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**Portland Area Service Committee  
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous  
17200 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR  
November 22, 2008**

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 Jeff W.

The Twelve Concepts were read by Daniel.

The 11th Concept was read by several willing volunteers as they read a paragraph and passed it on.

The Dedication to Service was read by Clark.

The Decorum Statement was read by Wayne.

**Roll Call of Officers**

13 were present

**Roll Call of Groups**

36 answered roll call

**Quorum**

Quorum is established at 16

**Nominations Open**

Nomination(s) for Alternate Parliamentarian

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**New GSR/Alt. GSR and new group recognition**

Shelley – Higher Empowered

Mike Alt. – What It Is

Ashley H. – Back To Basics

Gordon S. – Rush Hour

Daniel – Full Circle

Nanette P. – Thursday Night Podium Meeting

Christie G. – Step On It

Ronnie – You + Me = We

Brad C. – Yets

Orrin – What’s Really Going On

Robin – SE Serenity

Doug E. – Minute By Minute

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## **New GSR/Alt. GSR and new group recognition (cont'd)**

Robert T. – Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables

### **Announcements**

**Jeff W.** – Late Night Recovery needs an alternate secretary.

**Lynda A.** – Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters now has hoodies available for sale @ \$25.00.

**Kelly D.** – One Promise Many Gifts is having a 4 year anniversary celebration on Friday, December 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm. B.A. and Jackie J. will be the speakers and the format will be a Recovery Q & A Session and some of the history of the meeting, followed by a potluck of desserts and snacks. So everyone bring their favorite dessert or snack to show off.

**Carolyn, Literature Chair** – We now have 5<sup>th</sup> edition Basic texts for sale for \$10 and 6<sup>th</sup> editions for sale for \$11.50.

**Mick** – Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2008. Marathon Meetings at Miracles Club, 4069 NE MLK JR, Blvd. 7 am – 11 pm.

**Angelique** – Holiday Dinner at Miracles Club, 4069 NE MLK JR. Blvd. December 25, 2008 from 1 pm until food is gone. This is a potluck, so bring something to share with the other members of the fellowship. Marathon meetings 7 am until midnight. Santa pictures 2 pm – 5 pm.

**Nanette P** – Thursday Night Podium Meeting of NA at 2800 SE Harrison at 8:00 pm. Come and support our new meeting!

### **Secretary's Report – Linda R.**

Motion was made by Melody from Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters and Seconded by Mick from Hour of Power to Suspend the Reading of the Minutes. The minutes were accepted as written with a motion made by Michelle from Yets, and Seconded by Doug from Clean Freaks.

I am continuing to update the contact list. It is really important that ***ALL*** GSR'S make sure that their contact information is accurate. You can do that by checking the list on the clip board and if it's incorrect changing it and giving me the corrected information.

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Thank you,

Linda R.

## **Treasurer's Reports – Maggi G.**

Please see (2) attachments.

## **Chair Report- Wayne C.**

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

Hello Portland Area Service Committee,

Thanks for your participation in our meeting. Welcome to all the new GSRs, and returning GSRs. We encourage you to take notes. There is NA Literature that we use here also: A Guide to Local Services, 12 Concepts of Service Booklet, and our PASC By-laws. The PASC Outreach Handbook is also helpful.

Next month we will be meeting one week early again on December 20<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday season. The BOD will also be held next month

Thanks to all of those who have kept up with my reports and read the chapter out of a Guide to Local Services called "The Area Service Committee" (pages 45 through 65). I believe that this chapter clears up things that we have neglected in the past and will help our Area flow smoother.

Thanks for all the work on the Area Inventory. We will be moving forward this month to see what action needs to be implemented for the needs of our Area.

Thanks to those who have participated in the By-Laws revision committee. This committee was formed so we could give a little extra attention to the By-Laws this year. It seemed like parts needed some clarification, etc. Once a year, the BOD is supposed to review the By-Laws at the BOD meeting in December. This Ad hoc committee has made changes and sent out copies of revisions that will be implemented. If you want to see changes, please let us know as we will be ratifying these changes in January's Area meeting.

Lastly, we will be going over the yearly calendar for the dates of our 2009 Area meetings at next month's BOD meeting as well, and we will place that on the website.

Just a reminder that our Portland Area website is [www.portlandna.com](http://www.portlandna.com).

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Thanks to Linda R., our new interim Secretary, for getting the minutes out in a timely fashion.

I would like to encourage respect and spirituality in here, and hope that we invite a Higher Power to guide us in our decision making processes.

