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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
May 26, 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 Greg
The Twelve Concepts were read by Kelly
The 4th Concept was read by Tammy
The Dedication to Service was read by Lynda

Roll Call of Officers

11 were present.

Roll Call of Groups

22 answered the roll call.

Quorum

Quorum is established at 11.

New GSRs

The following Group Service Representatives attended New GSR Orientation:

Phillip E – Right Road GSR
Sherri E – Right Road Alt. GSR
Dan W – Rush Hour GSR
Erik G – Full Circle GSR
Chris B – Full Circle Alt. GSR

Unfinished Business

Motion #12 -submitted by Paul J, PASC Chair, and seconded by Serenity Sisters.

Motion: For \$500 for another run of H & I shirts for books.

Purpose of motion: To provide institutions with books and fulfill our primary purpose.

Motion passed: For - 17 Against-1 Abstain-0

Motion #17 -submitted by Allen S., and seconded by Back to Basics.

Motion: To remove Treasurer from office.

Purpose of motion: To remove treasurer from office so to not following PASC bylaws.

Chair ruled the motion ruled out of order

After further investigation, Paul, PASC Chair, said that PASC Bylaws do not allow officers to be removed from office by passage of a motion. According to Robert's Rules of Order, he can appoint a team to investigate any wrong doing. Paul asked for a "straw poll" to determine if the

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groups wanted him to go forward with an investigation. The groups voted overwhelmingly against an investigation into wrong doing.

Motion #18 – submitted by Learning to Live and seconded by Finding the Way

Motion: To suspend any further progression toward enjoinder with the Rose City Metro by the PASC and all sub-committees for 6 months, giving time for the groups to obtain more accurate information: i.e. workshops and a chance to participate further.

Purpose of motion: Halt further motions from being passed, engaging us further into responsibilities regarding Metro, so that Metro may better coordinate what they are already doing.

Motion passed: For - 10 Against-4 Abstain-2

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 # 19 -submitted by Back to Basics, and seconded by Clean Freaks.

Motion: Bylaw Change: Article 1 – Executive Committee, under Treasurer
To add this section of the Treasurer's responsibilities to Section 9 – Financial Responsibilities.
“At the beginning of each calendar month, the Treasurer shall disburse or set aside the money to pay all the bills that will be due in that month, set aside a prudent reserve of two months operating expenses with the exception of literature, and shall disburse all remaining funds to the Pacific Cascade Region of N.A.

Purpose of motion: To have this under the financial responsibilities of the PASC and under the Treasurer.

PASC Treasurer Ron C spoke against Motion #19. While he agrees that some bylaw changes are needed to clarify the area's financial responsibilities, he believes more time should be spent to craft the correct language.

Nominations remain open for PASC Archivist

From Section Seven, Article II, of the PASC Bylaws:

Archivist: The Archivist is responsible for organizing and maintaining P.A.S.C. archives, and bringing current and past year archives to each P.A.S.C. meeting. Older archives will be made available by the Archivist upon receipt of a passed motion form submitted to the PASC. The Archivist is also responsible for numbering and recording Area motions before they are submitted to the Executive Committee, and for keeping track of the results of said motions. The Archivist shall be responsible for updating the bylaws as amendments occur and shall provide the webmaster with an official copy for posting on the internet. The Archivist shall have a suggested minimum of two years clean time.

Chair Report- Paul J.

An Area inventory was completed and the area body needs to decide what to do with these items:

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PASC Inventory

1. 31 Stackable Metal Chairs
2. 4 Bench Cushions
3. 1 Laser Printer (Xerox)
4. 1 Scanner Printer/Fax Machine (Sharp)
5. 2 Handicap Parking Pylons
6. **1 Box of Area Archives (not available please hold in storage)**
7. 1 Basket
8. 1 entrance carpet
9. 1 Bar Stool
10. 14 Folding Tables
11. 27 Wooden Folding Chairs
12. 24 Metal Folding Chairs
13. 8 Plastic Stacking Chairs
14. 2 Plastic garbage bags full of cushions for wooden chairs
15. 1 Mop Bucket with Wet Floor Sign
16. *Computer – Monitor, Tower, 2 Key Boards*
17. *2 Round Wooden Tables*
18. *5 Square Wooden Tables*
19. *2 Microwaves*
20. *8 Board Games*
21. *1 Shelf (4ft X 3ft)*
22. *1 Shelf (3ft X 3ft)*
23. *1 Wood Magazine Display Case*
24. *1 Glass Display Case*
25. *7 Upholstery Chairs*
26. *1 Metal Cloths Racks*

All the italicized items are up for grabs. While we can't sell these items we would appreciate a donation.

