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**Portland Area Service Committee
Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous
ZOOM
Portland, Oregon
August 31, 2021**

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 Basic Text Introduction XV1
Member read “Just for Today” Mantra

New GSR/Alt. GSR and New Group Recognition:

URS Late Night Zoom	Deborah H.	GSR
Anyone and Everyone	Peter G.	GSR
Victory	Andrew P.	GSR
Thursday Night Fireside	Elishama M.	GSR
What It Is	Connor	Alt. GSR

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

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Announcements:

‘Burnside Blues’ is having a speaker meeting on Sept.12th from 6-8pm.

‘Thursday Night Fireside’ meets Thursdays at 7pm (300 SE 129th)

If your group donates to Area, please note the meeting name.

Next ‘Activities’ subcommittee meeting is on September 13th. On October 31st Activities is hosting a Trunk or Treat.

Amendments to last month’s minutes:

Accepted

Member read 12 concepts of service.

10th Concept Grievance – NONE

REPORTS:

RCM - Toni B.

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Archivist— Anthony

No Report

Treasurer— Janet H. —

There was \$460 in donations this month. Literature and Activities transferred to OnPoint.

Thank you

Secretary —Theresa D.

First off, thank you so much for allowing me to be of service. If you are a new GSR please email your contact information to secretary@portlandna.org. If you are giving a report, please email me a copy.

I appreciate this opportunity to serve.

Chair — MaryBeth N.

Hello fellow members and trusted servants! This month was a pretty laid-back month for me. I helped monitor the re-opening of Literature by putting in a few sample Literature orders but the Committee and Myk, our web servant, handled everything very well.

I attended a business meeting for In Times of Need on the Waterfront to give them a few pointers and some guidance in running that meeting, but, once again, we have capable trusted servants there and I was really grateful they have done so much work getting organized this summer. I'm feeling they may have to be prepared to move because of the weather soon, but that has been a great meeting while the weather is good.

I was following up with Myk about getting public meetings posted on the website. I'm sure that's in the PR Report.

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I went to OnPoint with the Literature Committee to get their account opened and their signers appointed properly. We are still waiting to do the same thing with PACNA, but the schedule there is more difficult. Janet has had serious foot surgery and I may have to take PACNA to OnPoint as well.

I just want you to know that I've asked Michelle, as Vice Chair, to attend two subcommittee meetings a month as part of her position, so don't get freaked out if she attends your subcommittee. She is learning how this Area works and, by position description, is the liaison for the subcommittees, so that is why she is there.

This is a reminder to be respectful of each other, especially as it pertains to opinions about the Coronavirus. Just the concept of wearing masks can be very divisive, so remember we are all different. The only requirement to be here is a desire to stop using. We are a 501C3 Corporation, however, and, as such, follow the governor's guidelines in these matters. Thank you for letting me serve. I enjoy my position a lot, even though it has been easy peasy this month, but that's because all of you do such a great job!!

Vice Chair- Michelle W.

Hello, my name is Michelle your Vice-Chair addict:

Good afternoon All! I want to explain a little on why my reports are a little long every Portland Area Service Committee (PASC).

PER PASC BY-LAWS, section 6.01 Executive Committee letter B; (not all content)

Vice-Chair: The vice-chair is responsible for coordinating the PASC subcommittees and will serve as the subcommittee chair in the event of a vacancy, until a new subcommittee chair can be elected. The vice-chair will submit a monthly written report to the PASC. The vice-chair shall conduct the PASC and BOD meeting in absence of PASC chair.

Which falls in line with A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous:

PER THE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE; Page 48 (2002 version) (not all content)

Vice chairperson: The primary responsibility of the area committee vice chairperson is the coordination of the area subcommittees. The area vice chair keeps in regular touch with chairpersons of each subcommittee to stay informed of their projects, and problems, attending subcommittee meetings whenever possible. If disputes arise within a subcommittee or between subcommittees', the ASC vice chair helps find solutions to them.

So, when I am attending all PASC subcommittee meetings I am just doing what my position entails. And I love it; getting to know all the folks who participate in all the different subcommittees, how each subcommittee operates and what they each are about I genuinely enjoy! It is a learning experience. And service work is my passion in my recovery and life!

I did attend a few subcommittees' meetings and events that I believe are important to relay to all PASC.

Activities: this committee meets on August 9th @ 2pm on zoom, the second Saturday of each month. I really enjoy attending this committee because all the members give such great constructive feedback and positive affirmations to all the members and so welcoming to new folks!

Beverly Beach went fantastic even with last minute changes the parks and recreation made upon the event. There was an Auction; lots of old and new merchandised sold. The scavenger hunt was a huge success. Lots of folks came up and told me how much fun it was! Last year I drug a new member to this campout and this year her son found the hidden gnome!!

