

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2025

Opening. Todd M. opened the meeting with *The Serenity Prayer*.

Board Members Present. Todd M., Chair; Lorraine J., Vice-Chair; Bruce O., Treasurer; and Paul S., Parliamentarian.

New Members. Lynn, Awakenings

Groups & Committees Represented. Bill L., Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall; Buddy F., Basic Text/Bookstall; Faye S., We Are Not Saints; Mike S., Sober By The Bay; Janine W., St. Charles Step; Phil T., NTL; Lisa T., Awakenings; Jamie R., North Beach; Roy B., Solomons/D36 Corrections; Nathan H., Waldorf; Emme J., ODAAT; Pat S., Where and When; Melissa W., Phone Chair (remotely); Shaara W., Kingston Creek; and Keith H., Almost Normal/Lifeline.

SMIA Chair Report. Todd M. reported he attended the Area 29 Assembly and, pursuant to the Seventh Tradition, reported the following Budget and Planning items:

- GSO yearly budget - \$18-20 Million
- There are 57,222 groups registered to GSO;
- 18,102 groups contributed to GSO: (32%).
- A \$315 contribution by each group would be needed to meet the yearly budget amount, if all registered groups contributed.

Area 29

- There are 929 groups of which 259 (28%) contribute to GSO;
- Is the 21st largest;
- Is 28th in contribution amount;
- 1,000 per year actually contributed – mostly via books and literature sales.
Todd M. asked, "What other literature can we rely on?"
- IGLC for Area 29
 - Past Baltimore Hispanic outreach
 - Linguistics
 - [//aahispanomaryland.org](http://aahispanomaryland.org)

Vice Chair Report. Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report. Bruce O. reported that March was essentially a routine month and reported that the next year's budget will be presented at next month's meeting. He provided the current monthly treasurer report. Current assets: \$13,111.19 and current expenses: \$2,630.92. The Treasury Report is below:

April 2025

Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc

Treasury Report

Monthly Contributions: \$746.27 www.somdintergroup.org/contribute SMIA, PO Box 767, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622			
Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc Statement of Financial Position February 25, 2025 - March 24, 2025		Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc Yearly Statement of Activity May 1, 2024 - Apr 30, 2025	
Assets Primary Business Checking \$ 5,005.46 Primary Business Savings \$ 1,848.44 Prudent Reserve \$ 4,453.00 PayPal \$ 1,704.29 Bookstall Cash on hand \$ 100.00 Total Assets 13,111.19		Year to Date Income Contributions \$ 6,494.62 28% Bookstall Sales \$ 3,931.17 -12% Gratitude Dinner \$ 884.06 12% Serenity Breakfast \$ 1,385.00 -39% Total 2024 Income 12,694.85 12%	
This Month's Expenses Bookstall Purchases \$ (193.73) Liability Insurance \$ - Lifeline Printing \$ (129.87) Misc \$ - Phone Answering Service/1-800# \$ (56.40) Post Office Box \$ - Rent \$ (150.00) Webmaster \$ - Website \$ (123.23) Where & When \$ (1,977.69) Picnic \$ - Travel \$ - Workshops \$ - SMIA Archives \$ - Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing) \$ - Bank Charges and Fees \$ - Other - Tax Filings \$ - Total Expenses \$ (2,630.92)		Year to Date Expenses Bookstall Purchases \$ (3,074.61) 23% Liability Insurance \$ (273.00) 0% Lifeline Printing \$ (1,004.99) -5% Misc \$ - 0% Phone Answering Service/1-800# \$ (491.50) -51% Post Office Box \$ (120.00) 0% Rent \$ (1,650.00) 8% Webmaster \$ (1,011.50) 67% Website \$ (861.93) -1% Where & When \$ (1,977.69) 45% Picnic \$ (1,205.40) -21% Travel \$ (131.32) 84% Workshops \$ - 100% SMIA Archives \$ - 100% Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing) \$ (229.99) -28% Bank Charges and Fees \$ (144.00) -44% Other - Tax Filings \$ - 0% Total 2024 Expenses \$(12,175.93) 32%	
Total of Checking, Savings and PayPal Allows us a financial Runway of 5.77 Months Number of Months of Fiscal Year Remaining 1 Months For our 2024-2025 planned expenses, we currently have a \$ 7,073.86 Excess			
Remaining Service Committee Budgets Budget Year 2024 (01May2024 - 30Apr2025) As of 11MAR2025		Calvert Charles St. Mary's	C&T \$ 375.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 191.50 PI/CPC \$ 140.00 \$ 250.00 \$ 134.50

Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor.

