 and a 12-step speaker panel begins at 12:30. The brunch is a fundraiser for the new Fort Stevens campout. Campsites are still available. Call Nanette for more information.

**Melissa** announced that **Full Circle** will soon be meeting 3 days a week (Mon., Wed., Fri.) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. beginning on December 7 at 8 NW 8.

**Lisa**, said that **Burnside Blues** is back at the Estate, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., seven days a week. The meeting has lots of newcomers and needs the support of members with time.

**Ron, PASC Treasurer**, said he has tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance. In regards to the Metro, Ron said it is not ready for us. For it to function properly, we need three complete Areas. Just because Metro has a checking account, bylaws, and board of directors, does not mean that the Metro should be running our subcommittees. According to three motions the PASC has approved, PI, Hotline, and Hospitals and Institutions are supposed to be part of Metro. We shouldn't have passed anything like that. We are all in a learning process. I think it's prudent for our groups to take a look at this.

**Dan**, said he has been around quite a while. He went to the Metro meeting the previous Tuesday. "Metro thinks they're running things for us," Dan said. "It is fear based from both sides..." Dan said that he doesn't believe that the Metro process is practical, and therefore it is not spiritual.

**Wayne, PASC Vice Chair**, said he wants to see GSRs get together outside the PASC meeting to discuss area business in what he envisions can be an extended open forum. Maybe GSRs can break into small discussion groups. This is where any member of NA can have a chance to discuss some of our group's concerns.

**Harry W** asked the secretary to add the following announcement to the minutes: **Victory** group needs support. Victory meets 8 p.m. Thursdays at 2926 N. Williams.

## **Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.**

No report

## **Subcommittees and Regional Issues**

### **Activities**

Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Steve read 12 Traditions; Dave read the 11<sup>th</sup> Concept; Charlie read the Decorum Statement. There were no first time visitors. Second time visitors were Chris and Frank, they both 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 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.

In Future and Ongoing Events we have Beverly Beach has started an Ad-hoc committee which will be held the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Holgate Library. The End of the Year dance has tickets for sale, \$20 for dinner and dance, dinner tickets must be bought in advance for this is a catered event. Fort Stevens campout fundraiser brunch will be on 12/2/07, campsites will be available at the brunch. Unity in the Streets Ad-hoc is starting, more information about these events and more are in flyers and Activities at a Glance. In past events, the Spooky Dance was a great success and Area will get a donation of \$274.48, which is half of the profits. The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business.

In new business, there was discussion about changing the event reporting form, this issue was tabled until next month.

The meeting closed at 4:30 p.m.

Thank you, Your trusted Servant, Eric P

### **Literature**

Beginning Balance: \$4,974.55

October Sales: \$2,381.80

Literature Orders: \$4,732.54

Ending Balance: \$2,623.81

Literature had a record low sale of literature this month. Also, literature received a double order by mistake, and did get billed for it. Therefore, the double billing is reflected in this month's figures. Carolyn

### **Outreach – Troy J.**

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence. We had three new GSRs. We are in the process of going over groups that are not attending area. We could use some volunteers in this area. So, please come to outreach next month. Thank you, Troy J.

### **Hospitals & Institutions**

Total Commitments – 26

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Missed – 0  
Cancelled – 2  
Number of addicts seen – 338

H & I was unable to meet quorum at its business meeting, so it was unable to conduct business.

### **Hotline – Lynda, Hotline Chair**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. The meeting started at 4 p.m. on Nov. 11. We had 20 people in attendance, including:

Lynda A – Chair  
Linda R – Vice Chair  
Wayne – PASC Vice Chair  
Jackie A. – Secretary

We would like to welcome back Brenna, she has taken the Friday slot, 5 to 11 p.m. All shifts are covered and running smoothly. I'm asking for volunteer shift workers to add their name to my list and when there is a shift open, we can call them to see if they can cover the shift that is open. Hotline is still in need of 12-step men and women volunteers with one or more years of clean time. Thank you, in much gratitude and service, Lynda A

### **Public Information – Steve, PI Vice Chair**

PI has elected someone to be a liaison with Metro. Vickie is still working on updating the schedule. It does seem redundant to have a Metro schedule and a Portland schedule with the same things.

### **Regional Committee Member – Steve**

Portland has now given more money to Region in the last four quarters than it has in the last 20 years.

### **Alternate Regional Committee Member – Eric**

No report.

### **Chair Report- Paul J. -**

Shirts for Books:

I have 25 shirts left and have place an order for another 12. I returned \$400.00 to the treasurer. I have \$244 in hand.

Chair Report:

The BOD met and we will be working on a few key items.

2008 Budget Is completed

We will work on the bylaws in Decembers BOD

Area Planning tool will be worked on in January

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The BOD will be meeting every month until these items have been completed.

More will be revealed, Paul

## **Rose City Metro Report – David P**

The Rose City Metro Service Committee met November 13 at the Paulist Center. All three areas were represented by their committee members. In addition, Portland Area Subcommittee chairs, Eric P - Activities and Jim B – PI were present. Portland Area meetings were represented by Will A., Dour D., and Mary E. This is a great showing by Portland. It is very encouraging that so many are interested in what is going on at the Rose City Metro.

