

SMIA Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2023

Opening: Buddy F. opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members present: Buddy F. - Chair, Rebecca B. – Treasurer, Rob A. – Parliamentarian and Lorraine J. – Acting Secretary

Groups & Committees Represented: Paul S. – Cove Point, Bill L – Sunderland/Bookstall, Todd M. - St. Charles Step, Bruce O. – Waldorf, Nathan H. – Waldorf, Roy B. – Solomons, Lorraine J. – Bedouin/District 1 PI, Amanda W. – ODDAT, Tressie F. – Harmony; Mary F. Leonardtown, Buddy F. Basic Text, Rob A. Poplar Hill, Jeremy B. Harmony, Zee S. Sunday Morning Sobriety, Keith H. Almost Normal, Rebecca B. Huntingtown, Jamie R. North Beach, Melissa M. Basic Text, and Pat P. North Beach

SMIA Chair Report: Buddy F. – Attended Area 29 meeting on 5/20 and reported that Grapevine lost \$400,000 last year. Launched an app and expect to be in a better financial position this year. When groups donate to the area, the cost to process a check is \$5.60 while the cost of online donations is \$2.53. The Service Manual reprint is scheduled for 2024. AA and Young People brochure will be replaced with a video series. Review of stories for 5th Edition of the Big Book is underway. Three Pillars workshop is all set for July 15th. Please take flyers to help get the word out.

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

Secretary Report: Read by Lorraine J. – May 2023 minutes were accepted with corrections.

Treasurer Report: Rebecca B. – 4/25/23 – 5/24/23 report provided was accepted as presented. Total assets \$13,425.49. The Treasurer's Report is available on-line at <https://somidintergroup.org/finance.html>

Committee Reports

Archives: John Z. – not available.

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

Lifeline: Keith – Going well—suggestions or submissions are always welcome.

Phone Report: Melissa – 4/8/23 to 5/13/23 12 calls: 7 St. Mary's; 5 Charles; 0 Calvert. 5/13/22 4 calls: All St. Mary's. Melissa saw an ad for National Mental Health Crisis Hotline and plans to call for more information.

Serenity Breakfast: No one came forward to chair the 2023 event which is typically held in the May/June timeframe. Need to secure a venue to accommodate approximately 150 attendees. Mary F. said there is a church in Leonardtown that has a commercial kitchen. She offered to check into that as a possible location.

Gratitude Dinner: Schedules for November 11th at Immaculate Conception. We are 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--just printed a new Where & When. Calvert – met with predecessor and will work over the next month to explore additional locations for literature—On Our Own, Substance Abuse Services, etc. Charles – no report.

Bookstall: Bill L. - Bookstall Report

There were 1302 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the April meeting. There were 10 orders since the last meeting; all 10 have been processed.

Completed orders totaled \$257.60

Of the completed orders, \$50.00 was deducted from the District 1 Public Information budget and \$114.75 was deducted from the District 1 Corrections and Institutions budget.

Processing orders totaled \$94.13

Total expenses for literature and medallions was \$159.90

A new Grapevine publication was added to our inventory; The Home Group, Heartbeat of AA 30th Anniversary Edition

Web Report 05/13/23 -06/10/23

Total Visitors (initial visit)	2379– Down 22%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2938
	Where and When Calendar- 355
	Where and When Search -247
	On-Line Meetings - 160
	Anniversary Calendar -144
Referring Sites	Direct
	Others
	Search Engines – Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes this month.

Meeting Change Information

No meeting changes, additions, or terminations this month.

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 – 6/3/23

Lifeline posted – 5/2/23

Minutes posted – 5/30/23

Finance Page updated – 5/30/23

Budget posted – 5/16/23

Where and When: Pat P. – There are three boxes left. Only one change has been submitted. Lorraine advised that Brian from District 1 is compiling a list of changes and corrections.

Old Business –Buddy reviewed proposed changes to three sections of the by-laws and provided first reading. The members present had no concerns about the proposed language for the following sections (7.3.5 and 8.7) and will take these back to their groups. Hard copies were made available.

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 – First 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 – First 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.

After discussion about the intent and purpose of Section 7.5.1, members were unable to agree on the wording and action on that section was deferred.

Current Language May 16, 2022 SMIA By-laws Revision

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Proposed edits – Read on June 10, 2023

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Proposed edits – Possible wording discussed at June 10, 2023 meeting

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7.5.1 Special projects and annual events include, but are not limited to, Serenity Breakfast, Gratitude Dinner, Workshops and Social Events. Subject to adequate funding and volunteers, committees to coordinate these events will be formed on an ad hoc basis.

New Business – no new business discussed.

For the Good of the Order – Kristi P (Secretary) will celebrate 1 year at Laurel Grove on June 20th. District 1 (Calvert) picnic is scheduled for June 24th at the Long Beach Community Center in St. Leonard. District 36 (St. Mary's) picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th at Lettie Dent Fifth District Park in Mechanicsville. Lorraine reported So MD Roundup Committee will have its first planning meeting at the Doubletree by Hilton in Annapolis (the location for the 2024 event) on June 25th at 2:00 p.m. Need volunteers for various tasks—banquet planning, hospitality, coffee, etc. Lorraine provided a fact sheet about the planning meeting. Area 29 Conference is August 4-6, 2023 at the Delta Hotel by Marriott in Hunt Valley. Buddy reported that there is a new conference, "Sessions by the Trees," August 11-13, 2023, at Greenbrier State Park, in Boonsboro, MD.

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