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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
August 25, 2007**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 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 Mike
The Twelve Concepts were read by Syd
The 4th Concept was read by Lewis
The Dedication to Service was read by Dan

Roll Call of Officers

11 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

21 answered the roll call. A total number of 26 groups checked in during the meeting.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 11.

New GSRs

Tim F. – New GSR for Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters
Scott C – New GSR for Step on It
Eric M – New GSR for Southeast Serenity
Vincent – New GSR for Early riser
Sara – New GSR for Late Night Recovery

Archivist

Paul, PASC Chair, opened nominations for Archivist. When none were forthcoming, he asked if anyone would be interested in filling in as interim Archivist. Sheila E. from Towanda agreed to fill in as Archivist, but said she did not want to give up her position as GSR for her group. Nominations will remain open for PASC Archivist.

Secretary's Report

Linda made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as written, seconded by Clean Freaks.

Michele, PASC Secretary, asked for everyone's help keeping her contact list up-to-date. She can be reached at mvowell503@msn.com.

Treasurer's Report

See attached.

Open Forum

Lisa said she felt like using the week before last. “I wanted to get loaded,” she said. So she called 411 to find a meeting in the Portland Area. She said she was thrown to Kennewick, WA. The person from Kennewick said that callers from Portland are often sent to Kennewick. Then, she was sent to a mailbox. She asked that this be rectified.

David, from New Journey, announced that the annual NA Picnic was at Oaks Park, beginning at Noon, the following day, August 26. Committee members had a hard time getting people to commit to service at the picnic. Please show up and be of service.

Wayne, PASC Vice-Chair, said he is putting together a motion to change the time of the PASC meeting. He suggested that the PASC move to the first Thursday of the month, with Subcommittee reports being held from 6 to 6:45 p.m.; then have the regular meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. He cited a lack of interest in the subcommittee reports. We’ve had this meeting forever on Saturday. I think it’s possible to get this taken care of during a week night, Wayne said, to free up time on the weekends. We may get more participation. He asked the fellowship to give the idea some thought.

Lewis, from Rockwood Nooner, said that his meeting needs support. Refer your friends. The meeting is in need of a lot of voices and experience. Rockwood Nooner has been a group since September. It is located at 183rd and Stark, Monday through Friday at Noon.

Ron, PASC Treasurer, said he felt like the meeting is being pushed along. He took issue with the Vice-Chair making a motion to close the meeting last month. Only voting members can make a motion to close a meeting, Ron Said. We’re trying to do business. We’re here to try to get through things, he said. Our service body, or Board, cannot call a meeting to close. We need to show respect.

Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.

This month’s activities were held to a minimum due to my hectic schedule. Things should be back to normal next month.

1. Ordered & Distributed Schedules
2. Various conversations with Sub-Committee Chairs

I would like to again thank you for allowing me to be of service.

All subcommittees are running smoothly, but still need support. Subcommittee meetings (time & Location) are listed in the Portland Area Meeting Schedule. We have made several changes and updates to our schedule and website. This has been a huge undertaking over the last year and a half plus – thanks to everyone who helped make this possible.

We are always looking for suggestions to make our Area meetings more efficient. One idea presented is to move our Area meeting from the last Saturday of the month to the first Thursday of the month. The meeting could be split into two sessions – the first session (6 to 6:45 p.m.) could be subcommittee reports – the second session (7 to 8:30 p.m.) could include motions and Area business, open forum, etc... There will be a motion presented next month following research and feedback on this idea.

That’s it for now. In service, Wayne C.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities

Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer. Charlie read the 12 Traditions; Drew read the 7th Concept; Soma read the Decorum Statement. First time visitors were William C and Drew. Second time visitors were Ernie and Stoddard. 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. In Unfinished business, Jim from PI gave Activities an information packet on how to deal with the public. The bylaw review ad-hoc committee was unable to meet so it was tabled until next month. The Chair then turned the meeting over to the Vice-Chair for Future, Ongoing, and Past Events.

The event coordinators gave the reports. In future events we have the Annual Picnic, Bowling, Spooky Dance and the End of Year Dance. Past events were Government Island had a loss of \$145.28; the Tube Float had a profit of \$99.83; and Beverly Beach and Unity in the Streets will have finalized reports next month (They appear to have made money.) The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business.

In New Business there was discussion on Steps to Planning an Event and creating a Fort Stevens Campout, more will be revealed next month.

The meeting closed at 4:57 p.m.

