

**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
October 27, 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 Nate
The Twelve Concepts were read by Lynda
The 4th Concept was read by Bill
The Dedication to Service was read by Star

Roll Call of Officers

13 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

25 answered roll call. A total number of 30 groups checked in during the meeting.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 11.

New GSRs

Ellen. – Unchained
Mary E. – Late Night Recovery
Nathan – New Journey
Michelle R – What it Is
Maya N. – Embracing Reality

Treasurer's Report

Ron explained that the BOD is working on the 2008 budget. He went over income and expenditures through September 2007 (see attached.)

The groups have really pulled together, Ron said. The groups are supporting the area; we're not dependent on Activities to support us, he said. He gave special thanks to the groups that have donated every month – Minute by Minute, Multiculture, New Journey, and Off the Hook.

Secretary's Report

Michele said she had been informed of a mistake in the September minutes. The minutes were amended to reflect that the RCM did not say he went to Region with JB. Back to Basics made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as amended, seconded by One Promise Many Gifts.

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.

Michele said she will be contacting NA World to update the Portland Area's contact information as well.

Open Forum

Paul, PASC Chair, said he has men and women's shirts available for \$12. Proceeds from the sale will support buying books to send into the institutions served by H&I.

Troy, Back to Basics, said his group directed him to ask, "What is the timeline to form a metro? Does the Area still want a Metro?"

Larry T, representing Say That, said the meeting time is changing. Say That will now meet at 5:30 on at the Miracles Club (4069 NE MLK). The meeting really needs support, he said.

Eric P., Activities Chair, said the black light dance fundraiser was a success. Next will be the Spooky Dance fundraiser at the Lents Masonic Lodge.

Mary, Late Night Recovery, said she would really appreciate if the Treasurer would thank all of the groups for their donations instead of just a couple.

Lisa., from Burnside Blues, said her meeting will be moving back to the estate on November 5. Burnside Blues meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. every night.

Erik M, Southeast Serenity, said his group will be having a Turkey Feast at the Lents Masonic Lodge on Sunday, November 18, beginning at 6 p.m. Speakers will be Harry W., and Jill K.

Nanette announced a Spiritual Breakfast with a speakers panel to discuss the steps on December 2. The breakfast is a fundraiser to support a new campout next summer at Fort Stevens, July 11-13. Pre-registration is open now. Sites are \$55 for the weekend. This will be the first campout at Fort Stevens.

Wayne, PASC Vice-Chair, said he brought a motion table to help GSRs with procedure during the PASC meeting.

Wayne said it's a myth that he and Paul orchestrate everything that goes on at Area. The GSRs run this meeting. The GSRs facilitate the groups' information coming here; and Area information going back to the groups. In the past, we've struggled with this, Wayne said. The information isn't getting out to the groups.

Wayne said he has a couple of solutions. He suggested a GSR social night where GSRs could get together to complete the Area Planning Tool; such as World Services suggested we find solutions to our problems.

Wayne said he thinks only GSRs should be able to make motions. He suggested that GSRs take motion forms back to their groups where there can be some sort of discussion about the proposed motion, before bringing it to Area. Wayne said he thinks this would correct a lot of things that are happening.

Wayne said there seems to be a lack of interest in subcommittee reports. He suggested that subcommittee reports could be done for the first hour, when GSRs that are really into that stuff could still get that information. Then, commence with the remainder of the business.

Ron, PASC Treasurer, said that the PASC will be holding elections in February. He said he needs someone to step up to fill the Treasurer position at the end of his second term. He added that he was not trying to put any groups down by mentioning a few groups during his Treasurer's Report.

Break

Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.

This month's activity:

1. Ordered & Distributed Schedules
2. Attended H&I Business & Regular Meeting
3. Attended Metro Committee Meeting
4. Various conversations with Sub-Committee Chairs
5. Discussions with Area Chair over pertinent information concerning our Area
6. Attended B.O.D.

