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Portland Area Service Committee Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous ZOOM Portland, Oregon September 26, 2020

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.
The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
Member read Service Prayer
Member read “Just for Today” Mantra

New GSR/Alt. GSR and New Group Recognition:

Russel	New Journey	Alt. GSR
Kat	Back to Basics	GSR
Jesika	Walk your Talk	GSR
Stephanie	Women of Wisdom	GSR

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

Announcements:

- Chair stated that the schedule, on the website, will be updated once a week, if you need to make a change for your group, please email schedules@portlandna.org.

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We appreciate your patience as the website is in a transition and there might be a slight delay.

- Activities is holding a Trunk or Treat event at the Rockwood Clinic parking lot, located at 2020 SE 82nd. It will start at 6pm and there will be a speaker meeting. Covid Compliant.

- *We will have Area on Halloween.*

Last Month's Minutes

Change was recorded to last month's minutes according to discussion.

Member read the Twelve Concepts of Service

10th Concept Grievances – NONE

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REPORTS

RCM- Toni

I will be attending Region that is being held the weekend of October 24th.

Archivist— Anthony Q.

No Report

Secretary –Theresa D.

I am grateful to be of service. Thank you for the insight given to me today. If you are a new GSR please email your contact information to secretary@portlandna.org, or any updates. I would also like to invite any nominees for my alternate. Our last one had to step down and I am eager to help someone else learn this gratifying position. If you are giving a report, please email me a copy so it will reflect what you want recorded. Have a great next month, I look forward to seeing you all.

Vice-Chair- Michelle W.

Not present. No report.

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Chair – MaryBeth N.

This last month I was pretty busy. I went online and organized all of the Minutes Archives so that they are easy to find by month, year and name of document. I signed checks with Janet.

I spoke to World about combining the PR and Outreach Subcommittees and was told that, when attendance on a subcommittee is low, that is very appropriate to do. They did, however, say that in the past, Outreach has combined with H and I that they know of- so there's no real precedence for combining PR and Outreach, but that there is really no barrier to doing that if we wanted to in this Area.

I re-organized the In-Person Meeting list for the website by day and time, so that it is easier to read. I think that might be updated this week or next by Myk, our web-servant.

I helped park meetings schedule on Zoom during the fire.

I verified with Liliana that the Portland CARR vote was submitted, although it was submitted too late to be in the discussion of the final vote. It was technically submitted.

I did some tasks as outgoing PR Chair- I helped Shelley update the handbook for the phoneline, verifying the referral numbers in the handbook and talked to Theresa and Maggi about making some meaningful changes to how we do the mailings, such as adding IP's and an Excel Spreadsheet meeting schedule to the mailings. I've contacted Clackamas Area and Washington Area to get their meeting schedules so Shelley and the phoneline have access to those meetings.

I also attended the Communications Committee Meeting and I 'm just amazed at all the work we are getting done there! I attended PR with Will as the new temporary Chair and am so grateful for him! I attended Literature as well and they are doing an amazing job! Thank you, all subcommittee members,!

I also wanted to touch base with all of you regarding your importance here at Area. Remember, we are an upside-down corporation. What that means is that no one is looking for my vote or my opinion on anything. All of the voting falls to you as group representatives, because you are at the top of the corporation. As a result, you represent ANY group that is not here as well. Our only mission is to get

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the message to the addict, so when we give reports as part of our positions, in Report to Groups, e.g., I am trying to make that section very efficient and not too time-consuming. That is why we will not be taking questions there. This makes Area business very, very dry and, although buying pizza is a way to make it more fun, we cannot do that on Zoom. So, I am vowing to be as efficient as possible and to be expansive when we get to the Group Reports, New Business and Open Forum, where we really hear what the groups need us to do for them to get the message out. We are here to serve you and are here with your permission. We also talk about what the groups can do to support each other, what works, and what doesn't work. I am open to ANY suggestions to make our Area meeting better for you, but I feel like, if I can get us out on time or early, I have done my job. That means I'm going to be very business-like and not yuk it up with each of you. I do, however value each of you as a person, a trusted servant, and a human being and I just love you all! I really appreciate you all being here! Unfortunately, or not, this is a reflection of how corporate America works, and that's why there is lots of amazing food and drinks at board meetings around the world. So, this is your practice for that world, and I hope we can help you prepare for that. Thank you for your attendance. Your opinion here and voice here is the most important thing we can do today.

Thank you for letting me serve. I'm honored.

Treasurer – Janet

Not present. No report.

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Activities –MacRae

Thanks for allowing me to be of service

4 - 1st time visitors, No 2nd time visitors.

Established Quorum of 8.

In the Middle Speaker Meeting – is happening on Saturday, October 10th. Michelle W is the speaker. The ad hoc is meeting tomorrow to discuss bringing the meeting back to Bridges of Change now that they are officially open.

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

Zoom Events – we are having a Gratitude Harvest marathon meeting from 10 am to 11 pm on 11/26/2020. New speaker and tradition at the start of every hour.

