

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting December 13, 2025

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

Board Members Present: Todd M – Chair; Lorraine J - Vice-Chair (remotely); Bruce O – Treasurer; Shaara W - Secretary and Paul S – Parliamentarian.

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction: Roger R, Turn it Over; Keith, _____; and Phil T, Today.

Groups & Committees Represented: Buddy F – Archives Chair; Bill L– Web/Bookstall (remotely); Keith H – Lifeline; Faye S, We Are Not Alone and Cindy C, Awakenings.

SMIA Chair Report: Todd reported the Area 29 Panel 74 Delegate Report (reporting GSO Highlights) which includes:

- Archives – is moving forward with a multi-tiered audio-visual preservation project including inventorying analog recordings and planning digital migration for long term access;
- GSO – is seeing rapid growth in digital communications from incarcerated individuals prompting exploration of new technology tools for Corrections correspondence and support;
- AAWS – approved production of Plain Language Big Book audiobook (budgeted at \$20,000) and permanently reduced the price of the Commemorative First Edition Big Book reprint to \$2.00.
- The Public Information Committee – approved adapting three Australian AA PSA videos (called “Are You Risking Your Job?”, “Are You A Danger To Your Family?” and “Cham-Pain”) for use in the US and Canada, ensuring they remain consistent with AA’s principles of attraction rather than promotion.
- A new 2026 Membership Survey is being developed using random sampling methodology; including two dedicated subcommittees - one for survey content and one for methodology – to update the questions and sampling approach.
- Finances - End of 3rd Q unaudited financial statement shows
 - -Contributions - \$7.1M (11% less than budgeted; 13% less than 2024)
 - -Gross Literature Sales - \$11.95M (7% greater than budgeted; 11% greater than 2024)
 - -Net Literature Sales – \$5.965M (4% less than budgeted; 2% greater than 2024)
 - -Operating Expenses – 13.65M (3% less than budgeted; 2% greater than 2024)
 - -Grapevine Operating Deficit - \$300K deficit (subscriptions: 41,643 print; 17,0558 App/Online (slightly under forecast))
 - -La Vina Operating Deficit – \$363K deficit (subscriptions: 8,035)
 - -Resource Fund – 6.2 months of operating expenses (a major Reserve Fund drawdown of up to \$2.45M was proposed to support GSO office retrofit and stabilize Grapevine operations, which would reduce coverage to about 5 to 7 months for a short period)

- NERAASA is meeting the February 20th through 23rd in Portland, Maine.
All information can be found on the marylandaa.org website.

Vice-Chair Report: Nothing to report.

Secretary Report (corrections/additions). Motion to accept the November Minutes as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline. Second. All in favor.

Treasurer Report corrections/additions).

Contributing this month:

Awakenings
Today Group
Living Sober
District 1 Committee
Bedouin Group
Waldorf Group
Grapevine Group
We Are Not Saints
Cove Point

Motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report as posted on the Website and in the Lifeline.
Second. All in favor.