I am pleased that we had such a good turn out and commend those who attend. Specifically, those faces and groups, whom no matter what show up.

We will be giving 10 chairs from the inventory to New Attitudes. They plan on making a donation. Further we agreed to lend some tables and chairs to an addict who is getting married. Eric from activities will be managing this on behalf of the area.

The balance of the inventory is up for grabs. Since we can not sell these items we can entertain any donations people choose to give. Eric of Activities will co-ordinate this matter. If you have any interest in any of these items please contact Eric 971-344-1249

More will be revealed, Paul

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Rose City Metro Report – David P.

Please see attached.

Metro Workshop adhoc - Travis

I have an outline of what a workshop on the Metro would look like. We need to invite GSRs that serve the area; their participation is key. We will serve food so no one suffers from low blood sugar. And we will coordinate with members of the other areas. He is also getting in contact with NA World service for their input and the East Bay Area, which has a functioning Metro.

The plan is for the proposed workshop offer clarification to Portland Area groups about the pros and cons of forming a Metro. Why do we want to be involved? He is looking forward to hearing members speak at length about the vision of the Metro.

The big question is the scheduling. One possibility is to schedule the workshop before or after the regular PASC meeting. But that would make for a long meeting, Travis said.

Vice Chair Report – Wayne C.

This PASC Meeting hasn't been anything I want to be a part of the last couple of months. It hasn't been spiritual. If you want a vice-chair report this month, you can search the website. I'm sure all the old vice-chair reports still apply.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities

Activities Sub-Committee Report for May 6, 2007, held at 8800 SE 80th at 2 p.m.

Eric opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer. Steve read the 12 Traditions; Cliff read the 5th Concept. There were no first time or second time visitors. The Chair reported to the committee then called for reports from the Treasurer, RCM, Calendar Coordinator, Newcomer Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator and Archivist. Quorum was met; we had 14 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.

The event coordinators gave the reports. The 4th of July Picnic has an ad-hoc scheduled look for flyers. There are two fishing trips scheduled, one on June 17, and the other July 22. Look for more info on flyers. Government Island campout has new info on prices. Look for updated info on flyers. Unity in the Streets has a few fundraisers scheduled and really needs support of the fellowship. Activities Fundraising Committee had a dance on May 19 to help fund summer events, but with poor attendance. All information on these events and more is included in Activities at a Glance. The meeting was then turned back to the Chair for new business.

There was no new business. The meeting closed at 4:36 p.m.

Thank you, your trusted servant, Eric P

Please be aware of these upcoming events that need your support:

- June 9, 6:30 p.m. Unity In the Streets Dance and Speaker Meeting, 5811 SE 92nd
- June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept. 15, Picnic in the Park at SE 39 and Stark, Noon – 3 p.m.

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- June 17, July 22, Fishing Trip, car pool will meet at Clackamas Denny's at 11:30 a.m.
 - June 23, Multnomah Falls Hike to top of the falls for a meeting, meet at lodge 9:30 a.m.
 - July 4th Picnic, Sellwood Park, Noon to 7 p.m.
 - July 13, DJ Dance and Speaker Meeting, 5811 SE 92nd; Speaker begins at 7 p.m.
 - July 14, Tube Float, BBQ and NA Meeting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$12
 - August 3 – 5, Beverly Beach Campout
 - August 11, Unity in the Street, Woodstock Park, SE 45 and Steele, Noon to 8 p.m.
- More information on all these events can be found in the Activities at a Glance.

Literature

Beginning ----- \$2929.86
Sales ----- \$1504.55
Expenses (order) -- \$2495.54
Ending Balance ---- \$1938.87

Outreach

Hello, my name is Eric M. and I am filling in for Syd, who is very sick and he will be back next month.

We opened the Outreach meeting with the Serenity Prayer. We followed an agenda, which was the Outreach Orientation Outline. We read the Portland Area GSR Guide Book.

I met with the new GSRs for Right Road, Learning to Live, Nooner and Off the Hook.

Right Road expresses “they could use support. They would like to bring experience, strength and hope in recovery to the clients of work release.”

Learning to Live expresses their group has general concerns with the handling of financial matters within the PASC. They question the motives behind some of the service body's actions.

Nooner expresses that they're doing well.

Off the Hook gave no statement.

We closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Hospitals & Institutions

Total Commitments – 49
Missed – 0
Cancelled – 1
Number of addicts seen - 895

Hotline

Thanks to all who came to the hotline business meeting. In attendance were Bill S., Jackie A, Bob Y., Michelle B., Vicki J., Lynda A., and Bob S. The first meeting at Round Table Pizza went well.