Literature Sales Day I and a new member to the team came and helped the committee. It was fun! We got the whole run down on how literature operates, and they put us to work! I was so impressed with how organized and that social distancing was really thought out! Way to Go Literature Committee!!

Communications Adhoc: I did not attend this adhoc and did want to mention it. The adhoc meets the Wednesday before PASC @ 6pm on zoom.

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PR/Outreach: this committee meets Thursday before PASC every month @ 6pm on zoom. This committee does have lots of open service positions available. The new chair did a great job. *posts and emails coming soon on open positions*

Literature: meets the Friday before PASC @ 4pm on zoom. There were lots of thought out discussion on literature and sales. Do not forget last day to order Group Literature is midnight on September 17th and need to wait for confirmation in order process. Pick up Literature Saturday 19th between 11am-2pm.

H&I: committee meets Friday before PASC @ 6pm on zoom. This committee is on keeping in contact with facilities on when opening, having zoom meetings and general communication. Some facilities are having zoom meetings. Awesome!

WOW! I am all done!

And most of all thanks for allowing me to be of service!

Activities –MacRae

Thanks for allowing me to be of service

NO - 1st time visitors, No 2nd time visitors.

Established Quorum.

In the Middle Speaker Meeting – happened after the activities meeting. Jenny is submitting a written report. MacRae spoke to her today 9/4.

Picnic in the Park – canceled for this year due to pandemic.

Zoom Events – no event this month.

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Beverly Beach – happening on August 7th through 9th. Beverly Beach made a profit, but the final report has not yet been given to activities. We

know that the campout was a success. Everyone had fun and the scavenger hunt was especially fun!

UITS – signed contract for location! July 24th, 2021 @ the Oregon Convention Center Plaza. Unity in the Streets is having a fundraiser on Halloween. A trunk or treat.

Fort Stevens – camp out was a success! They made a \$478.00 profit.

Paint Ball – canceled for this year due to pandemic and \$480 deposit will be a credit for next year.

4th of July – canceled for this year due to pandemic.

End of the Year – Adhoc will happen in August.

Bowling – we need a coordinator, but event does not happen until September or October, and not sure if it will happen due to Covid.

Hospitals & Institutions – Dave E.

Oral report given.

Literature – Candace D.

Attended Literature business meeting: Candace, Maggi, Myk, and Michelle (Vice Chair of Area)

- Had our business meeting this past Friday 8/28/20 at 4pm. Meeting went well, discussed bank account and literature procedures for picking it up on Saturday Sept. 19th.

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- Changed bank accounts from US Bank to On Point Credit Union. Treasurer and Chair are signers on the bank account.
 - Sales for literature on 8/15/20 were \$243.30. The bank balance was \$181.57 before sales so the total is \$424.87.
 - Transferred \$395.00 to On Point checking account and \$5.00 to savings account.
 - Kept \$24.87 in our US Bank account that will be transferred to On Point later.
- ***LITERATURE IS NOW OPEN ON THE NA WEBSITE***
 - If you want to order literature, please go to Portlandna.org where you can access the store to purchase literature. You can also use this URL address: store.portlandna.com/guide and it takes you directly to the procedure page for the store to purchase literature.
 - Anyone can order literature at any time from now until midnight on Thursday Sept. 17th. Please make sure you print your conformation # page from your order so if there are any difficulties you have the info for us to still be able to fill your order. *****We will not be doing any paper orders at this time.**
 - Please have check, money order, or exact change in a sealed envelope with your groups name on it.
 - Literature committee will be filling orders the evening of Friday Sept. 18th.
 - Literature will be open on Saturday September 19th form 11-3pm to pick up the online orders. Pick up literature at the same church that Portland NA's area is at:
5535 SE Rhone St. Portland, OR 97206.
- A reminder that it doesn't have to be just the GSR's that order literature. Individuals can order books, key tags, or coins.... etc. if they want to as well. Just make sure you fill out the contact information and include your name so we know who the order will be going to.
- If anyone is looking to be of service or is interested to be on the literature committee our business meetings are on Zoom on the last Friday of the month (the day before area) at 4pm. The next meeting will be on Sept. 25th.

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I want to thank our Vice Chair of Area- Michelle and Crystal for coming to literature sales on August 15th and helping with organizing and counting inventory so we could be prepared for upcoming literature sales. Thank you so much, we appreciate your help and enjoyed you taking the time and being there with us. I also want to thank everyone for having the patients and understanding while we were and continue to figure out the ordering and picking up procedures for literature so we can make the experience safe for everyone involved during this difficult time with Covid-19.

Public Relations – Wil A.

Meeting opened at 6pm with the 3rd step prayer.

