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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
5535 SE Rhone St.
Portland, Oregon 97206
February 29, 2019**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

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

Member read Service Prayer

Member read “Just for Today” Mantra

Group Experience

Todd shared that being a part of the PASC has helped him become a better person all away around. He expressed sincere gratitude for being able to participate.

Marybeth shared that it keeps her in the middle and meeting new people.

Tyler shared service is the #1 thing that has kept him clean. This is his first time as GSR and he is excited.

Josie shared that it helps her with her ‘outside of NA’ life, giving her valuable tools.

Kitty shared that it teaches her how not to throat punch people.

Tim shared that being of service is a wonderful way show your character defects, practice spiritual principles and grow the fuck up.

New GSR/Alt GSR and New Group Recognition

Keri Lee	Learning to Live	Alt. GSR
Eric	Come As You Are	GSR
Cruz m.	Multicultural	Alt. GSR
Tyler	Harold St. Blues	GSR
Michael	What It Is	Alt. GSR
Roberto	Romplendo Cadenas	GSR

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Bryce	Love and Joy	GSR
Jason	Doin' Life	GSR
Josie	New Journey	Alt. GSR
Tim	Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables	GSR
Jess W.	St. John's Bridge to Recovery	GSR

(new meeting Thurs. 7-815pm 8550 St. Louis)

WELCOME ALL NEW TRUSTED SERVANTS!!! REMEMBER AREA IS FROM 2-5 PM
THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH...

Announcements:

- ❖ 503 Recovery moved to Lambert House 2600 SE 102nd
- ❖ Coming Home Thurs. 5:30pm As Is Church on Holgate is a literature meeting and needs support.
- ❖ Freedom Fighters Wed. 6:30pm 145th and Powell needs support.
- ❖ If you want to be put on the wait list for the phone line please contact Shelly.

Amendments to last month's minutes: NONE

Member read 12th Concept

Grievances – NONE

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Old Business

It is the yearly elections for the BOD. All positions open. All nominees must submit current service resume.

Nominations

Alt. Secretary – None

Alt. Treasurer – Patrick (accepted, although no new service resume is necessary)

Chair – Marybeth (accepted)

RCM – Toni (accepted)

Secretary – Theresa (accepted)

Treasurer – Janet (accepted)

Vice Chair – Todd (withdrawn)

Molly (declined)

Alt. RCM – Autumn (accepted)

Service resumes will be attached for all nominees, please take this back to your groups and have a vote ready. Thank you!

Reports:

All Service Learning Days Ad-Hoc- Todd

The meeting went well we need a lot more help!! Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

Our next meeting dates are as follows:

Saturday, Mar 14th @ 2 pm

Location: Denny's at 425 NE Hassalo St, Portland

Saturday, Mar 28th @ 12 Noon

Location: 5535 SE Rhone St (ASC Locatio

Thanks,

Yours in service, Todd S

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Financial Ad-Hoc - Janet

I have been sick so have not been able to really do anything however, preemptive ideas are putting on a fundraiser with hoodies, t-shirts and coffee cups for sale.

PACNA –Doug B.

Oral report given. No written one turned in.

RCM Report- Aric M

Hello family, Aric and I attended the regional service committee In Albany. Saturday was the CAR workshop and Sunday was our business meeting. World is asking all GSR's to read their CAR report and take it back to their groups to vote on the motions.

There is a survey included in the report with a list of literature ideas. They would like your opinions. They prefer you go online to www.na.org/survey, but if your group would like to fill out the forms and return them to me or Aric by next month feel free.

There are 2 regional positions open right now: alt secretary and a policy and procedures person.

The next PNW convention will be in October 2020 in Vancouver Canada. It should be amazing!!

The next World service-learning days will be in Colorado 10/23-25th.

Spiritual principles is still accepting input until tomorrow.

We have been asked to bring an accurate meeting schedule from our area to next Regional service comm. for the basic meeting list tool, they are working on. Should be in place next year.

Because areas are not stepping up to host the regional conventions, they are considering assuming the responsibility of putting them on. Not all areas are able. We Didn't have one in 2019 and no one has stepped up for this year.

In loving service,

Toni B

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Archivist— Isaac R.

I've been working on sending out the revised by-laws. An Ad-Hoc has been created if you are interested in participating please contact me.