In Service,

Wayne C.

## **Vice Chair Report – Travis B.**

November 2008

Hello fellow addicts. Thank you once again to all of the GSR's who are participating in area service and thank you to all of the sub-committee chairs for being of service as well. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this area and I thank you for allowing me to do so.

Thank you to all of the people involved in the area inventory process. I am looking forward to the possibilities for growth and change we as an area will be presented with as a result of this process. I would also like to thank all of the people who gave of their time and experience to clean up and revise our area by-laws. Thank you also to our interim secretary for a fabulous job with the minutes and the BOD contact list. There really is not much for me to report other than I am pleased with the work that this area is undertaking and with the direction it looks that we are heading. I am making plans to attend some other ASC meetings and I will be attending a Region meeting in the near future as I feel it will help me to better serve the needs of this body. We can change the stigma attached to area service the same way we challenged the old lie "once an addict, always an addict" by simply changing the way we as individuals behave and interact with others. If you are discouraged, confused or not sure what this is all about please stick it out and help us to become the strongest area we can be.

In service and gratitude,

Travis B.

## **Subcommittees and Regional Issues**

### **Activities – Gene L.**

Portland Area Activities Report for 11/09/2008

Activities has as of 10/31/2008, after set aside money, a balance of \$1,129.52.

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Activities is in need of a flier coordinator, calendar coordinator and regional committee member (RCM).

#### Past Events

Spooky Dance was very successful event. Thanks to all who attended and especially all those who did service work. Event costs were \$619.00. Event took in \$1,461.72, after \$600.00 seed money, the event profit was \$842.06. The split is \$421.04.

Bowling went very good with 50-60 people in attendance. It was a fun event. Bowling is at a new location and time: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm PRO 300 Lanes SE 29<sup>th</sup> and Powell Blvd.

Fort Stevens fundraiser had poor attendance – possible loss.

#### Future Events

Snow Tubing – February 7, 2009 at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl cost to be announced.  
End of the Year Dance fundraiser is a Black light dance and taco feed to be held December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5811 SE 92<sup>nd</sup>.

End of the Year Dance is New Years Eve December 31<sup>st</sup> at the same location.  
Tickets will be on sale soon. Price \$25 for Dinner and Dance. Dance only \$10.

Unity in the Streets has set a date of July 18, 2009. Committee is in the process of selecting a new location.

Unity in the Streets and Beverly Beach are having a logo contest enter your art work.

There are several Adhoc Committees, Beverly Beach, Unity in the Streets, Fort Stevens Campout need your input.

Turkey Day Marathon Meetings, 4069 NE MLK JR. Blvd. at Miracles Club November 27, 2008, 7 am to 11 pm. This is a Miracles Club sponsored event not a Portland Area Activities sponsored event.

December 25, 2008 Holiday Dinner and Marathon Meeting at Miracles Club, 4069 NE MLK JR Blvd. This is a potluck dinner; bring food, meeting from 7am until midnight.

In Trusted Service,

Gene L.

## **Literature – Carolyn G-E.**

Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted.

## **Outreach – Troy J.**

Outreach Report

November 22, 2008

The Outreach Subcommittee met in the upstairs meeting room today at 12:30 p.m. today, just prior to the regular PASC meeting. New GSR Orientation begins at 1:15 p.m.

This month, the following people attended new GSR Orientation:

- Mike M., alternate GSR from What it is;
- Gordon, temp GSR from Rush Hour;
- Ashley, alternate GSR from Back to Basics;
- Robin, alternate GSR from Southeast Serenity;
- Orrin, representing What's Really Going On;
- Brad C, alternate GSR for Yets

Outreach is discussing how to improve GSR orientation. Beginning this month, we are inviting new GSR to come back a second month when they can ask more questions or provide feedback. We are trying to improve the longevity of our GSRs by providing them with the information they need to be successful and feel comfortable in Area service. We will continue to update our new GSR orientation in the coming months. Just to let everyone know, Outreach is the subcommittee responsible for supporting groups in the Portland Area. If there is a meeting inside a treatment center or institution that cannot be self-sufficient through its own contributions, Outreach can help to provide key tags and other materials to help support people new in recovery. Outreach is also available to visit meetings, upon request, to help with business meetings.

Outreach is seeking submissions for a logo that we can put on hats and T-shirts to attract more people to participate in support of the groups in the Portland Area.

## **Hospitals & Institutions – Lawrence J.**

### **H & I Business Meeting 11/21/2008**

Lawrence opened the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Angela read the dedication to service.

