

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting August 8, 2026

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

Board Members Present: Todd M – Chair/Acting Treasurer; Emme J, Vice Chair, Keith T, Parliamentarian; Shaara W, Secretary.

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction:.

Groups & Committees Represented: Buddy F – Archives Chair/Bookstall; Bill L – Web (remotely); Keith H – Lifeline; Brandi T - St. Mary's County Corrections (remotely); Faye S, We Are Not Saints; Cindy C, Awakenings; Jamie R, North Beach; Rob A, Poplar Hill; Duke R, Basic Text; Suzi L, Never Too Late; Mary F, Leonardtown; Michelle C, Leonardtown; Michele H, Monday Night Tradition; and Jeff G, Laurel Grove.

SMIA Chair Report: Next month's meeting we will have current Area Intergroup Chair, Bridget, to talk about her committee and how they can help the various intergroups. We now have access to the P.O. Box and the bank account so everything will be retrieved and/or deposited. He asks that donations include group name and number. Area Assembly is meeting in Severna Park on August 15. Area 29 Corrections Committee is having their 3rd annual corrections day of sharing at the same church on August 10.

Vice-Chair Report: Nothing to report.

Secretary Report (corrections/additions). Motion to accept the July 2026 Minutes as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline. Second. All in favor.

Treasurer Report (corrections/additions). This position is still vacant. Todd M, Chair, is still working with the former Treasurer. The backlog of deposits and payments has been resolved so there is more in contributions and payments than usual. Motion to accept the August 2026 report. Second. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment/Public information/PCP

Calvert: Cindy reported that members of her home group are taking meetings to Avenues. Peggy K is taking meetings to Avenues on Mondays and Thursdays and is taking names of volunteers.

Charles: Things are going well.

St. Mary's: Roy B. reported things are going well. The men have 7 volunteers with another approved; looking for volunteers to carry a second men's meeting. Brandi T. reported that things on the women's side are going well.

Telephone:

Still need a chair for this. Faye S. has been taking the calls since June 1 and will do it until the position is filled.

No report.

Another article was published in the Lifeline about the vacancy of this position.

Minimum of 2 years sobriety.

Where & When

No report. There are plenty for distribution.

Lifeline

Keith H reported that things are going good. He welcomes any suggestions, feedback, etc., by the 27th of the month. He is especially looking for Home Group Histories. Flyer submissions should be in portrait and .pdf.

Events

Ad Hoc Events Committee: Set up a series of virtual meetings on 8/22, 9/26, 10/24, at 10-11 a.m. Seeking participants and past events materials.

Serenity Breakfast: No report.

Picnic: No report.

Gratitude Dinner: Scheduled for November. Need a chair and committee.

Workshops: District 36 is having a speakers meeting/Big Book Study on August 15 at Mt. Zion Church in Mechanicsville.

Web Report

7/11/26 – 8/8/26

Site Analytics

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit)	3634 – up 32%
Bookstall Site	1473 – down 48%

5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 3435
	Al-Anon Information Page- 1218
	Where and When Calendar - 232
	Where and When Search - 205
	Announcements - 173

Top 10 Visitor locations – Maryland, California, Virginia, Nebraska, West Virginia, New Jersey, Iowa, Delaware, New York, Ohio

[Site Updates and Changes](#)

No significant changes.

[Meeting Change Information](#)

Notes were added for the Laurel Grove Group, that they will not be meeting on 8/29/26 due to a church event

[Meeting Status](#)

Currently there are 135 meetings in our service area; 127 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 7 meetings are on-line only, and one meeting is suspended.

[Document Posts and Updates](#)

Where and When PDF updated – 8/7/26

Financial page updated – 8/3/26

August Lifeline posted – 8/3/26

2026/2027 Budget posted – 7/20/26

July Minutes posted – 7/20/26

[Anniversary Submissions since last meeting](#)

St. Mary's County - 17

Calvert County - 2

Charles County - 0

[Phishing Attempts](#)

These continue, despite my best efforts to block them.

[Notes](#)

It is important to note that the SMIA is not responsible for the accuracy of on-line or physical meeting information. This is the responsibility of the groups or districts that provide the information. As a reminder, if your meetings are located in a separate building or obscure location at the primary address, please send us notes regarding the specific location

Bookstall: No. Visits: 10. Total Collected: \$351.30.

District 1 Balances: PI/PCP 229.15 Corrections/Treatment 225.00

District 36 Balances: PI/PCP 250.00 Corrections/Treatment 375.00

District 35 Balances: PI/PCP 250.00 Corrections/Treatment 245.00

OLD BUSINESS: Keith H reported the transition to Canva, which is free for 501(c)(3)s, is complete.

NEW BUSINESS: Emme J. would like to refine the Primary Purpose (Mission Statement) of SMIA to be in line with that of the GSO.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Solomons has a triple header tomorrow: Bobby U., Willie and Bill – multiple years.

Motion to Adjourn. Second. All in favor.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge.