

Portland Area Service Committee Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous

Location: 17200 SE Stark Street Portland, OR

Date: April 24, 2010

Meeting called to order at 2:08pm and opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Twelve Traditions and Twelve concepts were read.

Roll Call of Officers: 13

Roll Call of Groups: 44

Quorum: 24

New GSR/Alt GSR and New Group Recognition

Micah: Hour of Power

Shannon: Determined Dames Alt

Chris: Late Night Recovery Alt

Kelly: Here and Now

Clayton: New Blue Goose

Eric: Heart and Soul

Yvonne: A Nurturing Touch

Robin: Here and Now Alt

David: OVNE

Jason: Doin Life

Joe: One Promise Many Gifts

Announcements

No written announcements submitted.

Administrative Reports

Secretary: Kimberly F.

- Amendments: New Business 5d. Change "the last revision" to "a prior revision"
- Motion to waive the reading of the minutes made by Towanda and seconded by Freedom in the Flats. Passed unanimously.
- Motion to accept the minutes with amendments made by Harold Street Blues and seconded by Heart and Soul. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Nikki (see attached spread sheets)

Chair: Travis B.

Welcome to all, and thank you for participating in the ASC business meeting. I would like to thank the groups for placing their trust in me to fulfill the responsibilities of this position. As always I will do the best I can to ensure that I make decisions that are based in our guiding principles.

There is a lot of work to be done over the next year and I am looking forward to the challenge. I believe that we will continue to unify the ASC through effective communication

between the subcommittees and encouraging continued participation in this process. Here are a few items that I am dedicated to addressing in the near future:

- Getting the BOD meeting back on track with it's stated purpose.
- Instituting an Administrative Committee with publicly held meetings so that we can deal with the ASC business that has not yet been brought up to speed.
- Training our Vice Chair in the duties and responsibilities assigned and making sure that if he were elected to the Chair position next year he can fill the position with confidence.
- Finishing the final implementation phases of the latest inventory process.
- Initializing a format and time period for a routine inventory process of the PASC.
- Assisting the subcommittees in coming closer together and working toward further unification with the ASC as a whole.
- Continuing to work toward maintenance of an atmosphere of spirituality and mutual respect at the ASC meetings.
- Making sure we have an accurate running policy log of all currently adopted motions.

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance in any way please feel free to contact me via email or telephone. If you need my contact information please see me during the break or after the meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Travis B.

Vice Chair: No Report

Subcommittee Reports

Activities: Tana W.

Committee Meets 2nd Sunday of the month @ 2pm · 8800 SE 80th (Clackamas Service Center)

- Upcoming events:
 - Picnic in the Park – Laurel Hurst Park (39th and Stark), Third Saturday, Starting May 15. 12-5pm Free Hotdogs, \$.50 pops.
 - Fort Stevens Campout Fundraiser, Saturday May 1st 2010, 6pm – 11pm, 10110 SE Linwood, Milwaukie, OR. Cross Streets are King Rd & Linwood. (SE Christian Fellowship) Speaker Meeting, Bingo & Open Campsite Registration. Hotdog & Drink \$2 or Chilidog & Drink \$3. Bingo \$1 per card per game, assorted prizes Blackout \$5 per card – Campsite is prize. Speaker is Christine B 22 yrs .Silent Auction and Childcare room available.
 - Unity in the Streets Fundraiser, Friday, May 21st 2010, "Roller skating & Root beer Floats" Mt. Scott Community Center, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. We will have presale tickets available soon.
 - Multnomah Falls Unity Hike, Saturday June 5th, meet at Mall 205 Denny's to leave at 12:15 or meet at Multnomah Falls Lodge at 1:00, meeting at the top around 2.
 - Fort Stevens Campout, July 9, 2010
 - Beverly Beach Campout, August 6, 2010
 - Unity in the Streets – Saturday August 21st Columbia Park –
 - End of the Year Event - Ad-hoc May 2nd at 2pm. Alano Club-Study Room (909 NW 24th Ave)

- Elections were held and the following people were elected. We will be requesting ratification of the Chair today.
 - Chair – Tana W.
 - Vice Chair – John T.
 - Treasurer – Maggi G.
 - Secretary – John H. (appointed)
 - RCM – Bobby W.
- Treasurer Report: See Attached

In God We Trust,

Tana W. Portland Area Activities Chair

H&I: Maurice L.

