

SMIA Meeting Minutes – May 13, 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, Todd M. - St. Charles Step, Craig W. – Waldorf, Nathan H. – Waldorf, Roy B. – Solomons, Lorraine J. – Bedouin/District 1 PI, Amanda W. – ODDAT, George W. – Inspiration, Robert W. – Saturday Morning Breakfast, Dan W – St. Charles Step, Jeanine W. – St. Charles Step, Tressie F. - Harmony

SMIA Chair Report: Buddy F. – Attended SMIA meeting (mid-western district) and District 1 GSR meeting where he spoke about hosting The Three Pillars of AA workshop, looking for speaker for each county, Craig will be speaking on Unity. Buddy reserved the hall at Immaculate Conception for the Gratitude Dinner and is looking for a chairperson. Plans to attend District meetings and Area 29 meeting on 5/20. SMIA is no longer hosting a picnic, however, will assist all three counties with their picnics.

Vice-Chair Report: Katherine L. – not available.

Secretary Report: Read by Kristi P. – April 2023 minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer Report: Rebecca B. – 3/25/23 – 4/24/23 report provided. Total assets \$13328.88. The annual budget was presented and accepted. The Treasurer’s Report is available on-line at <https://somidintergroup.org/finance.html>

Committee Reports

Archives: John Z. – not available.

By-Laws Committee: Rob A. Parliamentarian. The committee will be meeting to review and edit By-laws concerning treasurer’s freedom to conduct business and SMIA funds and distribution of such funds for initiatives and projects, for presentation to the SMIA membership for consideration, discussion, and modification. Tentative meeting schedule for May 27th. Members include Rob, Buddy, Melissa, Keith, Rebecca, Craig, George, and Lorraine.

Lifeline: Keith – not available.

Phone Report: Melissa – not available.

Serenity Breakfast: No chairperson

Gratitude Dinner: Buddy – reserved the hall at Immaculate Conception for November 11th at Immaculate Conception Church and needs a chair.

Corrections and Treatment: Charles County – Jeanine - meetings are being held at Jude House at 8:30 on Sundays, Anchor every Tuesday, RCA - 6 meetings, Avenues meetings Monday and Thursday, split between men and women, all in-person, no longer virtual. Corrections - women’s meeting no longer being held, no men taking meetings in, looking for volunteers. St. Mary’s – Meetings going into Anchor every Wednesday and Compass every Monday. The Anchor would like a meeting brought in the 5th Tuesday of the month. Kathy and JT are new chairs for treatment. Corrections: jail is currently under construction, only 2 meetings per month until July. No representative for women – not going into meetings. Calvert – no report.

PI/CPC: St. Mary’s – in good shape. Calvert – no report. Charles – no report.

Bookstall: Bill L. reported - There were 2214 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the April meeting. There were 14 orders since the last meeting; 8 are processing and 6 were completed. Completed orders totaled \$197.15. Processing orders totaled \$166.80. Total expenses for literature and medallions \$700.47. The inventory database is up to date. The

total cash value of assets is \$11,417.55. Items that are not in stock are no longer visible on the storefront, but a form has been added for people to request missing items.

Website: Bill L. reported

Total Visitors (initial visit) 3072– Up 43%

5 Most Frequently visited pages
Home Page – 3481
Where and When Calendar- 459
Where and When Search -264
On-Line Meetings - 219
Anniversary Calendar -179

Referring Sites
Direct
Others
Search Engines – Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

Site Updates and Changes

Redesign of the Bookstall site for improved navigation

Meeting Change Information

The Huntingtown 12 and 12 at Noon Group was terminated

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 4.4 released – 5/1/23
Lifeline posted – 5/1/23
Where and When PDF Updated – 5/1/23
Finance Page updated – 4/29/23
SMIA Minutes posted – 4/19/23

Where and When: Pat P. – No new changes.

Old Business –there was a lot of discussion concerning SMIA use of funds and the requirement for excess funds to be split between World Services and Maryland General Services (60/40). The rent for Immaculate Conception was increased. There will no longer be a contribution to the church. Discussed increasing from \$200 to \$500 for non-budgeted items, to be voted on at next meeting. Discussed donations to GSO and Area 29 on a semi-annual basis, Lorraine in favor. Will be addressed in the revision of the by-laws and brought back to vote at next meeting. There was a \$145 reduction in the Round-up contribution due to the return of 49 books. Currently there is no finance committee, only during audit. By-laws to be reviewed and revised to have an ad-hoc committee every two years and will bring revisions back to the meeting for a vote.

New Business – no new business discussed.

For the Good of the Order - Rebecca B. (Treasurer) will celebrate 4 years of sobriety at Grateful Alive on May 17th. George W. will be celebrating 40 years of sobriety at Inspiration Group, Memorial Serenity Walk on May 20th

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