Thank you, Your trusted Servant
Eric P

Literature

No report

Outreach – Syd, Outreach Chair

Steve S. made amends for stealing the allotment money of \$125, six months ago. He returned the money. Troy J. is a new Outreach member.

Outreach met with two new GSRs at its meeting. Freedom Fighters, Tuesday at 6 p.m., 14500 SE Powell in the Parish Hall of St. Timothy's Church, needs support.

Syd also asked that the Area re-institute giving new GSRs a buddy at their first PASC.

Hospitals & Institutions

Total Commitments – 50

Missed – 6

Cancelled – 3

Number of addicts seen – 678

Hotline – Lynda, Chair

The meeting opened at 5:50 p.m. on August 19; followed by the serenity prayer. In attendance were: Lynda A, Chair; Jackie A., Secretary, and shift workers Bob Y., Dunja J., Mike M., Johnny B., Robin B., Dawn D., and Michelle B. Hotline welcomed two new shift workers: Johnny B., and Dawn D. Hotline asked one of the shift workers to step down until

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they meet the 90 day clean time requirement again. Hotline is still in need of 12-step callers. One year clean time is required. Please announce this in meetings. Hotline has an open shift on Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m.; and are hoping for someone from other areas to step in so we can further our unity in other areas. Lynda said she did not make the metro meeting this month. She will attend next month.

In Service and Gratitude, Lynda A., Hotline Chair

Public Information – Jim B. Interim Chair

Hello Everyone:

We had about eight of our regular members in attendance, Steve G. has stepped up to be our new Vice-Chair, and Steve V. has stepped up to be our new Media Coordinator. At this time since we understand that Portland Area P.I. will be moving to the Metro level of service, we are beginning an Ad-Hoc Committee designed to discuss and implement what the Metro Area P.I. Committee will look like, and create some new bylaws as well that will reflect this new level of service. We hope this will make for a smooth transition for everyone involved, and we will be inviting both the Greater Willamette Area and Tualatin Valley Area's P.I. Committees to provide input to this Ad-Hoc. A date and time is yet to be determined, but we are looking at beginning a few days prior to our next regular P.I. meeting which is September 27th. Our Webhost, Steve G. and alternates, Andrea C. and Jim K. have been busy changing the look and feel of the website, which is presently still under construction. Although it has already been greatly improved, any feedback or comments for the Webhosts would be greatly appreciated. We had 3,691 visits to the website in the month of July, and there are currently 14 E-mail accounts on the website directed for each sub-committee and area officers. Some of the E-mail accounts have gone inactive for quite some time, and if you are new to a position, or haven't checked your specific E-mail account in a while, please contact the webhost, or one of the alternates to clear this up. We gave the Unity in the Streets Committee a brief outline of a P.I. presentation, and our Booth Sitting Guidelines to help them, as were are not able to staff a P.I. booth this year. We also did a more in depth presentation/booth training at the Activities meeting the following day after Unity in the Streets. We hope to do a more thorough training for the Activities Committee, as well as anyone interested in the near future. If you may be interested in the Booth Sitting Coordinator position, or if you have good public speaking, and/or public relations skills and would like to simply be placed on a panel list for one of our future presentation events, please come to our next meeting where we can set up a specific time and date to do some training now.

Thank you for letting us be of service, Jim B., Interim P.I. Chair

Regional Committee Member – Steve

No report

Alternate Regional Committee Member – Eric

No report

Chair Report- Paul J. -

Shirts for Books:

I have located the screen printer and will be moving forward with the project.

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I feel the meeting last month went well and looking forward to further improvement in communication. I plan on attending the meeting on the 22nd and hope to see you all there. It has taken some time for this area to settle down and put the focus back on the groups. We continue to make gains in the area to service the group's needs. But if the board does not hear from the groups we can't address their needs. We are here for you and you alone. So help us help you. More will be revealed.

Paul ruled that the Consensus-Based Decision Making Ad-Hoc Committee dies for lack of participation.

Paul shared the following two letters that were sent to him as PASC Chair:

From: Teresa B.

Date: July 9, 2007

Subject: Government Island camp out.

To the chair of NA,

I am writing to voice the concerns of several of us boaters about the activity sponsored at Government Island this weekend. Between 100 and 200 of your members and their families camped out on the island and utilized the boat dock.

While it would appear that most people were having a good time and were responsible, many of us boaters at the dock experienced some problems.

Saturday night some members of the NA group were firing off fireworks at 2 o'clock in the morning which is strictly prohibited at any time.