Beverly Beach – closed out with a profit of \$1,991.09. Becky is our coordinator for 2021 and will be assisted by Dani.

UITS - Unity in the Streets is having a fundraiser on Halloween. A trunk or treat. Saturday October 31st starting at 6 pm. Speakers are Quory P and Lindsey B. Rockwood Clinic Parking lot – 2020 SE 182nd.

Fort Stevens – Nyree is our coordinator for 2021!

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 – The group decided to cancel any in person dance due to COVID. We are doing an 80's prom dance and speaker meeting via Zoom. More details TBD.

Bowling – no bowling due to COVID

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Treasurer: motion to pay area \$200 towards printing – passed! Heather W. is going to start training for the position.

Hospitals & Institutions – Dave E.

Hello, the Hospitals and Institutions subcommittee met via Zoom conference call at 6pm on Friday September 25, 2020. Of 7 virtual/remote commitments, 1 was missed, 0 cancelled for a total of 47 addicts seen at both Hooper Detox and Lifeworks. 12 addicts attended the meeting. A new virtual commitment for H&I presentation is in the works at NARA residential treatment center via Zoom. And we would like to remind those who know and put the word out to H&I members who are unaware that we are alive and well and will meet via Zoom the last Friday of October @6pm. We intend to conduct signups for virtual commitments at our next meeting. Details for the Zoom H&I subcommittee meetings can be found on the landing page at:

[Http://Www.Portlandna.com/](http://Www.Portlandna.com/)

Thank you,
Dave

PACNA –Doug B.

Not present. On hold due to pandemic.

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Public Relations – Wil A.

Your Public Relations subcommittee met on the Thursday before the area as scheduled. PR mailings were discussed. In question was the topic of whether a schedule should be created and sent to the current addresses on file. The conscience was to wait until a more complete version of the schedules within person meetings has been created. The goal of prior to next month's meeting was set). We also set a goal of including the surrounding areas in the schedule.

A report from the website was received. Apparently, there's been an issue regarding the change from one server to the other. Thanks for your patience!

Old business was read and accepted.

Outreach did bring up the topic of adding to the website a description and purpose of this service body. They also need a Vice chair, Secretary, and in Times of illness coordinator. This service body also needs a vice-chair, secretary, and in times of illness coordinator. Also, a likely commitment of finances re: an ASL interpreter and a mutual relationship with the MTG "In times of need" that meets Mondays @7pm.

The street roots publication was discussed once again. A member did volunteer to contact the street Roots organization and inquire about in NA's addition in the resource section. This topic will be brought up in next month-old business.

Yours and service, Will A.

Flyer Coordinator for Activities – Jenny

I am sending activity flyers to PR as a part of their distributing service work.

Communications Ad-Hoc- Molly T.

Greetings Fellow Addicts in Service,

Your PASC Communications Ad Hoc met one time, as scheduled, since last Area Service meeting. The following BOD members and committees were represented: Activities, Literature, website, Outreach, PR, Chair and Treasurer. Please encourage all BOD members and subcommittee chairs to attend this meeting in October. There is a lot of good stuff happening!!!

The webhost reported that we are switching from GoDaddy to AZ for our server in order to have improved interface ability and be easier to edit by webhost and volunteers. With this, all old emails ending with portlandna.com will no longer work. If your position includes an email, please be sure you have switched over to the new email that ends with portlandna.org. There was discussion about linking a new NA meeting right on our website. This is a "History of NA" Speaker Meeting, and we agreed that it could benefit our members to have access to that. Finally, Activities was asked to provide a list of ad hoc and events and flyers for inclusion on the website. Literature doubled its orders from the previous month! WooHoo! Easy links to due dates and information are right on the webpage, and readily accessible to GSRs. Also, with everything being digital, a new system is going to be worked out in relation to how to communicate between Literature and Area Treasurer regarding payment for the new meeting packet that we provide. Outreach is getting together with the webhost to update their section of the new and improved website. PR has found an interim chair to bring us up to the next elections, thank you! In the last month, in order to improve clear communication, the PR Subcommittee was able to update the phone line handbook, updated the in person meeting list, spoken to world about combining Outreach and PR, which is fine. Updated mailing to treatment centers to include IPs and event info and flyers. The Activities Committee is in communication with PR and the webhost, and it is going well.

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We reviewed who is going to reach out to BOD and subcommittee members and invite them to participate in this meeting in October. Finally, there was discussion about how to make sure this wonderful level of communication continues once this ad hoc dissolves. More will be revealed....

Yours in Loving Service,

Molly T

Auditor – Jordan V.

Not present. No report.

Literature – Candace D.

This month's beginning checking account balance was \$424.87. We deposited \$469.90 from literature sales on 9/19/2020. We also had a \$2.00 fee from the bank making the bank balance total \$892.77. We did not make a literature purchase this month because we purchased a big order right before the pandemic.