Hello,

In the 4th Concept of service it says "We depend on those who serve us to report on their activities completely and truthfully." That is what I try to do in my reports, except that if I was to include everything it would be pages and pages (refer to concept 8). I am going to try to keep it as simple as possible.

In the Eighth Concept Says "Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications." I am going to read some of this concept now...

I would like to report that all the Sub-Committees are Running smoothly, but they can always use support. This is a great way to be of service in NA.

In the past I have gave my opinion on issues concerning issues such as the Metro, Subcommittee reports, time and day of our meeting, etc., etc. I have come to the conclusion that I am here to help in any appropriate way that I can, and to fulfill my obligations as outlined in our bylaws, along with the NA literature.

I would like to say that I did enjoy the Workshop that was put on by our Area. We have the opportunity to use this Planning Tool to come up with answers for our Area. I hope that the GSRs can come together and do this.

I do have some concerns with the metro. I will leave it at that. I feel that this has been a decision that was made, and the chips will fall where they may. I really feel that we need to have another GSR Workshop and discuss these issues.

Here are some questions that I have:

1. Is this metro thing working, or should we gracefully bow out?
2. Can the GSRs have a Social Night?
3. GSR Phone List
4. Is Saturday the best time to meet?
5. Should only GSRs be allowed to make motions?
6. Separation of subcommittee reports from regular area meeting
7. Combining PI, Hotline, and Outreach and forming a Public Relations Committee.

In Service, Wayne C.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities

Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Ron read 12 Traditions; Charlie read the 10th Concept; Soma read the Decorum Statement. First time visitors were Chris S., Ean, Jeff, and Carl. There were 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. In Unfinished Business, Steps to Planning and Event was updated and will be included in Newcomer packets. The Chair then turned the meeting over to the Vice-Chair for Future, Ongoing, and Past Events.

In Future and Ongoing Events, we have the Spooky Dance on 10/27/07, the Spiritual Brunch Fundraiser for Fort Stevens Campout on 12/2/07, and the End of the Year Dance on 12/31/07. In Past Events the Annual Picnic was a loss of \$219.62. The Black Light Dance Fundraiser brought in \$1,336.98 for the End of the Year Dance. The Paintball event had 11 people in attendance. The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business. No new business.

In Open Forum there was discussion on creating an Activities T-shirt.

The meeting closed at 4:45pm.

Thank you, Your trusted Servant, Eric P

Literature

Beginning Balance: \$5,770.42

Sales: \$2,205.80

Literature Orders: \$3,001.67

Ending Balance: \$4,974.55

Outreach – Syd, Outreach Chair

No Report

Hospitals & Institutions

Total Commitments – 35

Missed – 6

Cancelled – 1

Number of addicts seen – 747

Nanette announced that Steve P. has stepped down at H&I Chair. Misty M. has stepped up and is now serving as H&I Chair. Mike is Vice-Chair.

Hotline – Lynda, Chair

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer.

In attendance were:

Lynda A. - Chair

Linda R. - Vice Chair

David T.

Bob S.

And two new shift workers: Jim B (Friday nights); and Alaina (Monday).

Jim B. from PI explained some public information to Hotline and talked about teaching new shift workers and having a newcomer workshop.

Hotline spent \$21.49 for the month of October. The meeting closed at 6:45 p.m.

In Service and Much Gratitude, Lynda A., Hotline Chair

Lynda also said that she doesn't have a clue what's going on with Hotline and the Metro. She said that every time she goes, she doesn't understand.