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Terri C. gave the literature report. She would like all of the Panel chairs to please check with their facilities before next month's meeting in order to get a feel for how much literature they need, and if they literature at all.

Denise D. gave the Vice Chair report: 50 possible commitments,  
1 missed commitment,  
0 cancelled commitments,  
**970 addicts seen!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lawrence J. & Denise D. closed the H&I bank account and the Treasurer will now become the Literature representative. Denise spoke with the Area Treasurer in hopes of getting a copy card for our sub-committee. Monthly rent checks will be mailed by the Area Treasurer to ensure a more accurate monetary accountability for our Area's money.

Eric is here from Tualatin Valley H&I. The Chair & Vice chair of Portland H&I, and Chair of TV H&I got together last month to discuss the TVA's start of their own H&I. They have bylaws and members ready to take on commitments. MMP to let TVA take over Tigard Recovery Center commitments since it is in their area. Good job TVA!!!!!! They will also be taking an additional meeting into WA Co. restitution. Portland Area H&I will still hold monthly meetings at WA Co. and if all goes well, TVA will soon take over that commitment too!! Good job to all involved.

MMP to let Bruce G. give his verbal commitment tonight.

Motion to contact Men's DePaul failed. Chair stated to motion maker that they should get a hold of the residents who would like meetings in there to get a hold of staff so that they may contact H&I. Once this is accomplished, Portland H&I can then bring a meeting into the Men's facility. Portland H&I currently serves Women's DePaul.

Meeting closed at 6:35pm.

In Service,

Lawrence Johnson  
H&I Chair

**Hotline – Lynda A., Hotline Chair**

Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted.

## **Public Relations – Steve G.**

Portland Area Public Relations Report  
12/7/2008

We had eight members attend out last PR business meeting. Two of the open positions have been filled as Andrea C. was voted in as Vice Chair, and Kimmie M. as the R.O.T.S. (reach out & touch someone) coordinator. We still have two open positions which are the media coordinator and alternate webhost. Please announce this to the groups as we need support to carry the message of recovery.

One area of increasing activity is the presentations that we do for different facilities. During the meeting we talked about the presentations we did for Serenity Lane. This commitment is every 10 weeks at 4 different locations. Last Thursday we maintained an information booth at Fir Ridge Alternative High School. George Fox University asked for a presentation and was handled by the TVANA PR-subcommittee as this facility is in Tigard. We could use more support in this area and will be having a training workshop sometime next year.

A newcomer workshop is in the works as Jim B. is developing this important segment of training for addicts and professionals to understand what to expect in a NA meeting. We expect to have this up and running soon.

The website has 14 mail boxes that forward email to different people in various positions. There is some spam that gets through and we investigated purchasing a premium spam filtering service on the host server. It would cost \$1 per mail box = \$14 per month x 24 months = \$336 per contract term. We will ask the fellowship to support a motion to purchase this service in addition to the regular web hosting service amount of \$6.95 per month = \$168.60 for 24 months.

We decided to update the Portland Area meeting schedule every month instead of every two months. The date to change the monthly schedule process will begin with the January 2009 schedule. Please recycle the any old schedules and not just throw them in the garbage. Please keep it green. Thank you!!

Our expenses for the month were \$23.99 and have a balance of \$101.01. Our next meeting will be held one week earlier on Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Steve G  
Public Relations Chairperson  
Portland Area Narcotics Anonymous

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## **Regional Committee Member – Michael McD.**

11/22/08

Greetings to you all,

There is not a lot to report this month. I received the regional minutes today and at first glance there is not a lot to report. I will go over the minutes and report on anything we need to discuss at next month's PASC meeting.

I am waiting for a call from the TVA RCM to discuss the co-hosting of the January 2010 RSC and Regional Assembly. If they are interested, I will be presenting a motion at the next PASC to go ahead with this event.

There is one change that needs to be made in the revised by-laws; Article VI, Section 6.01, G. Outreach should be removed from the list of Sub Committees sending a representative to the Regional Sub Committee meeting, since there is no regional Outreach Sub Committee.

Thanks you for allowing me to serve,

Michael McDermott  
PASC RCM  
[mtmed@comcast.net](mailto:mtmed@comcast.net)  
[rcm@portlandna.com](mailto:rcm@portlandna.com)

### **Unfinished 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.)*

### **No PASC Elections were held this month**

**Alternate Parliamentarian:** Position remains open for nominations.

### **Motions**

#### **Motion #33-08, submitted by Outreach.**

**Motion:** To ratify our By-laws.

**Purpose of Motion:** To be in compliance with Area by-laws.

**Friendly Amendment:** To omit "in order of precedence" in Article 1.

Motion was withdrawn by maker to revise by-laws and resubmit next month.

