

SMIA Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2023

Opening: Buddy F. opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members present: Buddy F. - Chair, Rebecca B. – Treasurer, Rob A. – Parliamentarian and Kristi P. – Secretary

Groups & Committees Represented: Paul S. – Cove Point, Bill L – Sunderland/Bookstall, Bruce O. – Waldorf, Roy B. – Solomons, Amanda W. – ODDAT, Mary F. Leonardtown, John Z. - Sunday Morning Sobriety, Melissa M. Basic Text, and Pat S. - Charlotte Hall, Rev Z. – Early Bird, Pat P.- North Beach

SMIA Chair Report: Buddy F. – Attended Area 29 meeting, liaison is Rex T, Area Rep was Kathy K. 8 Intergroups attended. Plans to attend District 35 meeting. Old bookstall literature has been tagged so Bill will know how much to charge for old/new literature. Increased price of pamphlets by \$.10-\$.15 cents. The Western Shore CARC II meeting will be on 7/18 (virtual). Buddy has meeting ID.

Vice-Chair Report: Katherine L. – none given.

Secretary Report: Read by Kristi P. – June 2023 minutes were accepted with corrections.

Treasurer Report: Rebecca B. – 5/25/23 – 6/24/23 report provided was accepted as presented. Total assets \$14,131.52. The Treasurer’s Report is available on-line at <https://somidintergroup.org/finance.html>

Committee Reports

Archives: John Z. – no report.

By-Laws Committee: Discussed under “Old Business.”

Lifeline: Keith – Going well—suggestions or submissions are always welcome for spotlight on service, anyone’s experience with steps, sponsorship, etc. Rebecca advised that the price has gone up due to the number of pages of the lifeline going up, Keith will now cap at 20 pages (only ads will be cut)

Phone Report: Melissa – 6/10/23 to 7/8/23 33 calls: 13 St. Mary’s; 13 Charles; 10 Calvert. 5/13/22. Total duration of calls 1 hour and 27 minutes. Adding *988 to outgoing message, will be anonymous.

Serenity Breakfast: Mary F. and Melissa W. are looking into locations. Possibly: St. Andrew’s Church Hall - \$250. Have volunteers for the committee

Gratitude Dinner: Scheduled for November 11th at Immaculate Conception. Committee members: Bill A., Buddy F., Lorraine J., Brandy T., Gisela R., Amanda W. Committee plans to meet sometime in mid-August. Still looking for volunteers to help on all phases from setting up to cooking serving and clean up.

Corrections and Treatment: Charles County – no report. Calvert County--Avenues Mondays and Thursday meetings continue as reported previously. Corrections—Men’s meetings on first and third Wednesdays; Women’s meetings on second and fourth Wednesdays. Still trying to schedule another orientation to equip additional volunteers, especially women. St. Mary’s – Still only 2 meetings per month through July and no women’s meetings.

PI/CPC: St. Mary’s – doing well—rack stocked, Where and When’s printed. Calvert – no report. Charles – John inquired about getting acrylic stand, Bill said to order online

Bookstall: Bill L. - Bookstall Report

There were 1315 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the June meeting. There were 6 orders since the last meeting; 4 are processing and 2 were terminated and refunded; one because it was a purchase from Kansas, and I told her that we do not ship or deliver. I then directed her to the AA World Services Bookstall, and the second ordered the wrong material.

Processing orders totaled \$169.00

Web Report 06/10/23 -07/8/23

Total Visitors (initial visit)	2294– Down 3.5%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2719 Where and When Calendar- 297 Where and When Search -205 On-Line Meetings - 151 Anniversary Calendar -134
Referring Sites	Direct Others Search Engines – Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes this month.

Meeting Change Information

Keeping it Green appointed a new GSR; Jill T.

Meeting Status

Currently there are 129 meetings in our service area; 119 meetings are in-person, 7 meetings are hybrid, 6 meetings are on-line only, and 4 meetings are reported as suspended. Of those 4, 1 has an on-line presence.

Document Posts and Updates

Mobile App 2023 4.6 released – 7/2/23

Lifeline posted – 7/2/23

Minutes posted – 6/30/23

Finance Page updated – 6/23/23

Budget posted – 6/25/23

Where and When: Pat P. – any changes/updates should be sent to Pat.

Old Business – proposed changes to three sections of the by-laws and provided second reading for sections 7.3.5 and 8.7 and first reading of section 7.5.1. Motion to second reading of 7.3.5 and 8.7 accepted as read. Motion to first reading of 7.5.1 accepted as read.

Current Language – May 16, 2022 By-laws Revision

7.3.5 FINANCE – The Treasurer shall serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee which shall consist of three (3) members, two (2) of whom shall not be current officers of the Corporation. This Committee shall have the authority to incur any essential immediate expenditure not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). All such expenditures shall be reported to the membership at the next meeting.

Proposed edits – Second reading

7.3.5 FINANCE – The Treasurer shall serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee which shall consist of three (3) members, two (2) of whom shall not be current officers of the Corporation, and which shall be convened to perform general SMIA functions in accordance with Article 8, Fiscal Policy, Section 8.8 of these By-laws. The Treasurer shall have the authority to incur any essential immediate expenditure not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). All such expenditures shall be reported to the membership at the

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8.7 In the event that SMIA funds are greater than the Prudent Reserve, and there are no special projects or planned equipment purchases requiring savings, all funds in excess of the Prudent Reserve shall be sent monthly to World Services and Maryland General Services on a 60/40 percent basis after a vote of the membership.

Proposed edits – Second reading

8.7 All funds in excess of the Prudent Reserve and funds required for special projects, annual events or planned equipment purchases shall be sent bi-annually to World Services and Maryland General Services on a 60/40 percent basis after a vote of the membership at the April and October SMIA meetings, which coincides with the beginning and mid-year mark of the organization’s Fiscal Year.

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Proposed edits – Read on July 8, 2023

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New Business – Bill L. – motion to open bookstall from 9-10am granted. Motion to fund 2 workshops for this fiscal year at \$500 per workshop granted (this includes workshop on 7/18). Buddy F., John Z working on 2nd workshop which will be on AA History, Pat S. appointed as workshop chair. Buddy F. - Possibility of a breakfast in October, discussion tabled until we know if it's a possibility.

For the Good of the Order – Brandy T. will celebrate 9 years at ODATT on 7/9. Travis S. will celebrate 15 years at the Hollywood Group on 7/11. “Sessions by the Trees,” August 11-13, 2023, at Greenbrier State Park, in Boonsboro, MD. National A.A. Technology Workshop – Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA, September 8-10, 2023

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord’s Prayer