Public Information – Jim B. Interim Chair

We have a presentation at the Fir Ridge Alternative school on November 8th. This is our fourth year visiting them for their annual resource fair. We have another presentation in the works at Portland Community College, and I will also be going with the H&I Chair to Evergreen Health Care to discuss possibly starting an H&I panel. We had an Ad-Hoc meeting the night before our regular meeting designed to inventory our committee by looking at our involvement with the Metro level of service, update our Bi-Laws, and leave our newer members to the committee within this last year confident in our direction, and knowledgeable in the work we do in Public Information. The web site has a page dedicated to Metro, and any Metro content we have can be found there. Due to a motion on the floor today, we may be duplicating services by putting all the meetings back in the schedule from outside our area as the Metro committee has also put out a schedule with all three area's. As we know that the public may care less about our politics, if we opt to use a Metro schedule it would be for public use only (mailings, presentations, booth settings) and we would leave any other schedule controversy up to the area to decide. Some other goals we discussed were establishing liaisons between sub-committees, such as H&I, Hotline, Outreach, and the Metro Committee. Since in most area's the Hotline/Phoneline Committee's are a part of Public Information, we want to be more directly involved with the Hotline committee by possibly taking on some shifts and providing training for shift workers. We are also in the early stages of creating a "Newcomer Workshop" meeting. This would be an actual meeting found within our schedule designed to present people who have never been to an

N.A. meeting before with what to expect at their first meeting. With this meeting in place, we may be able to work closer with H&I by having an orientation meeting in which to send people in the treatment facilities, and as we begin to create a good rapport with the Multnomah County Drug Court, we may want to suggest them into sending their clients to this meeting as well. We spent \$58.85 on literature to cover the two possible speaking engagements, and we had eight members in attendance.

Thank You

Jim B.

Regional Committee Member – Steve

Portland has donated more to Region in the last three quarters than it had in the last 10 years. The next General Assembly will be in Salem on January 19 and 20. Region will soon be considering the CAR (Conference Agenda Report).

Alternate Regional Committee Member – Eric

No report. Eric said he did not go to region this time.

Chair Report- Paul J. -

Shirts for Books:

The shirts have been delivered and are now selling.

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

1. 2008 Budget
2. Area Planning Tool
3. Area inventory
4. By Laws update.

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

I apologize for failing to bring up next months meeting change due to Thanksgiving. We will hold our monthly meeting on November 17th.

More will be revealed. Paul

Rose City Metro Report – David P

David apologized for not being here last month. He had to work.

David said he does not understand why we've had the conflicts we've had. Metro has been coming along so we can best serve the addict who is still suffering. The people who are involved in Metro have multiple years of recovery. In the past two-and-one-half years, Metro has put together a Board of Directors, Bank Account and a Set of Bylaws. But, we still don't have any idea on how this is all going to come together, he said. In all this time, Metro has not made any motions.

During his service as the Portland Area Metro Representative, David said he has written several long essays to explain activities at the Rose City Metro. People continue to be confused.

Metro, if it becomes anything, it will be to the benefit of the Portland Area, David said. The Metro is not trying to usurp power from any of the areas.

David introduced David T, the Metro representative from Greater Willamette Valley Area, who created the schedule which includes all of the meetings in the metropolitan area. All the information is correct, he said. But he apologized for the inconsistencies with the format.

Metro is pretty experimental, he said. The purpose is to find how we can better serve the addicts in our areas.

David P., Portland's representative, said the purpose of the Metro was not to bring about conflict. What we're doing at Metro is we're sitting down together. The best example is the three PI chairs meetings at area. Portland's PI will remain with this area. If we do something you don't approve of, you can stop it at any time.

On a personal note, David said that he serves as the Metro representative to the best of his ability. The Metro is an interesting thing, he said. But, if Portland decided that it didn't want to Metro, David said he would be groovy with that.

David requested the \$200 that Portland had set aside for seed money to Metro.

Will A., from What it Is, asked if it was possible to continue to get written reports from Metro.

Unfinished Business

Motion #33: submitted by Public Information and seconded by Back to Basics.

Motion: Portland Area P.I. wishes to remain a Portland Area Sub-committee.

Purpose of Motion: To clarify the role of Portland Area P.I. at both the Area and Metro level.

Motion Passes: 2 Against 2 Abstentions 15 In Favor

Motion #35: Submitted by Big Steve (RCM), seconded by Clean Freaks

Motion: To increase the allotment for the RCM to up to \$150, (section nine, financial responsibilities, letter F. (Bylaw Change)

Purpose of Motion: To bring the allotment up, so it covers actual costs.