This month's meeting at Metro was good. People from the Portland Area meetings brought concerns and questions about the validity and need for a Metro. It is good that these questions are being brought to the meeting. Nothing will ensure that this service committee is able to follow it, the PASC and NA primary purpose that those who are so passionate either for or against this new service body that they take time to enter into the discussion on its necessity and its validity at the Metro meeting. Or find alternatives to how to best serve the new Portland Metro Areas and the PASC. I cannot believe that completely turning our backs on the other two areas is a solution and if we do not use a metro, then where might this happen?

The Rose City Metro Committee has been working at the PASC's direction to find ways to best serve the needs of the Metropolitan Region since changes that have occurred in the three years since the split in the now three Areas. Before the split the PASC was serving something like ninety groups as evident in the number of meetings that were represented by the number of mailings that our secretary use to have to mail minutes to. (I got this from the former Secretary of the PASC.) An absurd thought, at least for me, is an Area meeting where 90 GSRs are trying to do the area's business. Please think about how long this meeting today would go if we had 60 groups represented and we were trying to just get open forum. The bottom line is that I believe that this split has been a good thing for this area.

At the direction of this body, I was appointed to represent the PASC in the forming of a Metro. This is all the direction I was given. I am not sure if any of us knew what a metro really was. I am sure none of us really knew if a Metro would work; how it would work; and if this were something that would make sense for the three areas. What was known was that the Portland Area was continuing to serve needs in the Hotline, H&I, and PI and that the two newly formed areas had a willingness to see if we could not disturb a system of service that was working.

At my first meeting with the other Areas, the very first obstacle that I faced was a room full of people who were frustrated by the PASC's indecision as to its participation – whether or not Portland wanted to move forward and form a Metro. My understanding for the PASC original argument as to why we would need or want a Metro Service committee is to not breakup H&I, to keep one phone number for the Portland's Hotline, and to coordinate the PI for the three areas. The other was to share the costs that Portland was, and is still, paying for all expenses for H&I and Hotline, even though it is servicing all three areas.

The mission has not changed. This has been my understanding of what I was supposed to be doing in my representation of the PASC. Later, the PASC directed me to instruct the Rose City Metro to develop a set of bylaws, a BOD and checking account. That is what we have been doing for the year. This is work that almost unanimously has been voted on by this body for the last year.

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Last month, I brought in the Rose City Metro Schedule. Something, I have reported to this PASC as a project that was worked on at the Metro. In truth, it is what can happen when the three areas work together. The three PIs from each of the areas coordinated and came up with this schedule. The next project will be to do that with the activities at a glance. All of this will help those who do the hotline.

The Metro is not trying to take anything away from this body but it is very understood in our philosophy that we are there to serve and do as our areas direct. Period.

## **Unfinished Business**

Motion #42, submitted by Learning to Live and seconded by What it Is.

Motion: That the PASC withdraw from all participation with the Metro Service Committee until each area interested in participating in Metro have formed, and have in action, their own separate subcommittees (Activities, PI, H&I, etc.) and are willing to coordinate service between them.

Purpose of Motion: To withdraw from all participation with Rose City Metro until all areas' subcommittees are functional, in place, and in need of a Metro.

Motion Passes:            11 Against      2 Abstentions            14 In Favor

## **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.)*

Motion #44, submitted by Activities and seconded by What it Is.

Motion: To set up a line item account in the Activities budget of \$1,000 for the End of the Year Dance.

Purpose of Motion: To set up line item account in activities budget for this ongoing, yearly event.

Discussion:

Eric, Activities Chair, said that the End of the Year Dance is getting to be a big event for the Portland Area, in line with Unity in the Streets and Beverly Beach. By having the money in the Activities account, they could start fundraising activities sooner, Eric said. This would increase the amount that can be kept in the Activities account from \$6,500 to \$7,500, when we have all the money possible in the account.

No one spoke against Motion #44.

Motion #45, submitted by Mary E, and seconded by Marcus.

Motion: Add to PASC bylaws, Section Seven, Article II, Additional Officers – Listed first before “Ad hoc subcommittee chairs.” To create and define new positions to serve the PASC to be know as “Metro Service Representatives, positions I and II. To carry one vote at the metro level. Suggested clean time, three years. Suggested length of commitment for each position – one year, not to exceed two consecutive years.

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Purpose of Motion: To create a permanent and defined position to represent the PASC at the Metro Committee meeting. To act as a liaison to conduct information between the MSC and the PASC. To demonstrate the Portland Area's commitment to unity by supporting the MSC.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order, as it seems to be in conflict with Motion #42 passed by the PASC during Unfinished Business. Mary E, from Late Night Recovery, challenged the Chair's ruling, seconded by Marcus.

Mary said that it is still necessary to create an elected position to represent the Portland Area at Metro. To finish what we started.

The vote on the challenge: 6 against      5 abstentions      10 in favor of the challenge

At this point, the Chair said that it would be unfair to this area to continue this debate at this time. Motion was tabled until December

Motion #46 was withdrawn by the maker of the motion.

The meeting closed at 4:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors will meet for a special budgeting session at noon on December 22, just prior to the PASC meeting which is set to begin at 2 p.m. at 17200 SE Stark (URS Club).