Also, many of the boat drivers appeared to be ignorant of some very basic boating rules and laws. It is illegal to cause a wake to the dock from any distance or to go over 5 miles per hour within 200 feet of the dock.

Some of the boat drivers were extremely discourteous about playing loud music.

And, one of the boats on the dock was damaged by one of your drivers who did not stop and share insurance information.

I have since been told by the park service in charge of Government Island that we should have called 911 and reported these incidents and in the future we probably will have to.

Please inform your members about rules, laws and common courtesy so that they will be welcome at the park in the future.

Teresa B. and other boaters sharing the river.

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From: John G.

Date: Aug. 15, 2007

Subject: Unity in the Streets. And the lack of recycling. Criminal!

Good event.

But!

I was absolutely appalled at how much recyclable material was thrown out. It was almost criminal. Easily half of the trash that was thrown out was recyclable.

And how many recycle were available? THREE! Where were they? Anywhere near people gathered? No.

How can you expect people to recycle if you do not give them the opportunity to do so?

“RESPONSIBLE, productive, members of society” well if NA were judged on that day, then we would have been found lacking in responsibility.

A very good event that had almost criminal results. I am ashamed of the Portland fellowship.

I suppose your response is to tell me to get involved? Well, I am and have been for many years. And you bet your ASS that I won't let this happen next year. I'll be damned if I let a bunch of addicts destroy my planet.

Rose City Metro Report – David P.

I want to thank the PASC for accepting me back as their representative to the Rose City Metro. I went to the second Tuesday meeting at the Paulist Center and let them know that Portland had decided to continue with moving H & I, the Hotline, and P & I. The metro has nominated two people to fill out our BOD. They are Alan S and Gil S as treasurer and Secretary. Both men have submitted, service resumes as laid out in bylaws and they have met all of the requirements. I have asked Portland for their support of these new officers and they have accepted them.

I have enclosed the minutes and a metro flyer that explains a little about what is a Metro and what we are doing at Metro. I again encourage everyone to come and see what Metro is doing by coming to one of our meetings (every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Paulist Center). Please understand that Portland has voted for this and it is going to change the service structure how we serve Narcotics Anonymous. If this something that interests you or is something that you think needs to be understood your input is encouraged.

This brings me to the place where I want to bring up objections to the Metro Service Committee that have come to my attention. This is and should be something that the PASC should be aware of as we move towards a Metro Service committee. That is the idea that Portland has some problems with participation by its members for different service committees. This could lead to the committees that are moving to metro been led by the Areas. According to the Metro bylaws

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PASC has the ability to do several things if it feels that its wishes are not being followed. The voting structure that each Area has one vote in the Metro and the metro voting structure is such that it is a consensus-based type voting structure. That essentially means that if there is something that the PASC does not want it can direct me as the representative to not vote for or to voice that objection or do anything that makes this body happy. This means that what this body wants will be heard and its direction will be followed.

This next month Metro will get our bank account as we directed the nominated treasurer to acquire an EIN and Rose City Metro Bank Account. Also, we are going to be coming out either in this month or the next with a Metro Schedule of meetings and that will have all the metro area meetings on them. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Metro Workshop adhoc Report - Travis

The Metro Workshop has been set for Saturday, September 22, at 1:30 p.m. at 17200 SE Stark (the URS Club). The director of the World Service will be the key speaker. I need to re-invite members of Metro. Now that it is coming together, Travis said he is proposing an emergency money motion to pay for rent, food and other expenses for the workshop. "I'm stoked about it," Travis said.

Unfinished Business

Motion #21, ruled out of order, as the maker of the motion was not present two months in a row.

Motion #24: Submitted by Hotline and seconded by Victory group.

Motion: Old section nine: Financial responsibilities.

A.2. Except the hotline Subcommittee with is allowed \$165 per month for expenses.

New A.2. The hotline will receive up to \$125 per month for expenses, separate from the Answernet expense paid by the PASC.

Purpose of Motion: To separate subcommittee expenses from the PASC expenses.

Motion passed with two-thirds vote: 5 against 6 abstentions 11 in favor

Motion #26: Submitted by Ron C and seconded by Minute by Minute.

Motion: Change: Section Nine: financial Responsibility, Line E.

Remove "The PASC shall donate a minimum of \$75 to region every quarter.

Replace with: "The PASC shall approve a quarterly donation to the PCRNA from the available funds after all motions, set asides, reserves and current financial obligations have been paid. The donation shall be a minimum of \$75.

Purpose of Motion: To More responsibly move funds to the PCRNA.