Motion Passes: 3 Against 1 Abstentions 16 In Favor

Motion #36, 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 the meeting locations and addresses to hotline callers from outside our immediate area and further promote unity.

Motion Passes: 5 Against 1 Abstention 14 In Favor

Motion #38: submitted by Travis B., and seconded by Back to Basics.

Motion: That the PASC utilize the Area planning tool and perform an Area inventory with BOD, subcommittee chairs and GSRs.

Purpose of Motion: To assess our assets and our liabilities so we can take actions that will strengthen our ASC and move us in the direction of furthering our primary purpose.

Motion Passes: 1 Against 2 Abstentions 17 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.)

Travis, the maker of Measure #40, was asked to take the motion to the three affected subcommittees (Hotline, PI, and H&I) before bringing the motion back to the PASC.

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.

Discussion:

Travis, from Learning to Live (the maker of the motion), said his group believes that the needs of the Portland Area aren't really met by the formation of a Metro. The Portland Area covers all of the services and is willing to continue to do so. There really aren't any overlapping of services.

David, Portland's Metro Representative, said that the Rose City Metro doesn't really want Portland Area's subcommittees. The Metro is just a forum where the Areas can sit down and discuss services to addicts in the Portland Metropolitan Area.

Travis said that his group is suggesting that the other Areas create a service structure.

Mick, from Hour of Power, said that he doesn't think this motion affects the subcommittees so the groups should be able to discuss the motion and take a vote.

Mary E., from Late Night Recovery, said she opposed the motion. The Portland Area has already voted to participate in the Metro. There is no reason the Portland Area should be in control of what the other areas are doing, she said. We can only support them.

Wayne, PASC Vice-Chair, suggested that Motion #42 is the same motion the area has heard before.

Paul, PASC Chair, agreed that this motion was worded differently, while being in the same spirit.

Nate, of New Journey, said it is unfair to ask this body to have to do this again. We have to go with what we agreed to do, and that is support the Rose City Metro.

Will A., of What it Is, said he believes the Metro is tearing apart all three areas. While motions to support the Metro have been approved, Will said he believes there has been an opposition that has not been heard. Now a lot more of us in this area are a little more clear on what a Metro is, he said. It's premature to Metro. We're not duplicating services. The Metro is dis-unifying us.

David P., said he is perplexed and frustrated by the ongoing discussion. Almost every motion about the Metro has been approved by this body, almost unanimously. If there is anything more positive than having all three areas sitting down at a table together, he doesn't know what is.

Mick, from Hour of Power, said there is a lot of confusion. At the workshop, World Services suggested that the Metro is a communication tool to stop conflict about physical boundaries. The other areas should be doing their own thing. Mick said he sees two incomplete areas, and Portland, a complete area. Mick said that the Metro is starting to look like an Area. Metro is not an area. As Metro gets bigger, it's going to become a monster of its own making, he said. How are we going to do this if we don't have healthy areas in place.

Motion #42 was sent back to the groups for a vote.

Motion #43, submitted by Travis B., and seconded by Hour of Power.

Motion: That the PASC change the appointed position of Rose City Metro ad-hoc representative to an elected position with the following requirements: current ASC experience, term of not less than 1 year and no more than 2 years, with a suggested clean time requirement of 2 years.

Purpose of Motion: To allow the PASC to be represented at the Rose City Metro Committee meetings by someone who understands and will represent the current wishes of the PASC as elected by the PASC groups.

Paul, PASC chair, ruled the motion out of order.

Travis challenged the Chair's ruling, seconded by Troy from Back to Basics, because the Metro representative has no term limits, no requirements and there is no end to the appointee's position.

The groups voted to support the chair, with 12 against the challenge and 5 in favor.

The meeting closed at 4:50 p.m.

The Board of Directors will meet for a special budgeting session at noon on November 17, just prior to the PASC meeting which is set to begin at 2 p.m. at 17200 SE Stark (URS Club).