

## SMIA Meeting Minutes – Aug 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, Nathan H. – Waldorf, Amanda W. – ODDAT, Mary F. Leonardtown, John Z. - Sunday Morning Sobriety, Melissa M. Basic Text, Keith H. – Almost Normal, Jamie R.- North Beach, Jeanine W. – St. Charles Step, Hazel J. – 12 Step Home, George W. – Inspiration, Dan W. – St. Charles Step, Lorraine J. - Bedouin

**SMIA Chair Report:** Buddy F. – Attended SMIA Workshop, went well. Was unable to attend GSR meeting, Jeanine mentioned possible evaluation forms for future workshops. Attended Maryland State Convention August 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in Hunt Valley. Unable to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Area Liaison Intergroup meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

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

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

**Treasurer Report:** Rebecca B. – 6/25/23 – 7/24/23 report provided was accepted as presented. Total assets \$14,668.79. The Treasurer’s Report is available on-line at <https://somedintergroup.org/finance.html>

### Committee Reports

**Archives:** John Z. – Wally S. found another box of archives. George P. has all lifelines that have ever been printed.

**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. Buddy asked about Al-Anon information being included on the Lifeline. Keith can include in Lifeline. Note – the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month is the deadline to have information submitted to Keith.

**Phone Report:** Melissa – 7/8/23 to 8/12/23 – total of 31 calls: 16 St. Mary’s; 2 Charles; 13 Calvert.

**Serenity Breakfast:** no update. Mary F. and Melissa W. are looking into locations. Possibly: St. Andrew’s Church Hall - \$250.

**Gratitude Dinner:** Scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception. Meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm at Immaculate Conception for Gratitude Dinner discussions

**Corrections and Treatment:** Charles County – Anchor – Tuesdays (6 volunteers), RCA every day except Sunday, Jude House – every Wednesday. Calvert County-Avenues Mondays and Thursday meetings continue as reported previously. Corrections—detention center orientations are held twice a year (every Tuesday in August, 8/22 and 8/29 dates remaining, 6 pm at work release center. Next round of orientations will be next February. Men’s meetings on first and third Wednesdays; Women’s meetings on second and fourth Wednesdays. St. Mary’s – Still only 2 meetings per month through July and no women’s meetings. Gisela stepped down as chair.

**PI/CPC:** St. Mary’s – doing well.

## Bookstall Report: Bill L

There were 1483 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the July meeting. There were 11 orders since the last meeting; 9 are processing and 4 were completed.

Processing orders totaled \$439.35

Completed orders totaled \$97.60

Bookstall orders from World Services totaled \$608.15

## Web Report: 07/08/23 – 08/12/23

Total Visitors (initial visit) 3442– Up 50%

5 Most Frequently visited pages  
Home Page – 3930  
Where and When Calendar- 516  
Where and When Search -334  
Anniversary Calendar - 207  
On-Line Meetings - 182

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

## Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes this month.

## Meeting Change Information

New Meeting – Southern Maryland Big Book, Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Charlotte Hall, St. Anne’s Parish Hall  
Grapevine Meeting changed their On-Line Meeting point of contact e-mail address to tuesdaygrapevine@gmail.com

## Meeting Status

Currently there are 130 meetings in our service area; 120 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

Where and When PDF updated – 8/11/23

Mobile App 2023 4.8 released – 8/1/23

Lifeline posted – 8/1/23

Finance Page updated – 7/31/23

Minutes posted – 7/17/23

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

**Old Business** – third/final reading of sections 7.3.5 and 8.7. Buddy proposed a final vote. Group voted/approved. Bill (as a trusted servant) will prepare PDF document with final revision for electronic signature by board members. Buddy thanked everyone for their hard work on getting these by-laws revised (final revisions below).

**Final revision – voted to approve on August 12, 2023**

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 next meeting.

**Final Revision – voted to approve on August 12, 2023**

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.

**Current Language May 16, 2022 SMIA By-laws Revision**

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**New Business** – checking on date for AA History SMIA workshop.

**For the Good of the Order** – Buddy F. will celebrate 11 years on 9/14 at Basic Text. Registration is now open for the Southern Maryland Roundup in Annapolis, MD at DoubleTree by Hilton, March 15-17, 2024. Lorraine has flyers, pre-orders for mugs and t-shirts only available right now. District 36 picnic will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Lettie Dent at 12 pm, meeting at 4 pm.

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