Phoneline Coordinator - Shelly
reported we were double charged last month due to 1 person calling over 70 times. There are open shifts, and a contact for literature would be helpful. It was suggested a representative from the phone line attend the communications ad-hoc.

Mailing Coordinator - Theresa
reported she has no real idea what she is doing. She was set up with a contact to help . Will report back next month.

Service Experience

MaryBeth said she came to PR as Chair and became fascinated with how much service it entails, there is alot of discussion about the traditions and concepts and believes it is the meat and potatoes of NA. She never really realized the scope of it til she started coming. She has thoroughly enjoyed it.

Toni said she likes this commitment. There is alot to it, it's very interesting and she is happy to be here.

Behind the Walls Coordinator- Michelle

It's pretty slow going, having a hard time finding men to write.

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Web Team - Myk

he's had a lot going on with work and has almost completely dropped the ball but the literature store has gone up and is running, the meeting schedule is the next big project.

Schedule Coordinator - Toni

States that only half of all meetings have re-registered. It was suggested that a printed version of the meeting schedule on Zoom be created for people in treatment.

Chair – Wil A.

Chair shared that NA inf is in 'Street Roots'. but not under 'recovery services', this might be something to look at in the future.

Outreach - John

Been coordinating with 'In Times of Need' for ASL interpreter. The cost is \$130 a month for committee since the meeting will cover the other \$130.

New Business

Chair talked to lawyer about the too generic statement on the website...

Sean doesn't want secretary position so that is open

Outreach – John H.- .

No Report

Behind the Walls Sponsorship- Michelle W.

Hello I am your Behind the Walls Sponsorship Coordinator,

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I did receive 3 letters from Janet the end of last month: 1 return writer, 1 returned letter and 1 new letter.

I need more men that would be willing to write men. I know these are hard times BUT not as hard as sitting in a cell most of the time with no meetings or any activities! It takes just a few minutes to write about the passion we have in our recovery or recovery in general!

So if you are interest please feel free to contact me at: behind-the-walls@portlandna.org

Thanks for allowing me to be of service!

PACNA – Doug B.

Not Present

Auditor – Jordan

No Report

Communication Ad-Hoc – Molly T.

Your Communications Ad Hoc met as scheduled in August. BOD members represented included, Activities, RCM, PR, Chair and Literature. We received an update on progress on the website. The great news is that Literature is up and running, and that Myk has volunteers to assist him with website. The Literature store had three orders, which were filled safely with no issues. Please encourage GSRs to go to the website and get familiar with the new system because it does have different due dates for orders. The website now has a meeting patch so

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addicts can link more readily with Area and Area subcommittee meetings. The next focus will be updating which meetings are live. Literature (Candace) will share with Area more about the new system for ordering literature. Activities is working with PR about getting event flyers to them, so they know what is going on for addicts to attend. We discussed the tradition of attraction not promotion and being sure that the Tx centers are asking for this information. PR did discuss this in their meeting, and the IP "Intro to NA" is also being sent to the Tx centers. We further discussed how to increase BOD attendance to the Communications Ad Hoc, so that all can benefit from increased collaboration between your subcommittees. We decided personal reach outs were in order and hope this person to person contact will mean that the entire BOD is at our next Communications Ad Hoc Meeting, the first Wednesday before Area in September.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Loving Service.

Molly T

Group Reports

- 'Victory' GSR Andrew P. introduced himself and is happy to be here.
- 'Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables' needs support. They have moved to As Is Church on 68th and Holgate meeting is on Thursdays at 7pm. Childcare is available, social distancing is practiced.
- 'Guiding Principles' is permanently online.
- 'Weekend Warriors' meets at Rockwood Park, Saturday and Sunday at Noon.
- 'In the Middle Speaker Meeting met in Lentz Park had about 50 attendees and requests that more representatives from sub-committees be present.
- Area is here to support the groups and will adapt to their needs whether it is online, in person, or both (Hybrid).

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Although the PR and Literature guidelines were sent last month, for the groups to ratify, they are being sent out again because there seemed to be question and concern if the GSR's brought them back to their groups.

There was a discussion about the GSR responsibilities and if they are aware of them. The secretary will, from now, on be posting a 'to do' list in the email when sending out the minutes.

The Chair pointed out that all subcommittees must adhere to old guidelines until the new one's are accepted

Roll Call-

Roll Call of Officers

9 were present

Roll Call of Subcommittees

5 were present

Roll Call of Groups

16 were present

Old Business

H&I and Outreach please get with Myk about your websites.

Register your meeting!!

New Business

None

Open Forum-

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Motion to Close

Consensus to close, Meeting Adjourned at 3pm
Thank you for letting me be of service,
Theresa D.