



PORTLAND DEAF ACCESS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible

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Further outcomes from 2010 International Convention Of AA

Our chairperson Sophia P was on a panel of deaf alcoholics at the international conference. This helped her connect with the other deaf people present. They have communicated a lot since then. One result is that an International AA conference for deaf people is in early planning stages. If you have any expertise in planning conferences, please contact them at our email address.

Another outcome is that people from other parts of the country have contacted PDAC for information about how to start and operate a similar group in their own areas. It seems that even though what we offer here, though limited, is more than is available to deaf people practically anywhere else in the country

Progress in revising BIG Book Video

During quarter 2 of 2010 some people met to view and comment on the ASL version of the Big Book. In summary, people found the video at worst unintelligible, and at best, an obstacle to absorbing the AA program. Next steps were to consolidate the videotaped comments people made, and to make an example of a video that would be more helpful. The Twelve Steps from How it Works were chosen for the example. A draft of the video is now complete and should be forwarded to GSO by April.

Contact information wanted

PDAC has an email group for people who want to be kept informed of our activities. We send out announcements of events of events connecting deaf and hearing people and our newsletter. To join send an email to our email account with PDAC friends Listserv, as the subject.

If you are the contact person between your group and PDAC, we would really like all your contact information, including address and phone number.

Income and Expenses 10/10 -12/10

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| A Vision for You | \$30.00 |
| Women In Recovery | \$57.19 |
| Night Owls | \$25.00 |
| JAM | \$90.00 |
| Individual Contributions | \$10.00 |
| Women's Journey in Recovery | \$45.00 |
| PGE Noon | \$198.00 |
| Eastside Sunrise | \$80.00 |
| Action Participation - LO | \$47.98 |
| FYNP Speaker Meeting | \$225.81 |
| Total Income | \$988.89 |

Expenses

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Interpreters 56.5 hrs | \$2521.80 |
| License and postal box | \$83.65 |
| Total expenses | \$2605.45 |
| Cash flow | \$(1616.56) |

Cash balance on 01/03/11 \$586.38

Cash flow for 2010 \$(2023.90)

If your donation isn't listed correctly, let us know at pdxaccess@gmail.com

Interpreters were provided for:

Lake Oswego Action Participation
Big Book Study Group-Lake Oswego
Friday Night Young People
PDAC Business Meeting

Because of the poor cash flow, interpreters were dropped from Young People's diversity and Wednesday Night Lesbian Meeting.

Downturn in Donations?

The decrease in donations in the last quarter has been striking. Quarterly totals are normally around \$2000. In the fourth quarter of this year they dropped below \$1000. Our records show that five groups who have regularly supported us have not done so. Is this a function of the bad economy, changes in the groups, or something else? Please let us know via email at pdxaccess@gmail.com.

Speaker Meetings to restart

PDAC is looking for a location where we can start to schedule speaker meetings again. The space needs to be pretty centrally located, have parking and handicapped access, allow food to be served, and accommodate 30-40 people. Once we've found such a space, we will set up the meetings in a format similar to the one we previously used: monthly meetings with one deaf and one hearing speaker, interpreters for both, and refreshments served afterward. If you have a suggestion of such a space, please contact us via email.

Service Opportunities at PDAC

Some roles you could fill as a volunteer:
Liaison between a meeting and PDAC
Distribute newsletters
Distribute posters for events
Help with event set up and clean up
Provide refreshments for an event
Recruit potential sponsors for deaf people
Sponsor a deaf person
Sponsor events where people learn basic signs
Coordinate rides to PDAC events
Coordinate a project
Talk with AA groups about donating to PDAC
Develop fund raising ideas
Keep in touch with our donors

PDAC Contact Info

Treasurer Send donations to:

PDAC
Attn treasurer
PO Box 68173
Portland Or, 97268

Business Meeting... potential PDAC members, group representatives, and interested parties are welcome. Email or check the website for date, location date and time. Meetings are monthly, usually 1st Saturday

Email : pdxaccess@gmail.com

Website: www.pdaca.org.

Listserv: (newsletters & event announcements)
PDACfriends-subscribe@yahoogroup.com