We had our literature pick up day for this month at the church on 5535 SE Rhone St. Church. On 9/19/2020. We had 6 orders and one of them was a new meeting and they received a starter kit that literature put together and area paid for. We took NEW GROUP STARTER KITS off the website because people were ordering them not knowing that they could get one from area after they give their information to the treasurer and would receive a free starter kit. Since Covid-19 it has been hard to figure out what steps to take to get a starter kit form for a new group meeting to literature and also make sure that treasurer signs the form sends form to literature and literature fills it out and then treasurer sends us a check for the cost of the starter kit and then literature chair has to send it to the

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ordering email (orders@portlandna.org please don't send anything to this email, it was created for orders so we could have a direct link from ordering online, if you have questions please e-mail us at literature@portlandna.org- all the literature orders go directly to this email from the ordering website at the literature store on the portlandna.org website.

After collaborating about the NEW GROUP STARTER KITS in the communications meeting, literature meeting, and what was discussed at PASC meeting PASC members decided to change the procedure. If there is a NEW GROUP MEETING, they are going to contact Toni B with schedules at schedules@portlandna.org. She will fill out the form and send it to literature, the area treasurer, and our ordering email, and then the treasurer will transfer money from the area account to literature account for \$35.75 for each NEW GROUP STARTER KITS.

The price of the NEW GROUP STARTER KITS has needed to be change for some time due to prices going up with NAWS. So, we voted at area and changed the price on the form from \$35.30 to \$35.75. Sending a copy of the GRTUUP STARTER KITS FORM with my report so everyone has an idea with what comes in the kit.

REMEMBER: GSR's or anyone else that puts a literature order in at the store found on the portlandna.org website. Please put orders in from now until midnight on Thursday Oct. 22nd. We will be filling orders the evening of Friday Oct. 23rd and you can pick them up at the same church we had area at 5535 SE Rhone St. on Saturday Oct. 24th from 11-3pm. I want to remind you we will not be filling any orders after midnight on Oct. 22nd. So, if you put in an order after that we will keep that order to fill the next month.

I know that most business meetings are the same week as area. So I know we won't receive many orders until after the PASC meeting. Now that we have been open for a few months now people are getting familiar with the times and adjusting to days when you can order(after business meeting or PASC meeting) and what days they can pick them up. Most of the months it is about 3 weeks after the last PASC meeting (pick up is the Saturday before area).

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Made corrections to guidelines that were talked about at area and I'm sending them (the old by-laws- 3 separate pages and PALSC guidelines with changes highlighted) with my report so the GSR's can go over them again with their group during their business meetings.

I want to thank everyone for all their patience and participation with literature during all the difficult changes that have been made due to Covid-19.

Armageddon Addicts asks for clarification regarding 'new group starter kit'. Any new NA meeting can email schedules@portlandna.org with their groups information and the PASC will provide a starter kit with assorted NA stuff. If you are having technical difficulties please email myk@portlandna.org. Remember – ask for help!!! You are Welcome, Wanted and Needed!

Outreach – John H.

Wil A. gave report - This committee needs bodies, if you or someone you know wants to be of service please attend this business meeting. The committee has helped pay for an ASL interpreter for 'In Times of Need'.

Roll Call-

Roll Call of Officers

5 were present

Roll Call of Subcommittees

4 were present

Roll Call of Groups

15 were present

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Group Reports

‘Love and Joy’ inquired about being updated in the schedule and was assured that has happened. The website has some delays, so we thank you for your patience.

‘Victory’ GSR – appreciated bullet list and is very honored, grateful, and humbled to be of service. The meeting has a lot of birthday meetings and was concerned about welcoming newcomers amidst the celebrations. Some suggestions made were pick a topic, our diversity is our strength, form group conscience around issue, approach newcomer after meeting to welcome them and maybe set aside 1 day a month for all birthdays.

‘Armageddon Addicts’ needs a building to move into, they meet on Saturday and Sunday at 3:30pm in Ventura Park. Please contact Josh 503-728-8661 if you have any leads on an inside venue. I am happy to report that they have found a spot at the URS Club. Congratulations!

Old Business

There was very positive feedback on the ‘to-do’ list that was sent out with the minutes. The secretary will continue to provide bullet points to bring back to groups.

There was a discussion about the *Literature Guidelines*. A clarification about the clean time requirement to be of service or a become a member was questioned. The Literature Chair will be revamping again. The old and new guidelines will be attached with changes highlighted.

A precedent for highlighting changes was established.

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The *PR Guidelines* were accepted.

A question about the voting process was brought up. Since Zoom it has become more casual but if an issue arises a poll will be taken as a formality.

New Business

Alt, Secretary position is open!!!! If interested, please contact the any officer. This is an imperative position for our legalities. Please announce in your groups and nominate someone today!

Should we include a button on the website for the World and Regional workshops?
YES!!!!

The meeting schedule on our website is being constantly updated and improved. There is a search box at the top for faster results on what you are looking for.

The Facebook page might need to be discussed to become more user friendly.

Any problems please contact schedules@portlandna.org.

Consensus to close, Meeting Adjourned at 4:28pm

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Theresa D.

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