Possible commitments: 70

Missed commitments: 8

Cancelled: 4

Total addicts seen: **722**

- Brian w/ Alpha House: facility changed the times for meetings. This change conflicted with previous set times. Brian asked the body if we should change the times and or days as to not conflict future meetings. Brian will contact Bernard to discuss this possible change.
- MMP to change Alpha House's meetings from 4 commitments each month to 2.
- Lynda A. will continue to order more Spanish NA books. She stated that she would order additional literature in May as she will be on vacation in June. This is to ensure literature is available for home groups in the month of June.
- Nikki w/ DePaul stated that facility changed the required clean time back from 1 year clean to 2 years.
- Shannon w/ Lettie Owings had to call the facility and cancel the commitment due to member being in hospital as well as other member having the wrong phone number so Shannon could not communicate to remind member about her commitment.
- Don w/ Portland Health & Rehabilitation: facility made additional change for clearance: members must have valid ID and 6 months clean. They will not require applications to be approved for members to do meetings in facility. 2 workers from facility are required to be resent to admit H&I members for entry.
- Richard w/ Salvation Army: addressed H&I members to please remember to call him with numbers of addicts seen at commitment.
- Steve w/ Clackamas County Jail: previous clearance applications have been misplaced within the facility and therefore Sgt. Thiessen is requesting additional applications for facilities files.
- Renee w/ Inverness women stated that meeting times are conflicting with the facility's "movie night" so inmates are not signing up for meetings. Maurice will contact Vivian and talk about changing movie night to a different night.

- John w/ JDH: facility changed meeting time from 6pm to 7pm. He will address members with clearance if this time change is conducive for their schedules.
- H&I body will revisit at next month's business meeting at getting step working guides to Coffee Creek.
- John H. addressed H&I members and asked if they would like to have a picture taken of committee to submit to upcoming PNWCNA convention for a slide show. The picture was taken after the business meeting was over as to not violate any traditions. The picture will be transferred onto a CD which will later then be destroyed after creating the slide show.
- Katie N. missed last month's business meeting because she graduated from TX. She asked if she could do her verbal commitment. Request was granted.
- Scott B. missed last month's business meeting because he did not have transportation to the meeting. Asked if he could do his verbal commitment, members approved.
- Taurence took his verbal commitment after missing last month's meeting as he as misinformed about the procedure of doing verbal commitment.
- Maggie is now "NA At A Glance" person and will remove contact info from calendar so that we can distribute this to addicts in facilities.
- Members were reminded to keep "Principles before Personalities" when signing up for commitments and only wanting to go in with their friends.
- Sonya w/ New Directions called in with panel chair report. She was absent b/c he thought our business meeting was next Friday. Shannon filled in for Sonya and did sign-ups for Sonya.

Phoneline: Shannon G.

Not a lot to report this month. Phoneline continues to run smoothly with minor bumps in the road that are easily addressed and taken care of with the new system. We would like to meet you the 23rd of May if you are interested in volunteering. The orientation is at 3 PM followed by the business meeting at 4 PM. The address is 3915 SE Steele. There is one officer position open and 4 open shifts. The open shifts are Sundays 12 – 6 PM, Mondays 7 AM - 12 PM, Tuesdays and Fridays 11 PM – 7 AM. Last weekend David B, Vice chair and myself were able to attend a phoneline workshop at Learning Days. We were able to learn some new things, in addition to other workshops that we attended.

In Service, Shannon G

Public Relations: Vera K.

Hello everyone,

As of last Sunday the Public Relations committee has all the administrative positions filled. We have a new, and long awaited Secretary Ms. Leslie C. We are all so thrilled to have her on the committee and can't wait to start getting regular minutes at the subcommittee. We also have a new vice chair Mr. Michael McD. Both positions being filled is going to take a lot off my plate as the subcommittee chair of Public Relations. The future of Public Relations is in good hands after my term is up with someone who is very capable and willing to accomplish future goals with the PR committee. Our hope is that we can start to focus on presentations and PSA's rather than just keeping the committee afloat. We also had a new member hopeful

come to the committee, Ms. Vicki B., who I think will be great at presentations. We are very pleased with the positive and enthusiastic people joining the committee.

A big focus of Public Relations has been accuracy with the schedule, web site, and the phoneline to assure that all the information we have is relatively current. Last month at Area we had a mini registration drive and had list of groups that were not registered with NAWS. 17 groups submitted forms to me at the end of the ASC meeting and all 17 groups were registered. However, we came across a little snag with the NAWS web site. All the fields on the form were not working properly and some of the fields were not recognizing the information that I submitted. After many discussions with Cindy from NAWS, we think that all those groups are registered now. The information on the NAWS site hasn't been updated in years so now that things are cleaned up on the site Lane will be able to keep up on it as we go. We have no idea when NAWS will fix their site so we are asking for the remaining groups present here to mark yes or no we want to be registered with NAWS and with your permission Lane will register your group. Lane has direct access to NAWS as the liaison person with PDX and NAWS so it's a lot easier for him to register the groups. One of the things we discussed at our PR meeting was to add a line on our Group Update Form with a yes or no box if your group wants to be registered with NAWS. Paula (web host) will be working on how to add something to the online Group Update Form and will report more about that I hope next month. All of the meetings that were audited by the Outreach committee have been verified. Phoneline expressed that they are getting less calls now about meetings that don't exist, so we want to thank Outreach for all their efforts with the audit of the groups.