December 2025

Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc

Treasury Report

<div>Monthly Contributions: \$1,091.40 www.somdintergroup.org/contribute SMIA, PO Box 767, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622</div>			
<div>Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc Monthly Statement of Financial Position October 25, 2025 - November 24, 2026</div>		<div>Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc Yearly Statement of Activity April 25, 2025 - April 24, 2026</div>	
<div>Assets<div>Primary Business Checking\$3,560.06</div><div>Prudent Reserve\$4,301.00</div><div>PayPal\$764.98</div><div>Bookstall Cash on hand\$100.00</div><div>Total Assets8,726.04</div></div>		<div><div>Year to Date Income</div><div>Contributions\$4,731.9347%</div><div>Bookstall Sales\$1,303.9563%</div><div>Gratitude Dinner\$-100%</div><div>Serenity Breakfast\$-100%</div><div>Total 2025 Income6,035.8858%</div></div>	
<div>This Month's Expenses<div>Bookstall Purchases\$(575.18)</div><div>Liability Insurance\$-</div><div>Lifeline Printing\$(140.95)</div><div>Misc\$-</div><div>Phone Answering Service/1-800#\$(61.63)</div><div>Post Office Box\$-</div><div>Rent\$(150.00)</div><div>Webmaster\$-</div><div>Website\$(61.33)</div><div>Where & When\$-</div><div>Picnic\$-</div><div>Travel\$-</div><div>Workshops\$-</div><div>SMIA Archives\$-</div><div>Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing)\$-</div><div>Bank Charges and Fees\$(16.00)</div><div>Other - Tax Filings\$-</div><div>Total Expenses\$(1,005.09)</div></div>		<div><div>Year to Date Expenses</div><div>Bookstall Purchases\$(1,317.76)67%</div><div>Liability Insurance\$(351.00)-29%</div><div>Lifeline Printing\$(876.40)9%</div><div>Misc\$(104.74)0%</div><div>Phone Answering Service/1-800#\$(419.78)-29%</div><div>Post Office Box\$(120.00)0%</div><div>Rent\$(1,050.00)42%</div><div>Webmaster\$(1,026.00)67%</div><div>Website\$(572.17)33%</div><div>Where & When\$-100%</div><div>Picnic\$(773.22)23%</div><div>Travel\$-100%</div><div>Workshops\$-100%</div><div>SMIA Archives\$-100%</div><div>Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing)\$(148.00)18%</div><div>Bank Charges and Fees\$(96.00)4%</div><div>Other - Tax Filings\$-0%</div><div>Total 2025 Expenses\$(6,855.07)62%</div></div>	
<div>Total of Checking and PayPal Allows us a financial Runway of2.91Months</div> <div>Number of Months of Fiscal Year Remaining5Months</div> <div>For our 2024-2025 planned expenses, we currently have a\$ (3,096.63)Shortfall</div>			
<div>Remaining Service Committee Budgets Budget Year 2024 (01May2025 - 30Apr2026) As of 12JUL2025</div>		<div>Calvert\$275.00</div> <div>Charles\$375.00</div> <div>St. Mary's\$99.00</div>	<div>PI/CPC\$31.00</div> <div>\$250.00</div> <div>\$18.60</div>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment/Public information/PCP _____

Calvert: Going splendidly. Kenny G. is very enthusiastic.

Charles: RCA meetings are filling up 6 days a week, if you want to go, let us know.

St. Mary's: Looking for people with one year sober to bring meetings in to the detention center.

Telephone _____

Todd read Melissa's report: Total Calls – 25; Calvert – 1; Charles – 7; St. Mary's – 4; Not Specified – 13; and Time 52 minutes.

Where & When. _____

The Where & When is ready to be printed. Motion to print 1,000 copies of the Where & When during the end of December, dating it January 2026. Second. All in favor.

Lifeline _____

Keith H. reported that things are going good. He welcomes any suggestions, feedback, etc., by the 27th of the month. Flyer submissions should be in Portrait and .pdf. He asked again for someone to write a short article about getting into AA via the corrections process.

Events _____

Serenity Breakfast: Need a chair person and set the committee.

Picnic: Still a long way away. Buddy F. will chair this year.

Gratitude Dinner: Still waiting for accounting.

Workshops: Buddy is setting up Bookstall Bingo for sometime in January.

Bookstall _____

No. Visits 0 No. Orders 8 Total Collected \$160.25. Expenses Big Books \$380.71

Website

Web Report

11/8/25 – 12/13/25

Web Report

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit)	2549– up 2%
Bookstall Site	1356– down 43%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2863
	Where and When Calendar- 436
	Contact – 291
	Announcements - 259
	Where and When Search - 256

Site Updates and Changes

Changed the header to reflect the holiday season

Meeting Change Information

The following meetings moved to the new Beacon of Hope location at 46940 S Shangri-La Dr, Lexington Park, MD; Not Quite Right, Monday Nite Group, Lexington Park Group, Drunks R Us, and Beginners at Noon. Sober By the Bay in Calvert County has been suspended with no information regarding reopening. The Wayside Group in Charles County will start meeting at 7:00 PM on 1/2/26. The Wednesday Noon Big Book meeting was terminated effective 11/30/25. All meetings at the Awakenings Group in Calvert County were changed to Literature meetings.

Meeting Status

Currently there are 136 meetings in our service area; 127 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 8 meetings are on-line only, and one meeting is suspended.

Document Posts and Updates

Lifeline posted – 12/2/25

Finance Page updated – 12/2/25

SMIA Minutes posted – 11/14/25

Where and When updated – 12/2/25

Phishing attempts

Phishing attempts are now nearly non-existent. Targeted access attempts against the main site and the Bookstall have dropped from over 30,000 to under 900. The remaining traffic is likely just background noise. In short, the security changes worked exactly as intended.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Need better communication system for linking in remote participants. Agreed to table it for consideration next month.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER District 36 is hosting 2 alkathons, one on Christmas Eve, starting at 6 p.m. at the Hollywood Rescue Squad and another on New Year's Eve at the Leonardtown Knights of Columbus.

Motion to Adjourn. Second. All in favor.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge