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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
17200 SE Stark Street
Portland, OR
December 20, 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 Rob G.

The 12th Concept was read by several willing volunteers as they read a paragraph and passed it on.

The Dedication to Service was read by Vicki B.

The Decorum Statement was read by Wayne C.

Roll Call of Officers

12 were present

Roll Call of Groups

16 answered roll call

Quorum

Quorum is established at 18

No Business could be conducted due to quorum not being met.

Nominations Open

Nomination(s) for Alternate Parliamentarian

New GSR/Alt. GSR and new group recognition

Brandon – Rockwood Nooner

Theresa – Full Circle

Announcements

B.A. - Fireside Men's Step Study Group Annual Spiritual Retreat Fundraiser Dinner, Saturday, January 17, 2009, 5:00 pm, Tabor Heights United Methodist Church, 6161 SE Stark. Tickets - \$20 Couples, \$10 Singles. I have tickets for sale if anyone would like to purchase them.

Mike – Men's Meeting, The Bean Café, 15th and Prescott, Tuesday, 7 – 8:15 pm.

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Lawrence – Rise & Shine Treatment Center Meeting is #1 contributor to the PASC.

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

Andrea C. - There is now a new calendar page on the NA website at <http://www.portlandna.com/Calendar.htm>. It is an Interactive Calendar, so that you can submit an event at any time during the month. Once submitted, it will be approved and posted by the webhost. There is also still a link on the calendar page to the Activities at a Glance that can be printed out. Submit events to the webhost@portlandna.com.

Hotline – Open shifts are Monday 12 pm – 5 pm, Wednesday 7 am – 12 pm, Thursday 5 pm – 11 pm.

Secretary's Report – Linda R.

None given.

Treasurer's Reports – Maggi G.

Please see (2) attachments.

Chair Report- Wayne C.

Hello All,

Thanks for your participation in our meeting. Welcome to all the new GSRs, and returning GSRs.

We encourage you to take notes, and inform your Groups of what's happening in the Portland Area. One of your responsibilities as a GSR is a two way communication between the Area, and the Groups.

There is NA Literature that we use in here; A Guide to Local Services, 12 Concepts of Service Booklet, and our PASC By-laws. The PASC Outreach Handbook is also helpful.

Here is a list of some items that have mentioned in past Chair Reports

1. Spirituality and Respect for each other in the PASC
2. Participation from the Groups in the Portland Area

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3. Familiarization of literature pertinent to GSR's as it relates to the Area Service Committee
4. Commitment to Service
5. Simplification
6. Maintenance of our Sub Committees.
7. Communication between Groups and the PASC also between Sub-Committees and the PASC

The executive committee met Friday night to go over Area Issues. The Board of Directors (BOD) Quarterly Meeting was today. We went over several Items.

1. The Motion to Ratify the 2009 Budget
2. The Final Copy of the Revised Portland Area Service Committee By-Laws
3. Auditing of the Sub-Committees and Treasurer
4. Area Inventory
5. The 2009 Area Meeting Calendar
6. Revision of the Motion Form

One last Item I want to mention is that we will be holding nominations for all executive positions at February's PASC. (Chairperson, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, RCM, RCM Alt. Archivist.) I would like to encourage you all to start deciding now who will be nominated so we can make wise decisions for our new Trusted Servants. Make sure your Candidates come to the February PASC. They must be present to be nominated. I mention this now so that we can be better prepared to fulfill The Area's needs. We will open the floor for questions of candidates after the nomination that participants may take this information back to the groups for voting purposes in March.

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.

I would like to start my report by welcoming GSR's who are new or returning to service at the area level. I appreciate your participation and I thank you for allowing me to be of service. I have a fairly brief report this month. I have not received any e-mails from the sub-committee chairs with the exception of the ongoing exchange of information between the PR Chairperson and myself. I am available by e-mail through the Portland

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NA website and by telephone. I will do what I can to be of service when called upon to do so.

We have a wealth of literature that applies to service, I strongly suggest that if you are engaging in area service that you read it so that you can best serve and represent your group at the ASC. As an area we are working toward improvement and your assistance is vital. My opinion is that there is always a way to improve. Your questions and comments are welcome in person, via e-mail or by telephone.

In service,

Travis B.

Subcommittees and Regional Issues

Activities – Gene L.

Due to weather and concerns for committee member's safety, Activities meeting was cancelled.

Activities would like to remind all GSR's to share fliers and take only what you need so that other meetings will have copies.

Past Events:

Check for the Spooky Dance will be turned in today.

Future Events:

Summer events-Unity in the Streets has t-shirts for sale. All summer events have Ad-hoc meetings scheduled.

Sub-committee workshop day has formed an Ad Hoc is looking forward to a March-April date.

Several flyers available today for upcoming events and Ad Hoc meetings.

Holiday Dinner December 25th at Miracles. Potluck starts at 2pm. Marathon meetings from 7am to midnight. End of the year Dance and Dinner. \$25 Dinner and Dance. Wednesday, December 31, 2008. 5811 SE 92nd, Lents Masonic Temple. \$10 Dance only, Kids \$5.

Snow Tubing 2009, at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl. February 7th from 9am – to 2pm, meet at Gateway Transit Center.

T-Shirt Logo Contest for Fort Stevens Campout, Beverly Beach Campout, and Unity in the Streets.

In Trusted Service

Happy Holidays

Gene L. your wonderful life Grinch

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Literature – Carolyn G-E.

Verbal Report Given, No Report Submitted.

Outreach – Troy J.

No report submitted.

Hospitals & Institutions – Lawrence J., Chair

Low attendance last night but still did business.

57 Possible Commitments

7 Cancelled

5 Missed

857 Addicts were seen

Elections

Jackie – Clackamas County (Women's)

Steve – Clackamas County (Men's)

Stack of applicants cleared for Clackamas.

Tigard shared month. Tualatin Valley H & I to start the 27th. JD and Eric E. negotiating second day at Washington County Restitution for Tualatin Valley Area.

Shelly, John, Katie gave verbal commitments after missing November.

Hotline – David G., Vice Chair

The hotline meeting was cancelled due to the weather. We currently have three open shifts, Monday 12 pm – 5 pm, Wednesday 7 am – 12 pm and Thursday 5 pm – 11 pm. Our next meet will be on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at Round Table Pizza at 4:00 pm.

Public Relations – Steve G.

No Report Submitted.

Regional Committee Member – Michael McD.

RCM Report to the PASC

12/20/08

Greetings to you all,

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I am very happy to be at the ASC this month and happy to see you all considering the weather. I will cover all my reporting in this one report and try to save a tree or two. This month has been pretty busy. Working on the Ad Hoc for the By-Laws and also the inventory has given me a few things to do.

I attended the BOD Executive meeting this week as well as the BOD meeting today. At both meetings we went over the by-laws and we discussed the Inventory at the executive meeting.

Last month I discussed a joint hosting of the January 2010 Regional Assembly and RSC with the TVA ASC. They have declined believing that they are not ready to attempt such an effort. The RCM has agreed to assist us as a member, not as his areas representative, to host this event. I think we should host this event and I will make a motion to that effect on the 31st of January.

This month I have had several calls with both Wayne and Travis regarding issues at the ASC. I have also had a lot of email for a change but mostly from other Admin members. If you are planning on attending the regional convention this year in Florence there will be no hotel arrangements all attendees will need to make their own arrangements locally. The information is on the convention flier

I am always available for questions and concerns from any member of NA. My phone number is 360-772-2692 I prefer evenings and weekends but I answer the phone or return calls between 7 AM and 11 PM daily. I welcome email also my address is mtmcd@comcast.net or rcm@portlandna.com

Yours in Service,

Michael McD

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 Business could take place because the quorum was not met.

Open Forum

B.A. – I have concerns about this flyer for the “Thursday Nite Podium Meeting”. It is my opinion that it violates our traditions and asked that it be removed from the table. There is a graphic at the bottom of flyer that is identical to the McDonalds Arches with NA in the arches and I believe it affects NA as a whole and could very well put us at risk of copyright infringement.

Many members spoke on this topic, however the Chair stopped the discussion.

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Jeff – Asked the representing GSR to please take it back to the home group and let them know that the general opinion of the body was that this flyer was inappropriate and the graphic should be removed.

Gene L. – Asked if Steve G. was told to come and talk to the Solutions Motorcycle Club. The Chair told him no. He said that Steve did indeed come and talk to the club anyway.

Jeff W. – Made an apology about his motion about the children and childcare.

Lawrence J. – At my home group business meeting there was an NA member that came and spent a lot of time complaining about the meeting on 65th and Foster because the landlord over there is also an NA member and he is excluding people from attending NA meetings.

Bill H. – Is this personal??

Jeff K. – It's an NA member who is a landlord who excludes who he wants from his property that he has every right to do. I don't condone this however he is well within his legal rights to do this and there is nothing we can do about it. This is a group conscience issue for the groups that meet in that building.

Michael McD. – This is the groups business. I wouldn't let anyone hold my home groups business meeting hostage like that. Sorry for you.

Mike – There is literature on violent and disruptive behavior.

Marcus – When is it appropriate for to contact the Outreach subcommittee for help??

Jeff K. – Anytime you need it.

Meeting Closed.