Treasurer— Janet H. –

No Report. The attendance is phenomenal!!!

Secretary –Theresa D.

First of all, thank you for allowing me to be of service. I am passing around the contact list please make sure your information is printed clearly. Last month I had issues with the minutes if you do NOT receive the minutes in your email by Wed. the 11th, let me know.

Vice Chair- Marybeth N.

This month I answered miscellaneous email from info@portlandna.com and had a pretty easy month. I did get PR a new location because the church we were meeting at had rented out our time/space to someone else and could not replace it. I talked to Isaac late in the month regarding revising the by-laws and, apparently, what we had decided in the last month's BOD, which was to have BOD members send in the edits by email to Isaac, did not happen. So, I think the only way around that is to appoint a brief ad-hoc to get the by-laws revised. There are not that many revisions. Isaac, would you be willing to lead the ad-hoc? That is really all I have this month. Thank you for letting me serve you!

Chair - Will A.

Hello Fellow Service Members,
During the last month we took in an additional \$16 during coffee hour

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and pizza offering. This brings our total to \$41.52. Not counting today's contributions. We will be needing to purchase more supplies to have Refreshments on hand for next month. I'm hoping to pass this service position along to somebody who's willing to coordinate, purchase, and report back to the service structure any profits. I will be bringing my recommendations to the PASC financial aid ad-hoc committee.

Also during the last month I did create a February agenda and passed the revised agenda along to the vice-chair just in case she gets elected for chair.

Communication did take place between the vice-chair and I about by law updates and a suggestion to have the archivist get those sent to the groups 4 ratification. I also did make coffee for this ASC.

In loving service,
Will A.

Activities –Molly T.

Dear Portland Area Service Committee Members,

Your Activities Committee met as schedule and conducted business in February. The first order of business was to confirm our review of the Portland Area Activities Guidelines. This was done, and our guidelines remain unchanged from last year. In addition, nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were put forth, with elections to occur in March. We will present the elected positions to Area in March, and ask for ratification of the elected chairperson, in standing with Area Guidelines.

Thank you for everyone who came out and supported bowling and the In the Middle Speaker meeting in February. We had a fund raiser for Beverly Beach on Valentine's Day that was a huge success...great speakers, and plenty of delicious baked goods! We hope to see you all at our March bowling and other March events.

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I am a little bittersweet in making this report, as my time as Chair of Activities is rapidly coming to an end. Thank you all for the opportunity to be of service in the last four years as vice chair and chair. I have learned so much and continue to be in awe of the miracle of recovery available through Narcotics Anonymous.

In Loving Service,

Molly T.

Hospitals & Institutions – Dave

The committee met on Friday, February 28th, 2020 at 6pm. Since the last meeting 769 addicts were seen, 16 commitments were missed & 2 cancelled out of a possible 78. 10 people were oriented & 10 returned to give their verbal commitment

Literature – Candace D.

Starting Balance - \$3031.62, deposited \$2625.50. A check cleared for January purchase with NAWS for \$2863.40. Bank charge for checks \$4.50. the balance right now is \$2789.22 because we are still waiting for the check from NAWS for this month for \$2731.90 and the ending balance will be \$57.32.

When placing an order online please complete the transaction by pushing the 'place order' at which time you will receive a confirmation number in an e-mail. If you don't get this email, then your order has not gone all the way through. You can bring a printed form of the number for confirmation at literature the day of Area.

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Please place orders no later than 7am on the day of Area.

Sorry we are short on paper order forms this month. We will make sure forms are stocked up next month.

Thank you for your patience with us when coming to get your literature.

*Member requested clarification on the abbreviations for the new meeting Fuck Drugs Get High on Life. It was requested they get rid of 'Fuck' and just use 'F'. They want to replace it with F@*k. If that is not acceptable, they will resort to mere initials.

Outreach – John H.- .

ASL interpreter has been hired to provide ASL to the deaf/hard of hearing community at the Saturday Night speaker meeting that meets every 4th sat at 8pm (1400 SE Ankeny St.)

-The cost is \$60. \$30 will be paid by Outreach and \$30 will be paid by the meeting. Area treasurer will send check for outreach, and the other half will be paid at the meeting by the meeting.

-We had 4 to 6 deaf/hard of hearing in attendance the first month and zero the 2nd month.