Paula is working steadily keeping the web site up to date. Paula has also reformatted the Activities page but is still waiting to hear from the subcommittees if they would like to have things added or subtracted from their page. We will also be adding a FAQ to our web site to help the community know who we are, and to hopefully answer some of the questions they may have about Narcotics Anonymous. Over the next few months we will be discussing our web provider. In August our contract with Blue Host is up for renewal. We will be looking into our options and let the Area know as soon as we do. We may be experiencing some difficulties with our Group Update Form on our web site. It's unclear to us at this time if it's user error or a field that's not working properly. We are looking into what's happening with that but just in case, if you find it's not working we are kindly asking people to contact Lane E. with group information. We also need new chairpersons' email addresses so we can get that set up to forward emails from Blue Host. Please email that information to Paula soon so she can set that up or give us that info today.

The PR committee wants to formally apologize to the PASC about how the new schedule format came about. In no way was our intent to dictate to groups what kind of schedule we think they should have. In fact, our intent really came from a very positive place. Some of our thoughts on this were that we wanted to save our Area some money and have a schedule that was easier for people to print from their home computers and easier to read. We are grateful to the ones who were open-minded and honestly tried the new schedule format out. They reported that it was difficult to use. We have also heard some people say that they like it. However, most of the feedback that I've have received indirectly was from people not liking it and found it to be confusing. We fully understand that we are not autonomous and that we must include the groups in our decision making processes. As the chair of the PR committee my job is to carry the group conscience of the subcommittee to Area. With hesitation I did so last month. We may have made a hasty decision to go to print. Now looking back, the committee realizes that we should have taken some more time to present the proposed schedule format. Thus, we are open to making changes to the new schedule format if that's the GSR's vote with the motion presented last month in regards to the schedule. If not, we humbly accept whatever the outcome will be and go back to the previous

schedule format with no problems. It's with our utmost sincere expressed hope that people can start to look beyond personalities and start to look at all the positive service work that the Public Relations subcommittee is doing. We hope that if people have some concerns or questions about what Public Relations is doing we want to encourage them to email, call or, even better yet, show up at our subcommittee meetings. We will remain open-minded to comments, concerns, and or questions. This month at our meeting we discussed the importance of decision making, listening, and communicating, and that we get the opportunity to learn from our mistakes and accept them and move on. We also read the second and ninth concept from the Guide to Local Service.

We are making some progress on our guidelines. We have no idea when they will be complete; we still have a lot to do. We are also assisting with the Phonenumber guidelines, and there is some progress made with those as well. Maggi attended Region this past weekend and she will have a full report next month. We are still working on our mailings audit and hope that will be completed soon. We are very busy but we now have a full committee so the amount of service work is well distributed among all the members of the committee. We still are in need of people who may be interested in doing presentations and booth sitting events as well as our newsletter that we would like to start again. If you think you might be interested in any of the services that we do, or to learn more about Narcotics Anonymous, please come and join us the Sunday before Area of each month.

In service,
Vera K.

Questions:

Troy: Do you all attend the subcommittees to present changes to the subcommittees for the website. You said you were making changes to the subcommittees' pages?

Vera: Paula can answer.

Paula: I have not been to the subcommittee meetings but I have emailed each subcommittee to see if they want to have any input on what their page looks like. I'm trying to give the website a uniform look, it gets very complicated when everyone's page has different colors and fonts and sizes.

Travis: I would like to ask if we could keep our questions as questions and not try to admonish or shame anyone in order to maintain an atmosphere of recovery.

Troy: I don't remember getting an email. When did the PR committee start doing this?

Paula: It's been going on for a few months.

Outreach: Jason S.

What's up Portland Area addicts, we met today between 12-1 and we had a great meeting. Our subcommittee is excited and ready to serve the groups that created it. I stated in my report to the subcommittee that I envision us regrouping, reorganizing, and not taking on a lot of tasks for now. Even though we have many functions in our guidelines we came to a consensus that we are not prepared to execute most of them yet. We talked about the benefits of taking things slow and reading and learning what Outreach is. We talked about the sensitive nature of some of our work when it comes to fulfilling a group's request. One discussion was as we are taking it slow we still need to be responsive to group report forms

and updates. We will absolutely honor any requests we can in a timely manner. On that note I talked about us not being as prepared as we could be to take requests from groups. Sometimes we are approached by individual members with a problem in their home group and they ask that we come help or solve the problem. The Outreach subcommittee could end up causing harm, animosity, and resentment, both personal and toward the service structure, if we go into a meeting or business meeting without being invited by the group as a whole. We'll be discussing the most effective ways to let you know what Outreach does and how your group can request it as we continue to meet.

We read from Outreach Bulletin #1 "What is Outreach?" and discussed for 10 minutes what it had laid out which were some functions an Outreach subcommittee could provide and the 3 basic types of Outreach: Extended – reaching out to outlying geographical groups, Community – reaching out and supporting groups that are more centralized and focusing on their participation in the service structure, and Institutional – which allows groups in institutions to participate in the service structure.

Vera from PR visited our subcommittee to continue to encourage our open line of communication and talk about each of our roles in meeting verification and where that might fit into our guidelines. We will continue to figure this out over the next coming months.