Motion failed to receive the necessary two-third vote: 9 against 9 abstentions 5 in favor

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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 #25: Submitted by Ron C. and seconded by The Nooner.

Motion: Add to Section Nine: Financial Responsibilities a line J that reads: That the PASC shall maintain a working capital of \$1000.

Purpose of Motion: To maintain a reserve of money that can be used for the purpose of supporting the sub-committees (i.e. lending of seed money, purchasing needed items, etc.

Discussion:

Ron C., PASC Treasurer, said the way the bylaws are set up, every time that we pass a motion (i.e. PI needing some software) we've been dipping into our prudent reserve. We had no working capital. This will make it so our subcommittees can function without dipping into our prudent reserve.

Paul, PASC Chair, ruled the motion out of order, saying that it is not prudent to hold the money back. The groups voted to continue discussing the motion.

Scott, from Early Riser, clarified that the \$1,000 is over and above two months of PASC expenses.

Paul said that if the donations aren't there, we have to pay our bills.

Jane, from Serenity Sisters, spoke in favor of the motion. The treasurer would like to have a \$1,000 cushion for extraordinary expenses so we don't have to dip into our prudent reserve, she explained.

David, from New Journey, said he didn't understand why we need an additional \$1,000 in our budget. The money would still need to be voted on.

Mike, said he thought it was a good idea, in light of the fact that any additional money goes to region every month.

Wayne, PASC Vice-Chair, said he thinks one of the problems we have is motions that are unclearly written and not necessary. We already have everything in place, Wayne said. If it's not broken, don't fix it... God usually gives it to us when we need it.

Will, from What it Is, said he is in favor of the motion. "I have seen this area struggle with money," he said. I have seen it when the groups have been asked to give \$1,000 to activities. The money has to come from somewhere. I think (this motion) is a good idea. I think it could have been better written. But, this is so we don't have to rob Peter to pay Paul.

Paul, PASC Chair, said the way its set up now, we have to be responsible for NA funds. If something is important enough, we'll find the money somehow... Any extra money should be forwarded on to region.

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Motion #25 will go back to the groups for a vote.

Motion #27: Submitted by PASC Treasurer, died for lack of a second.

Motion #28: Submitted by PASC Treasurer, was withdrawn by maker of the motion

Motion #29: Submitted by Travis B., and seconded by One Promise Many Gifts.

Motion: That emergency funding be approved in the amount of \$200 for the rent, food and general expenses for the workshop on Sept. 22.

Purpose of Motion: To be able to fund the workshop, in spite of the fact that there is not enough time to send it to the groups as a major money motion.

Discussion:

Travis said it's outlined pretty clear. The whole deal is costing more money that expected.

We'll keep receipts; and anything not spent, will be returned.

Will, from What it Is, said he thinks the Metro Workshop is a good idea for this area. "I believe there is a lot of dissention about Metro." I think it's a good idea to get a representative from World to come give us some input; so we know what we are engaged in as an area and as groups.

The motion passed by general consent, with one abstention.

Motion #30: Submitted by Kansas Bill and Marco, for a starter kit for a new meeting. The motion was ruled out of order, and representatives of the group were directed to the Literature Subcommittee to get a starter kit. The new meeting is called Phoenix Group. It meets on Monday nights from 8 to 9 p.m., beginning on September 10. The meeting will be held at 3516 NE 71st Ave (Calvary Presbyterian Church).

Motion #31: Submitted by What it is and seconded by Learning to Live.

Motion: That we (Portland Area) re-insert the meetings outside the immediate Portland Area to our Area meeting schedule.

Purpose of Motion: To be able to refer to meeting locations for Hotline callers from outside our immediate area and further promote unity.

Discussion: Will, from What it Is, said that in their opinion, there is room to re-include meetings in Sherwood and McMinnville, to assist people that call the Portland Area Hotline in finding meetings in the metropolitan area.

Jim, Interim PI Chair, said that there are two other areas that are posting information for their areas. We've been struggling for years. Plus, Portland has had an ad-hoc committee for six months, inviting people to come give information.

Travis, from Learning to Live, said he appreciates the work that has been done on this. I appreciate the layout. But, I think it would behoove our area to have the outlying areas available on the schedule.

The chair ruled the motion out of order. Will, the maker of the motion, said he would take his concerns to the PI subcommittee.

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Motion #32, submitted by Travis B. to request “parliamentary procedure” outline sheets be printed and made available for use by GSRs at the PASC meeting. Paul, PASC Chair, said he would make such information available.

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

The next PASC meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, beginning at 2 p.m.