There are three open shifts:

- Tuesday from 6 a.m. to noon
- Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Friday from Noon to 5 p.m.

Shift workers need 90 days of clean time and a working telephone. We also need more 12-step volunteers, which requires one year of clean time. The Hotline subcommittee will be meeting on the second Sunday of every month at Foster and Holgate from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

In Service Lynda A. Hotline Chair

Public Information - Wayne

I'm ready to move Public Information to the Metro, as soon as it is up and running with a bank account. Public Information has come a long way. Anyone interested in being of service to Narcotics Anonymous can join Public Information. There is no clean time requirement for a service position.

RCM REPORT:

See April's report

Alt. RCM-Eric

Open Forum

Donald, from Find the Way, thanked the PASC officers for going the extra mile.

Toni, Coordinator for Unity in the Streets: This is a huge event. I had no idea until I took it on. But if we don't get some support, we won't have the event. With what we have in our account right now, we can't even pay for our permits for the event. She asked that the fellowship get involved. Starting Thursday June 21, the adhoc meetings will be held on the first Saturday of the month at 2 p.m.; and the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. The meetings will be held at the event site: Woodstock Park, located at SE 45th and Steele. This is a huge event and lots of volunteers are needed. And, even for those who can't be involved in the adhoc committee, please support the upcoming fundraising events, the Dance and Speaker Meetings, scheduled for June 9 and July 13 at the Lents Masonic Temple.

Travis from Learning to Live, said he is passionate about his commitment to the Hospitals and Institutions Sub-committee. But the area is struggling to fund literature to take into the facilities. He suggested the area look into asking the facilities to spend some of their federal treatment funds for purchasing literature for the institutions.

David, from New Journey, said his group sent him to Area, to say in open forum, that the PASC treasurer is not depositing the checks in a timely, responsible manner.

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Nanette, Beverly Beach coordinator, Is looking for people to get involved in the upcoming Beverly Beach Campout Adhoc Committee Meeting, held the 2nd Saturday of the month at SE 122nd and Stark (Multnomah County Library, Midland Branch) Service positions are available. Plus, there are still 15 campsites available for \$45 a piece. We need to get these campsites sole, because we have to pay for them anyway.

Leslie from What it Is, said that when someone steps up for a service commitment, they need support. People need more credit. We need to take into consideration people's feelings. I feel very frustrated about the whole treasurer's thing. It hurts my heart. I think we need to be gentler with each other.

Wayne, PASC Vice-Chair, You may have noticed that the schedules got folded, free, by Kinko's this month. It was an accident, don't get used to it.

Treasurer's Report- Ron C.

Over the past two months, this body has listened to my integrity be repeatedly attacked. I have tried to explain our financial situation to the best of my ability, but there have been those who wish to misinterpret what information I give them and repeatedly discredit my abilities and judgment.

This month I have put my financial report back into the format previously used, before I became treasurer, so that it reflects exactly how our bylaws read (read the treasurer's duties). I have also gone back and readjusted the reports from the beginning of the year to reflect this format. (Give the financial report).

1. Our Tenth Concept of Service says that: Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal. (Read tenth concept).
2. Our governing principles and procedural references are our guidelines as to how this body conducts its business. That order of direction, according to the bylaws is:
 - a. The Twelve Traditions
 - b. The Twelve Concepts of Service
 - c. The PASC Bylaws
 - d. The Local Guide to Service
 - e. Roberts Rules of Order
3. Searching our Bylaws there is no procedure for removing an officer from their position, nor is there in the concepts or the traditions or the Local Guide to Service.
4. There is, however, numerous writing throughout the traditions and concepts about selecting officers and allowing them the authority to do their job, and trusting them and their judgment.
5. These writings also warn us to remain spiritual in our decisions making processes. Those who remain spiritual don't have to standup and rant and rave or create disorder.
6. Not until we search Roberts Rules of Order do we find a procedure to remove an officer, but even this procedure has criteria that must be met before such action is taken. In their attempt to smear my integrity, those who made motions to remove me from office failed to follow our bylaws.

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7. According to Roberts Rules of Order, there must first be an adhoc-committee appointed to look into the allegations presented. Then that committee will do their investigation and make its recommendations to this body and what should be done.
8. I am asking this body to redress this issue. My hope is that this body will instruct the Chairman to rule these motions “out of order,” and if necessary, appoint a committee to investigate the allegations and clear me of any wrong doings.

Secretary Report – Michele V.

My goal is to help improve communication between Area and the groups. Hopefully this will improve trust and confidence in how your trusted servants are handling the business of the Portland Area.