We talked briefly about Outreach on the website and some neat things Paula's doing and how we can use this to encourage participation.

We also talked briefly about a "meeting of the month" that is designated by request for support or by geographical isolation. We would put out to the Area via the minutes about simply getting a group of addicts together once or twice in the month and attending a meeting. One of the original ways of NA service...more is to come on this.

Wow that is a lot to discuss in 1 hour which leads me to the next topic which is talking the the BOD regarding meeting at 11:30 and about future BOD meetings conflicting with our use of that room.

Welcome to our newly oriented GSRs – you are doing a great service for your group, NA as a whole, and the addict that hasn't made it to our rooms yet. Orientation is from 1-2pm.

Lastly we purchased 20 new orientation booklets and 10 copies of our new guidelines so that everybody on our committee has a copy available. I will give a receipt to the Treasurer.

In loving service, Jason S.

Questions:

Alicia: Does this mean that an individual can't ask or request help, but that it has to come from the whole group?

Jason: We just need you to request as a whole that you need help and not have just one individual come and ask to have Outreach show up when the rest of the group doesn't know why we are there. We would be happy to hear any questions or requests from individuals we just want to make sure that if we are asked to come to visit the group that the group as a whole is inviting us and not just one individual unbeknownst to the rest of the group.

RCM Report: Steve R.

Eleven out of thirteen areas were represented at the RSC in Siletz on 4/18. The next RSC is in Prineville July 17&18. Nominations were held and we still need nominees for: Chair,

Alternate Secretary, Archivist and Policies and Procedures Chair. The World Literature Committee is currently working on the *Living Clean Project*, they'll be in the input and review phase through June 30th. If you would like to contribute go to na.org/?id=living_clean_project. The CAR topics that we voted on went exactly as we voted and the regional budget was approved. Motion #1 passed, so the Regional Delegate and Alternate are now able to serve up to three consecutive terms. Motion #3 passed, so we no longer have a regional Public Info. Committee, it's now Public Relations. We tabled motion #5 about the storage unit.

For our Activities, Hospitals & Institutions, Literature and Public Relations sub-committees: I would like to see Portland represented, if no one is available from your sub-committee, Jim & I are. Just let us know and provide us a report, we're here to serve.

Next month we need to discuss the storage unit and regional officers.

In Service,
Steve R.

Questions:

BA: Is Outreach under the umbrella of PR at the Regional level?

Jason: Does PR talk about Fellowship Development at the regional level or is it not practical?

Jim: We have discussed it in the PR handbook and have included it in a few workshops and learning days.

Break

Meeting reopened with a moment of silence at 3:03pm.

Alternate RCM Report: Jim B.

Hello Everyone,

I have attended my first Regional Conference as your Alternate RCM, and I have come back with a lot of information. I have with me a copy of the minutes from the previous Regional Conference in January if anyone is interested and wants to get an idea of how business is handled at this level of service. I have not received a handbook with the current Regional Bi-Laws, but they are available on the regional website at www.pcrna.org. If anyone is interested in any of this information; go to the regional website and click on "Regional Services," in the left side column. There you will find something similar to this:

Regional Services

<p><u>Regional Service Conference:</u> Information regarding upcoming RSC Assemblies, including locations and bid information, as well as information about corresponding Learning Days.</p>		<p><u>Regional Service Conference Minutes:</u> Access the minutes from past RSCs. A username and password are required. <u>Contact the webhost</u> for credentials.</p>

<p><u>PCR Handbook</u>: The current PCR Handbook, downloadable by section.</p>		<p><u>Regional Forms</u>: A collection of forms used at the RSC, including motion forms, budget request forms, blank service resumes and much more.</p>
<p><u>Regional Delegate Report</u>: Our RD attended the 2008 World Service Conference in California, and this is a day-by-day account of the experience.</p>		<p><u>Pacific Cascade Regional Convention</u>: Information regarding the upcoming PCRNA conventions. Check back often for more information.</p>

If anyone has any questions regarding an upcoming service conference, Regional Bi-Laws, or anything else please let me know. If I can't answer your questions, I'll find someone who can, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. What I do know is that the Regional Conferences for the upcoming year will be held as follows: July RSC & GSR Assembly/Prineville, October RSC/Yreka, January 2011 RSC & GSR Assembly/Tualatin Valley Area, and April RSC/Roseburg. And, currently no one has expressed interest in bidding on our regional convention for 2012. Our regional convention for 2011 will be held in Medford a little more than a year from now, and Steve and I have brought back plenty of registration pamphlets for that event, as well as many other flyers for many other events throughout the region. You can also find information for these events on the regional website calendar, or by browsing through the different area's website links. Again, if anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me at bnatallwaze@gmail.com

Thank You
Jim B.

Literature: Carolyn (No written report submitted – also see Open Forum for more discussion)

Carolyn: Since it's been brought up I think it needs to be addressed I think what was stated was incorrect, taken out of context, and I stayed because I was asked to stay and help ease transition. When I took this position I was handed a bunch of stuff and that was it. I'm really trying to ease the next person in so they know what is expected of them. I don't want to leave them hanging and today the cash register broke so that made it even more difficult. I am here this month and I will be here next month, hopefully the cash register will be fixed. I was asked to stay from the subcommittee and BOD.

