

Portland Area of Narcotics Anonymous Board of Directors Meeting

September 28, 2007

Paul, PASC Chair, opened the meeting at Noon with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were:

Paul, Chair
Michele, Secretary
Eric, Activities Chair
Carolyn, Literature Chair
Starlette, Hope Group GSR

He explained that the purpose of the September BOD meeting is to look at the PASC budget. To compare the Area's proposed budget with actual numbers, while preparing the budget for next year. But as the Treasurer had not arrived yet, the Board discussed other matters.

Michele, PASC Secretary, said she is concerned with the lack of participation from executive members of the PASC.

Paul, in reviewing two months of Treasurer's reports, said the area appears to be spending more than it budgeted. But, donations do appear to be up.

Eric P., Activities Chair, reviewed the Activities' subcommittee budget (see attached).

Starlette said that the Picnic in the Park is the worst picnic she has ever been to. All there was to eat was hot dogs, not enough fruits and vegetables.

Both Eric P., and Paul explained that the Activities Subcommittee suffers from a lack of participation from members. Activities needs help putting on events; and they invited Starlette to get involved.

Eric P., went on to say that Activities is adding a new campout for next summer. The Fort Stevens Campout will be held on the 2nd weekend in July (so as not to compete with Beverly Beach.) Beverly Beach is still in need of a coordinator.

At this point in the discussion, the following members arrived:

Syd, Outreach Chair
Jim, Public Information Chair
Eric M, Alternate RCM

Michele told Jim, the PI Chair, that the website looks great.

Paul once again explained that the purpose of the September BOD meeting was to compare budgeted amounts with actual expenses; and to project the 2008 budget.

Jim, PI Chair, asked whether PI needs to come to Area to make every single change to the schedule.

Paul, PASC Chair, said that if someone wants to make any changes to the schedule, they need to go to the subcommittee first.

Jim also said that PI will be submitting a motion to Area. PI wants to remain Portland Area Subcommittee. He explained that the subcommittee is rebuilding from the ground up. The subcommittee has struggled with the same five members for many years. It is starting to get extra people at the meetings. But for months PI meetings continue to get bogged down with the same conversation of how to remake the subcommittee to serve the Metro. Jim is hoping to get clarification that the PI Subcommittee serves the Portland Area first, and the rest of the metropolitan area as resources allow.

At this point, Ron, PASC Treasurer, arrived.

Paul asked if Ron had brought spreadsheets with budgeted and actual expenses for 2007. Ron had not.

Ron said that the PASC is under budget.

Paul explained that this process is very important to restore the groups' confidence in the Portland Area. We want all the groups to know that we're being fiscally responsible with the Area's budget, he said.

Ron said that is why he recently put together the series of motions... that I feel were rudely overlooked.

Paul asked Ron to put together the needed spreadsheets (with actual vs. proposed budget amounts) by the October 27 PASC. The BOD will meet for a special session at noon, prior to the PASC to inspect the budget and proposed numbers for 2008.

When asked when he deposited the money from the August PASC, Ron said that he deposited it that day.

Starlette said that she thinks that we need to have that money deposited on time.

Michele, PASC Secretary, said that the BOD will be operating on a tight schedule, as it did not get the budget out in September. Hopefully we will submit a proposed 2008 budget to the groups in October. In December the BOD should have the bylaws ready to send back to the groups for adoption. And in March, we need to be ready to pay our taxes.

Ron said that this year, as we work on a proposed budget, we need to make changes to the bylaws to reflect the budget. Either we're going to follow the budget or the bylaws.

Eric M., Alternate RCM, said he doesn't want to be dishonest, and wants to know how much he is supposed to be spending when he goes to region.

Eric M., also said that his group was confused about Motion #25, that proposed to maintain a working capital of \$1,000. The motion didn't say how it was going to be funded and replenished, he said.

Syd agreed, saying that people aren't understanding how this money is going to be generated.

Michele suggested that BOD members draft motions together at the BOD meeting, and submit the motions to the groups together.

The BOD meeting closed at 1:15 p.m. with the 3rd Step Prayer.