## **New Business**

**Motion #39-08**, Submitted by Steve G. Public Relations Subcommittee, seconded by Melody J. from Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters.

**Motion:** To purchase a premium spam filter service through Bluehost (webserver) for our email accounts (14 mailboxes). This financial impact is \$1 per mailbox = \$14 per month = \$336 for 24 months.

**Purpose Of Motion:** To reduce junk mail & spam sent to the trusted servants from our website.

Motion was ruled out of order.

**Motion #40-08**, Submitted by Vicki B. & Nanette P. from Thursday Night Podium Meeting, and seconded by Amy from Time for a Change.

**Motion:** To allow the Thursday Night Podium Meeting to have a case of the surplus 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Text books to sell at their meeting for \$10 each. Monies from sales will be redistributed to the Literature committee at the monthly Area meeting until all books are sold.

**Purpose of Motion:** To assist PASC and Literature committee in selling surplus 5<sup>th</sup> edition books while also helping a new group that lacks funds for books.

Motion was withdrawn by maker.

**Motion #41-08**, Submitted by Tim D., and seconded by Doug E. from Minute by Minute.

**Motion:** The Portland Area PR Committee shall approach the Solutions Motorcycle Club and request, in the spirit of cooperation that they inform their members that the presence of flyers and the announcements of outside events are a violation of Tradition 6.

**Purpose of Motion:** The Solutions Motorcycle Club, (SMC) as a separate fellowship, may not be aware of Tradition 6 which states that "The use of literature, speakers, and announcements from other fellowships in our meetings constitutes an implied endorsement of an outside enterprise." Basic Text Page 70 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.

Periodically the S.M.C. has new members that may not be aware of the traditions of NA, and these new members bring flyers announcing outside events, violating tradition 6. This motion directs the PASC to approach the SMC in the spirit of cooperation and request that they discontinue disseminations flyers and announcements in an attempt to minimize the periodic violation of Tradition 6.

This direction may be required to be an annual effort depending on future systemic violations of Tradition 6.

Motion was ruled out of order.

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***Motion #42-08, submitted by Steve G., and seconded by Melody J. from Tuesday Night Freedom Fighters.***

***Motion:*** *To purchase a premium spam filter service through Bluehost.com for our troubled email accounts. This is for members that request this service up to a maximum of 14 accounts. The maximum financial impact is \$1 per mail box = \$14 per month = \$336 for 24 months.*

***Purpose of Motion:*** *To reduce junk emails & spam sent to the trusted servants from our website.*

***Motion #42-08 – Goes Back to the groups for a vote.***

**Open Forum**

**Angelique** – Determined Dames put on the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Women’s Sponsorship Day and would like to know if the PASC would like to help sponsor next year’s event. The Chair, Wayne directed her to take this idea to the Activities subcommittee.

**Ashley** – My home group, Back to Basics, wants to know what the PASC is doing as far as the Rose City Metro?

**Doug from Clean Freaks** – PASC voted not to participate in Metro.

**Travis, Vice Chair** - The essence of the motion was that the Portland Area not be involved or participate in Metro until key criteria was met.

1. That the areas wanting to participate in Metro actually had the services in place that a Metro coordinates to prevent overlapping service commitments.
2. That the PASC perform an area inventory utilizing the Area Planning Tool provided by World Services to accurately see what the needs of the Portland area are.

**Denise, Vice Chair H & I** – Has had communication with other areas and turned over Tigard Recovery Center to TVA.

**Mia** – Circle of Sisters Women’s Conventions has a process for submitting a bid and I am interested in submitting a bid for 2011 and would like support from the PASC. Michael McD. added that he could give her some contacts that have been through the process before that could advise her on how the process works.

**Ron C.** – When the motion for the Parliamentarian was written it was meant to be in the Executive Board section of the by-laws and should not have been moved to Administrative Officers section of the by-laws in the Draft Revision of the By-laws. I sent this information to Michael McD.

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**Ronnie** – Please come support our new meeting – “Support the Newcomers” Friday Night 7:30 pm – 9 pm 4069 NE MLK JR. Blvd. Miracles Club.

**Motion to close** made at 5:00 pm.  
The meeting closed.