Alicia: Thank you for your hard work but I just want to know what the clean time requirements are for helping b/c it was stated there weren't any and I found out there are.

Carolyn: We had new guidelines but they weren't ratified so now I need to go back to find the old guidelines that have been ratified so find the cleantime requirements. I was thinking of order pullers when I stated there was no cleantime requirements, I'll have to research to find out what they are. Other positions do have cleantime requirements.

Kelly: I just want to thank you for stepping up and staying and not leaving everyone hanging so thank you.

Troy: For one, my question didn't get answered as far as why Brian didn't run the subcommittee today and second of all did you give the current Vice Chair your key?

Carolyn: My key got taken off my key when riding my motorcycle, I took it off this morning and I left it at home. It will be returned I will also have to go to the bank because my name is responsible for both of those keys. It is already being talked about and handled and next month my name will also be off the bank account.

Troy: Have you found the checkbook yet?

Carolyn: I checked with the bank and we were never issued a checkbook so that's why we couldn't find it. Everything is operated by debit card.

Lynda: We will be bringing in new bylaws next month.

Sherie: Where are the debit cards?

Carolyn: My card will be destroyed, and we're missing several positions, so that might not take place right away, I leave a hole for the chairperson as well as the treasurer. Shawn will be transitioned into Chair, he hopefully will be standing up here next month. We're looking for a treasurer, I need to go back and look at the old guidelines to find the requirements. All of these questions are good questions and you have been so patient with the transition and with the register going down and you have been so patient through all of this. Next month all of these questions should be able to be answered. Please just give us one more month to transition we are working as hard and as diligent as we can.

Brian: Just so the body knows, a lot of thought and conversation have gone on about this and several other issues. Travis and I have been in discussion about different subcommittees. I spoke with Carolyn today and because this is actually my first meeting as Vice Chair we thought it best served the Area for me to sit in here instead of being in the back since she knows what is going on and I did not. I'm excited to be here and willing to help.

Travis: To answer your question Troy I specifically asked Brian to stay here because I had thought they had voted in members and had a new chair, that was my misunderstanding.

Troy: Did you make a donation to Area?

Carolyn: We made a donation of \$2500.

Tana: I appreciate that our executive body discussed what was going on, but my expectation is that you communicate your decisions to this body in the beginning in your report so we can avoid this kind of confusion.

Jackie: We're all addicts here, we're not perfect and I'm not expecting everyone else to be perfect, she's here, she explained everything, and I don't think it's fair people are attacking her with questions when she's explained what is going on. Also every time someone has shared something, everyone starts talking so when people are answering questions I can't hear the answers. Especially for the new GSRs when people are side-talking it is difficult when you're trying to understand what's going on. Please be respectful.

Linda: If you have a Vice Chair, that vice chair would be acting chair, and that person would only step in as chair if that position was vacant?

Carolyn: He is acting as chair, we did do nominations but we have not been able to vote because there is only two or three of us. Last month I asked anyone who wanted to be involved to show up this month at noon. Next month hopefully I'm leaving but helping facilitate the change. I volunteered to come out here and answer questions and I didn't want

to throw Shawn into that for his first month. We did what we could to make sure this got done today.

Unfinished Business:

Troy makes a motion to remove motion 11-10 from the table and seconded by Southeast Serenity.

Motion 7-10: Submitted by Troy J. Seconded by Southeast Serenity.
Motion: To change our schedules back the way they were before April/May.
Purpose: To make them readable to the newcomer.

For: 19 Opposed: 12 Abstained: 3 PASSES

Motion 9-10: Submitted by Portland Area Activities Seconded by Towanda.
Motion: To ratify the PAAS Bylaws submitted to the Area last month.

For: All but 1 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1 PASSES

Elections

New Business

Motion 11-10: Made by Travis B. Seconded by Towanda.
Motion: That the Chair be allowed to have copies of the Chair report and PASC Agenda printed on our copy account.
Purpose: to provide copies to the GSRs without causing personal hardship to the Chair.

Travis: it eats up the ink on my printer and it's been difficult for me to provide copies on my own and I would like to be able to provide them to this body.

No pros – No cons **PASSES Unanimously**

Motion 12-10: Submitted by Thursday Night Podium Seconded by Hour of Power.
Motion: To ratify Tana W. as PASC Activites Chair.
Purpose: To approve Activities choice of Chair.