-We had a call on phonline requesting a potential member be visited in the hospital, by their friend. Outreach asked if the person in hospital wanted a visit, and the response via text stated, "Go or don't go she's there the hand of Na has reached out for help thank you". We called person and she said she was busy with visiting Grandma and to call back. We called back with no answer, so we dropped a basic text to her. We discussed addressing 12 step calls, when the person of concern is not requesting themselves.

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Overall, we felt it is something we shouldn't respond to because of potential problems.

-Open Positions: Vice Chair, Secretary, In Times of Illness coordinator, GSR orientation coordinator

Public Relations – Marybeth

The meeting met at our new location on 55th and Powell at 6pm last Thursday night. 11 people attended. All reports were brief, and everything is going smoothly in PR. All the phonline shifts are filled, for ex. I did not receive the schedule report yet, but all other reports were good. That gave us plenty of time to finish going over the by-laws. I still did not hear from Ryan A. the Webmaster regarding his by-law change suggestions, so the alternate Webmaster is going to talk to him this Saturday about that at their meeting. We have temporarily left the website by-laws the same because of that.

We are still looking for several positions- Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Webhost Alternate, and flyer Co-Ordinator. We REALLY need interest in the Webhost position, as the current Webhost is only temporary.

We had a discussion with Clackamas and Washington County about the name of the group Fuck Drugs- Get High on Life. I had contacted the group re: an objection to having their name in the schedule and a representative was supposed to be at the mtg last night. They did not attend, however. I did call a representative of the group and they were ok with changing their name to F.D. Get High on Life. The change should be in schedules next month. Also, next month we will be having 500 more schedules than we had this month. So that has been my service this month at PR. Thank you very much for letting me serve. You!

Auditor – No Report

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Roll Call-

Roll Call of Officers

8 were present

Roll Call of Subcommittees

All were present

Roll Call of Groups

46 were present

New Business

CAR (Conference Agenda Report) was discussed briefly. All GSR's should have a copy to bring to their home group and discuss their vote on each issue. These votes are to be brought back to the PASC next month so they can get reported to region. There are *individual* surveys that are to be completed by each member. Please take the time to fill these out. Those start on pg 25 and NAWS.org will also take you to the survey. John H. provided the following:

Here are informational videos to help your groups be more accurately informed when voting on World Board and Regional motions.

<http://m.na.org/?ID=wsc2020-vids>

One of the regional motions in the Conference Agenda Report is coming from Iran and due to this I've heard a lot of misconceptions. I feel this article from 2014 is very informative and inspiring about the growth of NA in Iran.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.thefix.com/content/Iran-Narcotics-Anonymous-phonemoneon-Lavitt2099%3famp>

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Group Reports

St. John's Bridge to Recovery is excited to be a new meeting. They need support and voluntary chairs. They meet on Thursday night from 7 – 8:15pm at 8550 N. St. Louis Ave., bus lines 44, 4, and 72 will get you there. Other members suggested visiting other meetings and announcing the time, place and need.

Harold St. Blues has been asked to not have 'candlelight' as part of their meeting. The venue will no longer allow them to touch the circuit breaker. Members suggested finding another venue or better yet scheduling a sit down with the administrators to explain the importance of the dim lighting for their meeting.

*F@*k Drugs Get High on Life* had a group conscience to not allow children in their meeting. This was met with a lot of disapproval by the audience however it is the right of every group to have their own conscience. After some discussion the real issue of a men's and women's treatment centers coming to the meeting and mixing while neglecting their children was disclosed. PR agreed to speak to the treatment centers staff to try to resolve this issue.

Proposal: # 20-03

Date Made: 2/29/20

Made by Marybeth N.

Seconded by Jenna G.

Proposal: That when the position of Treasurer is handed over that an audit takes place.

Intent: To clear previous Treasurer of any wrongdoing.

Discussion: none

Consensus Reached

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Proposal: # 20-04

Date Made: 2/29/20

Made by Marybeth N.

Seconded by Jenna G.

Proposal: That subcommittee and area's treasurer's report

Intent: To clear previous Treasurer of any wrongdoing.

Consensus Reached

- Please note, this will cause a by-law change.

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Consensus to close, Meeting Adjourned at 5:05pm

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Theresa D.