Committee Reports.

Bookstall Report: Bill L. reported that in March:

- there were 14 orders for \$532.70;
- \$104 in budget items;
- \$422.95 in cash total.

The Bookstall is low on several items. Bill L. will meet with the Treasurer to ascertain credit status before ordering. In addition, he asks that members order on-line rather than in person.

The printer isn't working. Lorraine J. stated that she has one that can be used until a new one is purchased. Motion to buy a new laser printer and, in the meantime, use Lorraine J.'s. Seconded. All in favor.

Gratitude Dinner. This committee needs a chairperson.

Institutions. Roy B. reported:

- Calvert – Orientations for the Detention Center are going well. There are two new coordinators: Peggy K. and David D.
- Charles - Things are going well.
- St. Mary's – Need new coordinator(s).
Volunteers are needed to speak at these meetings.

Lifeline/Archives. Keith H. reported _____.

SMIA Picnic. Buddy F. reported that the date and location has been confirmed on June 22 at Lettie Dent Park (aka 5th District Park) in Mechanicsville. The rental of the picnic area is \$220 for the entire day.

Serenity Breakfast. Lorraine J. reported there are still tickets available (over 40).

Public Information. Buddy F. reported the supply of the current *Where & When* is getting low, they're printed in lots of 2,000 which should last 6 months, and a committee of three is working on the update.

Telephone. Sheri R. and Melissa W. reported that from 3/8 to 4/12 there were 22 calls for a total of 31 minutes. They originated from Calvert (2), Charles (5), and St. Mary's (5), No Choice (10), with 8 minutes the longest in duration.

Website. Bill L. reported the following activity from 3/8 to 4/8/25:

- Total visits – 3,027 (up 13%)
- Most frequently visited pages:
 - Home Page – 4,145
 - Where & When Calendar – 428

- Where & When Search – 428
- On-Line Meetings – 239
- Anniversary Calendar – 231
- Updates and changes:
 - A search form for Old Group Numbers was added to the Where & When Search page.
 - The Service Opportunities button has been added to all right column menus.
 - The SMIA Publishing Guidelines have been revised and updated.
- Meeting Change Information: Sunday Morning Sobriety was moved to Tilghman Lake. A new group with two meetings per week was added: AA 4 PM which meets at the Great Escape Recovery Lounge on Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 PM.
- Meeting Status: Currently there are 134 meetings in our service area. 125 meetings are in person, 6 are hybrid, and 8 are online only.
- SPAM & Phishing: The site has experienced an uptick in SPAM and Phishing attempts, which is common among bad actors who pick a domain to attack for a period and then gradually stop unless someone responds to the attack. ***If you receive an e-mail that appears to have come from our host, IONOS, do not click on any content of the e-mail. Delete it. Most legitimate e-mail correspondence from our host goes to me.***
- Document Posts & Updates:
 - Lifeline posted - 03/31/25
 - Finance Page updated – 03/25/25
 - SMIA Minutes posted – 03/09/25
- Please use new group numbers to access information on-line.

OLD BUSINESS. Lisa T., the SMIA secretary, resigned. Shaara W. is willing to serve in that position. The Bylaws require 2-years sobriety to serve as Secretary. Motion to waive the 2-year sobriety requirement in the Bylaws. Seconded. All in favor, including Paul S., Parliamentarian, as there is no secretary present for the vote. A motion was made to appoint Shaara W. to be Secretary for a term of 2 years. Seconded. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS.

- Emme J., reported on a visit to GSO and stated the offices are smaller than expected. Offices are on 2 floors; they are giving up the 2nd floor.
- On the subject of raffling a hotel room at the next Roundup, Lisa T. stated her meeting, Awakenings, said they didn't like the idea. Buddy F. spoke with past delegate Don B, at the area assembly last month who advised against that proposal.
- Pat S. brought up NERESA.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.

/s/ Shaara W., SMIA Secretary