PASSES Unanimously

Open Forum

Kelly: Congratulations on everyone's hard work here. I would like to discuss Parlimentary procedure. Recently we had a vote in July to change the schedules and we were really meticulous on it (staples, size, etc) and it was passed. Then lately the schedule just changed. I know this has now been resolved, but even if it was the correct thing to do, there is nothing in any guidelines or procedures that overrides that collective group conscience. We feel that as a whole everyone does a good job but sometimes things are being ruled out of order due to the 3rd concept, and if you read it you will also find that the groups are the final authority

of for our service structure and sometimes we need to challenge things and have a dialogue and step up and express our authority when we disagree with something. To challenge a motion isn't to call someone out, it's simply to open up a dialogue and discuss something that might be better or might be different. They are here to do service for us and they're here to serve us and most do that the majority of the time.

Guy: I would like to acknowledge the work that has been done and I'm grateful there have been some changes on finding some better practices and procedures. I would like to encourage all of the GSRs at this body to get an understanding of this stuff, it's your voice that makes up the conscience of this body. If you don't like something that's going on you need to bring it to this body and exercise your right as a group. Be a good liaison about bringing issues back to your group and bringing them back to this body as well. We can get trapped in ways of doing things and just because it's the way it's been done doesn't mean it's the best way. Subcommittees are directly responsible to us so if you have a problem with something going on, come here good, bad, or indifferent. Thank you Vera for addressing this at the beginning of your report, it was very thorough and comprehensive and I hope the rest of the subcommittees can learn from how great your report was. I just want to encourage people to get involved and I think that this area has done a great job and that it has grown leaps and bounds.

John: My experience that coming here and not knowing what you're doing voting on something you don't understand can almost be unproductive.

Jim: This issue with the schedule has been ongoing and we do need to address it because we are running out of room. Please take some time as your role of GSR and visit these subcommittees b/c it's really not over and we still need a solution.

Paula: Speaking as your website coordinator there are a lot of forwarding addresses that I'm not sure what they're for so I'm going to send out an email asking for a response so I know who you are and what you need. Also if any subcommittee chairs or committee members need to be on there you should send something to me.

Tana: Are the bylaws on the website the most current. And what is the red on them?

Travis: Red are tract changes so I would imagine that those are the most recent changes. I'm not really sure what is on the website since I didn't personally put them on there. There are current copies up front.

Will: I'm not sure what happens with voting but I thought when we made changes that those went into the bylaws. Once we approve a motion and it has been approved by all of the groups, I believe that if it is a bylaw change it should go into the bylaws and be included in the yearly revision. The reason I bring it up is because a while back we passed a motion that any motion affecting a subcommittee should go to that subcommittee before coming before this body. I think we should look at that because I don't believe it has changed. The other thing I would like to discuss is subcommittee participation. I believe that those subcommittees really serve our area and I really believe in that process. I want to encourage everyone to go back to their groups and encourage their members to support these subcommittees, there is a lot of work to be done but it's only being done by 5% of our members and it's a challenge. The last thing I want to talk about is motions and that I think we can better serve our groups by entertaining motions more objectively. A Guide to Local Services is a wonderful tool. I would like to read on p. 104 under motions (Main Motions vs Parliamentary Motions). I think it does everyone a disservice to present a motion that has already been seconded before the meeting. I think it would go much smoother if we read a motion at the meeting and then waited for someone to second it.

Travis: We can't seem to find where that was approved (submitting something to the

subcommittees before it comes before this body)

Linda: I remember the motion, so I'm wondering if it didn't get added to the bylaws by mistake.

Travis: I understand and appreciate the point Will is making. When I personally submit a motion I never get it seconded before hand.

Kelly: Do you think that would cut down on back door politics?

Shannon: How do I get A Guide to Local Services?

Brian: New GSRs when you go back to your groups to discuss everything today, encourage them to get A Guide to Local Services.

Sherie: What we're getting at here is the group conscience, we're not just getting an opinion we want more of a group conscience to come together instead of people's opinions driving agendas. The bottom line is that there's a group conscience you're carrying and it's not about being in collusion with your friends.

Maggie: As someone who once put in a motion that was pre-seconded I want to explain. You can't even discuss it without it being seconded and at one time there was a lot more confusion at Area when a motion was read and there were lots of people trying to second it and it was very confusing, it's easier for the secretary and saves time.

Jason: I want to say that this is one of the best discussions I think we've had since I've been here and also I couldn't find in guidelines who is the single point of accountability to updating the policy on the website.

Troy: I'm concerned that in our guidelines it says subcommittee chairs should stay for the entire PASC meeting and PR is not here and did not stay the whole time last month. I'm also concerned about literature: Carolyn submitted a report saying she was resigning and now I hear she is not resigning but here is the document saying she is so I want to know why the Vice Chair wasn't facilitating Literature this morning.

Travis: I think this can be resolved after the literature chair gives her report.

Troy: I'm concerned because I'm going by what our minutes say and I'm concerned that she resigned and now she doesn't hold that position anymore and show up and come back the next month and say I'm not giving up the position, and I want that to go on the record that it was in the minutes last month.

Will: Troy has a point. Technically speaking this is a legal document, for our non-profit status. I don't think I would ask her to step down but I do think we should recognize that it's a valid point.

Alicia: I just want to say that last month's minutes it said she will resign but she will continue on the next few months to help out with the ease of transition.

