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**Portland Area Service Committee  
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous  
5535 SE Rhone St.  
Portland, Oregon 97206  
April 11, 2020**

Special Emergency PASC due to Covid-19

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**

*Marybeth* shared that within 3 months of getting sober she became a GSR and it taught her who she is, it's a big family and helps her deal with the world.

*Theresa* shared that after serving 10yrs in prison she got out and hit the ground running, getting involved with the program. Service has kept her clean and she LOVES it!

*Lyn* shared that she is a representative for ‘Late Night’ and feels very blessed to have service positions, she came from a life built on quicksand to a life of beauty.

*Issac* shared that service quickens his spirit and he feels amazing to be a part of something bigger.

**New GSR/Alt. GSR and New Group Recognition:**

NONE AT THIS TIME

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

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### **Announcements:**

Mitch – has attended meetings in other countries like Dublin, Ireland – experiencing the ‘Worldwide Fellowship’, encourages others to take advantage of the internet meetings.

Todd – sent out links to a virtual meetings road trip, if you do not have it message me.

Autumn – ‘Rising from the Flames’ has been cancelled for 2020 any pre-purchase tickets will be refunded.

John – There will be a ‘Learning Days’ Ad-Hoc on Zoom, 1pm next Sunday.

Aric- stepping down from the RCM position.

### **Amendments to last month’s minutes: NONE**

Member read 4<sup>th</sup> Concept

### **Grievances** – NONE

### **Old Business**

Nominations for: Alt. Secretary – None

Vice Chair – Issac (declined)

John (declined)

Alt. RCM – Autumn (accepted)

There were not enough people to vote and it was decided to push voting to our regularly scheduled PASC. Although if there is continued low attendance, we should discuss a new definition of quorum.

Financial Ad-Hoc - Janet talked to OnPoint bank about switching over she is still doing research. This has been put on hold.

## **Communications Ad-Hoc – John**

### **Communications Adhoc (COVID19 response) April 8th**

- In attendance on April 8th: Myk (Webhost), Janet (Treasurer), Candace (Literature), Mary Beth (Vice Chair), Todd (Learning Days Chair), Deric (GSR), Will (Chair) and John (Outreach and Communications chair)
- We met to discuss how we can improve communication unity in the fellowship and to work better together to not duplicate efforts.
- John, the Outreach Chair, and Myk, the Webhost, will be the two contacts to get virtual meeting updates on the website and spreadsheet schedule. Groups need to email [outreach@portlandna.org](mailto:outreach@portlandna.org) and [myk@portlandna.org](mailto:myk@portlandna.org) with the following info:
  - Meeting Name
  - Meeting Day/Time
  - Meeting type (i.e. Women's/men's, Literature, open, etc.)
  - Webhost Secretary name
  - Webhost Phone number
  - Webhost email
- Emails are being set up for the Area Board of directors, which includes the board and the subcommittees. The emails will be the name of the position/subcommittee with @portlandna.org (e.g. [outreach@portlandna.org](mailto:outreach@portlandna.org))
- Literature is discontinuing literature sales to groups indefinitely. If you need literature order it from <https://cart-us.na.org/> . There may be a system set to get literature to members that really need literature, but don't have money, but will be very limited.
- We talked about developing a blog/newsletter
- Communications with GSR's seems to be ineffective, especially during the pandemic. We tried to brainstorm, to help improve. We will ask GSR's what ways of communication is preferred. One idea was to set up a mass text system.
- GSR orientation should include guidance for GSR's on how to communicate info to their group in the most efficient and engaging manner.
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- We talked about using options with Facebook group. We talked about making the group closed and visible, rather than secret. This would allow people to search the group, but not see what is being posted. This would be an activities subcommittee decision though because the group was formed and maintained there.
- Another Social media option would be to start a Portland Area Facebook page that would function similarly to the website that would be public.

### **RCM Report- Aric M**

No Report

### **Archivist— Isaac R.**

I sent out the revised by-laws. The Co-Auditor will be emailing suggested edits, please get me your suggestions. I will make the corrections and send them to the BOD to review. Then they will go out to groups.

### **Treasurer— Janet H. —**

Please put the names of your group in the comment line if you donate to Area through pay-pal.

### **Secretary —Theresa D.**

Please keep me notified of updated contact information via email, if you are not receiving the minutes 10 days after Area please let me know. If you have a written report, you would like sent out with the minutes please email it to me. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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**Vice Chair- Marybeth N.**

The last two weeks have been all about Zoom and getting meetings registered on Zoom that cannot afford their own account and working with the Webmaster to get those meetings and all meetings onto the website and the Activities page.

We desperately need some new Zoom accts. and I have a proposal for that.

I attended the BOD where we were discussing a way to get books into newcomers' hands.

I attended the Communications Committee where we are trying not to duplicate efforts and we want to be as efficient as possible getting information out to the groups.

**Chair - Will A.—**

Hello fellow service members. During the last two weeks I did attend 4 service meetings which included the Communications Ad-Hoc, where some of us believe is super important as communications needs to take place within our area, the PR Subcommittee meeting where I made a formal request to add links to region on thier website per their own guidelines. I also had additional conversation with John H. about scheduling requests and Social Media interactions. Obviously, the Vice Chair and I have been working closely with the fellowship group support and ASC interaction in this distant atmosphere. I will present the BOD minutes as required in the BOD section of today's agenda. Next ASC is scheduled for the last Saturday @2pmj (virtual). Please announce in other groups that we are here to support them and help to serve our local area. New GSR's can email Area officers through the website now. Thanks for all those folks that are doing virtual service.

Wil A.

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**Activities –McRae**

No Report

**Hospitals & Institutions – Tommy C.**

No Report.

**Literature – Candace D.**

Oral report given.

**PACNA –Doug B.**

Everything is on hold til further notice.

**Public Relations – Marybeth**

The clean time requirement to be on the PR committee has been waived. We welcome all newcomers with any amount of clean time!

We were going to talk about a separate social media page for Portland Area, but attendance was low, so we postponed that discussion.

**Outreach – John H.**

No Report. .

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**Auditor - Annie**

No Report

**Roll Call-**

Roll Call of Officers

6 were present

Roll Call of Subcommittees

4 were present

Roll Call of Groups

14 were present

**Group Reports:**

Deric had a question about the Q Center still including meetings on their website even though they are not physically meeting there. It was agreed that it was ok especially since they are a service to the LGBTQ community.

**New Business**

**CAR – Aric**

Last Area RCM requested votes and has not received very many. Although the dates have been pushed back, he needs the votes by the 24<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise he will just submit what has been turned in.

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**Proposal: # 20-09**

**Date Made: 4/11/2020**

**Made by Marybeth**

**Seconded by Theresa**

**Proposal: Add 2 Zoom accounts from Region it would cost \$20 until June**

**Intent: To accommodate meetings that cannot afford Zoom and to avoid overlapping times.**

**Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion about the necessity of 2 more accounts however a**

**Consensus was Reached**

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### **Open Forum-**

An idea to create a mass text instead of emails to communicate with GSR's.  
Tabled for a later date.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> there will be zoom training.

Consensus to close, Meeting Adjourned at 5:18pm

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