Closing

Motion to close made by Step Brothers Seconded by One Promise, Many Gifts: Motion passed and the meeting closed at 5:10pm.

**Portland Area Service Committee of NA
Report: APRIL 24, 2010
Income and Expenses Report**

BEGINNING BALANCE 3/27/2010 (per previous report)		\$ 4,725.76	
INCOME			
SUB-COMMITTEE DONATIONS			
Literature		2,500.00	
TOTAL SUB COMM DONATIONS		\$ 2,500.00	
GROUP DONATIONS			
Back to Basics		90.72	
Burnside Blues		23.00	
Diversity Group		2.10	
Find the Way		12.52	
Freedom In The Flats		50.00	
Free To Be Me		50.00	
Friday Night Open		37.00	
Full Circle		63.85	
Harold Street Blues		75.00	
Heart & Soul		74.00	
Here and Now		25.00	
Hour of Power		25.00	
It's In the Book		14.00	
Learning to Live		179.00	
Living Positive		33.00	
Minute by Minute		25.60	
Multi-Culture		20.00	
New Journey		90.00	
One Promise Many Gifts		79.80	
Rise and Shine		46.91	
Rockwood Nooner		20.00	
Thursday Night Podium		10.00	
Walk Your Talk		50.00	
What It Is		9.40	
YETS		34.35	
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS		\$ 1,140.25	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 3,640.25	
EXPENSES			
			PD BY CK #
PASC - Rent to the URS Club		150.00	1538
Activities - storage		40.00	1539
H&I rent - All Saints Episcopal Church		50.00	1540
Phoneline / PR rent - Trinity UMC		35.00	1541
Dex Media West - phonebook listing		20.50	1542
Answernet - Phoneline number		10.00	1543
Solaxis - Phoneline service		27.90	1544
OfficeMax - schedules & copies		327.81	1545
US Postal Service - PO Box rent		96.00	1546
Treasurer postage - Maggi G		17.60	1547
URS Club - PR bylaws adhoc		24.00	1548
PCRNA - quarterly donation		535.00	1549
URS Club - CAR workshop		30.00	1550
PALSC - H&I literature		297.50	1551
PALSC - new group starter kits		40.00	1552
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 1,701.31	
ENDING BANK BALANCE - 4/24/2010		\$ 6,664.70	
ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 6,656.90	
LITERATURE SUBCOMMITTEE BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 2,321.01	
TOTAL PASC FUNDS AS OF 4/24/2010		\$ 15,642.61	
Holds, Reserves and Not Yet Processed			
Prudent reserve - 2 months' estimated expenses		2,400.00	
CAR @ \$20 per Month (through April)		40.00	
Estimated April expenses		1,200.00	
Reserve for PCRSC (\$2,200)		2,200.00	
Reserve for insurance (4 months)		760.00	
TOTAL HOLDS AND RESERVES		6,600.00	
AVAILABLE FUNDS			\$ 64.70

PORTLAND AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - LAST 12 MONTHS AND SAME MONTH LAST YEAR															TOTAL 2010	TOTAL 12 MONTHS	don. last 12mo.
DATE	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010				
Activities		\$283.69					\$308.33	\$4,367.69		(2,000.00)				\$0.00	\$	2,959.71	
Literature														2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Back to Basics			\$99.43	\$19.53	\$27.80	\$19.96	\$22.01		\$67.95		23.94	\$21.23	\$89.75	\$90.72	201.90	482.32	
Burnside Blues	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$30.75	\$8.00	\$12.00		\$16.85		\$7.50			\$15.00	\$10.00	\$23.00	48.00	158.10	
Determined Dames					\$20.00						20.00				\$	40.00	
Diversity Group			\$8.80	\$3.00		\$25.93	\$10.00					\$133.00	\$2.10		135.90	182.83	
DOING LIFE				\$75.00					\$20.00		20.00				\$	115.00	
Dream Catchers										100.00					\$	100.00	
EARLY RISER								\$100.00			\$50.00				50.00	150.00	
FIND THE WAY	\$43.38	\$85.70	\$44.00	\$15.82	\$6.01	\$111.62	\$18.91	\$46.33	\$42.11		58.26	\$71.65	\$69.04	\$12.52	153.21	581.97	
FIRESIDE MEN'S				\$500.00											\$	500.00	
FREE TO BE ME				\$70.00		\$29.00	\$37.00		\$32.00		34.00	\$35.00		\$50.00	65.00	287.00	
FREEDOM FIGHTERS		\$5.00	\$0.50												\$	5.50	
Freedom House - Scappoose												\$100.00			100.00	100.00	
FREEDOM IN THE FLATS							\$20.00						\$50.00		50.00	70.00	
Friday Night Open															\$37.00	37.00	
FULL SIRCLE				\$51.00	\$107.12	\$28.25	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$53.00		54.00	\$96.90	\$48.00	\$63.85	208.75	627.12	
HAROLD ST.BLUES	\$25.00	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$50.00			\$50.00	\$50.00				\$100.00		\$75.00	175.00	396.00	
HEART & SOUL		\$16.50	\$20.00				\$50.00		\$11.90		25.00	\$26.00	\$74.00	100.00	100.00	223.40	
HERE AND NOW	\$50.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		\$20.00	\$30.00	\$25.00		75.00	255.00	
HIGHER EMPOWERED	\$13.67			\$37.00	\$18.15		\$54.56		\$48.25		8.57	\$30.00	\$40.30		70.00	236.83	
Hour of Power													\$25.00		25.00	25.00	
IT WORKS HOW & WHY		\$10.00													\$	10.00	
IT'S IN THE BOOK											\$10.00		\$14.00		24.00	24.00	
Late Night Recovery	\$125.00	\$100.00		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00			\$100.00		75.00		\$50.00		50.00	475.00	
LEARNING TO LIVE	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$120.00	\$60.00		\$168.72	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$120.00		150.00	\$200.00	\$201.00	\$179.00	580.00	1,608.72	
Living Positive															\$33.00	33.00	
Lost & Found			\$13.00	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.13	\$16.70					\$50.60		50.60	110.43	
MINUTE BY MINUTE	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$59.40	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00		50.00	\$50.00	\$13.25	\$25.60	88.85	573.25	
MULTICULTURE				\$40.00					\$9.00				\$20.00		20.00	69.00	
NEW JOURNEY	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$125.00		190.00	\$275.00	\$130.00	\$90.00	495.00	1,585.00	
Off the Hook		\$50.00			\$20.00	\$20.00						\$25.00	\$25.00		50.00	140.00	
One Promise Many Gifts	\$64.64	\$39.46						\$139.81			116.63	\$183.05		\$79.80	262.85	558.75	
RECOVERY TODAY		\$50.00	\$55.00		\$103.00		\$43.50				55.00		\$60.00		60.00	366.50	
RISE AND SHINE	\$103.00	\$79.00	\$58.28	\$60.88	\$63.89	\$90.67	\$138.00	\$76.00	\$70.00		76.70	\$167.00	\$264.75	\$46.91	478.86	1,192.00	
ROCKWOOD NOONER		\$20.00	\$20.00										\$20.00		20.00	60.00	
RUSH HOUR	\$75.00						\$75.00		\$100.00						\$	175.00	
SOUTHEAST SERENITY	\$44.80	\$21.00	\$41.00	\$25.00					\$25.00			\$50.00	\$14.00		64.00	176.00	
Step on It			\$35.00		\$50.00										\$	85.00	
Thursday Night Podium	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00			25.00	\$102.00		\$10.00	112.00	212.00	
Towanda	\$5.00							\$75.00							\$	75.00	
UNCHAINED									\$50.00						\$	50.00	
Victory			\$60.00	\$33.25	\$17.00	\$30.00						\$150.00			150.00	290.25	
WALK YOUR TALK								\$54.00	\$28.00			\$50.00	\$38.00	\$50.00	138.00	220.00	
WHAT IT IS	\$80.00		\$53.50	\$27.00				\$40.00	\$50.00		20.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$9.40	99.00	289.90	
WHAT'S REALLY GOIN ON											10.00	\$10.00			10.00	20.00	
Women of Spiritual Walkers								\$100.00							\$	100.00	
YETS	\$1.10			\$32.30		\$35.35						\$50.00		\$34.35	64.85	152.00	
Donations					\$0.40										\$	0.40	
Total Group Donations	\$ 97,459	92,266	98,666	1,37,778	69,637	76,650	92,096	97,784	1,12,671	1,11,210	1,80,683	1,44,269	1,14,025	6,884,977	18,684.06		
Number groups attending	43	39	31	38	36	33	33	35	41	41	44	46	43				
Number groups donating	18	17	20	23	17	15	19	15	21	19	23	20	25			44	
Average group donation	\$ 5,414	\$ 5,427	\$ 4,693	\$ 5,990	\$ 4,061	\$ 5,130	\$ 4,847	\$ 6,519	\$ 5,380	\$ 5,653	\$ 7,834	\$ 7,513	\$ 45.61	\$	\$	300.54	
Monthly group average	\$ 1,114,70	\$ 1,097,06	\$ 1,054,03	\$ 1,083,01	\$ 1,054,33	\$ 1,038,43	\$ 1,008,22	\$ 991,34	\$ 972,48	\$ 1,031,58	\$ 1,053,20	\$ 1,086,22	\$ 1,102,03				
Largest group donation	\$ 150,00	\$ 180,00	\$ 150,00	\$ 500,00	\$ 107,12	\$ 188,72	\$ 150,00	\$ 139,81	\$ 125,00	\$ 190,00	\$ 275,00	\$ 264,75	\$ 179.00	\$	\$	1,608.72	
Smallest group donation	\$ 10	\$ 00	\$ 50	\$ 00	\$ 01	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 50	\$ 57	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$	\$	2.10	
Groups donating/attending	42%	44%	65%	61%	47%	45%	58%	43%	51%	46%	52%	43%	58%				