

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

DEC. 9, 2023, MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Opening:

Buddy F. opened with meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members Present:

Buddy F. Chair, Rob A. Parliamentarian, Katherine L. Vice Chair.

Groups & Committees Represented

Buddy F.-Rocky Roads, Bill L.-Sunderland, Mary F.-Leonardtown Group, George W.-Inspiration, Jamie R.-North Beach, Zee S.-Sunday Morning Sobriety, Loraine J.-Bedouin, Rob A.-Poplar Hill, Paul S.-Cove Point, Roy B.-Solomons, Pat S. SMIA Workshop Chair, Mandy M-ODAAT, Bruce O.-Waldorf, Mellisa W.-SMIA Phone Chair, Katherine L.- SMIA Vice Chair and Andy X. from Keeping it Green.

SMIA Chair Report

Buddy stated that he attended an online Area 29 intergroup Liaison meeting on Dec. 4th, Kurt W. our outgoing Area 29 Delegate attended and shared his experience throughout his term. Kurt also mentioned that a survey was conducted with 6,000 A.A. participants and the survey had a lot of information about the A.A. community from average age, gender, attendance in person, attendance on zoom, home groups, sponsor and various other statistics related to A.A. in general' the survey can be found on aa.org/membership-survey2022. Also in attendance was Bridgette F. She is the Area 29 outgoing Chairperson she also shared her experience from her term as well. She shared how she was not comfortable speaker in front of people due to shyness and how she was able to challenge herself into doing service work. Getting a Service Sponsor and asking past members who also participated in service work. Bridgette will be changing from the Area 29 Chairperson to the Area 29 Treasurer. The Group thanked both Kurt and Bridgette for their service to the Area.

Vice Chair Report: No Report

Secretary Report:

Buddy F. reported on Kristi P.'s behalf. Buddy F. read from the SMIA November meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read the minutes were seconded and accepted.

Treasurers report:

Bill L. reported on Rebecca B.'s behalf the report stated for the month of November our total expenses were \$768.19 and our total Revenue for the month was \$4145.65, giving us a total asset of \$14,888.07. A motion was made to accept the treasure report as read the motion was seconded and accepted `

Committee Reports:

Bookstall: Bill L. reported. There were 655 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the November meeting. There were 12 orders since the last meeting; 5 are processing and 7 were completed

Completed orders totaled \$403.20

Processing orders totaled \$130.95

Chip and Medallions orders from the Token Shop totaled \$308.10

Literature orders from World Services totaled \$192.70

Web: Bill L. reported

Total Visitors (initial visit) 2858– up 28%

5 Most Frequently visited pages

- Home Page – 3035
- Where and When Calendar- 391
- Anniversary Calendar -179
- Announcements - 146
- On-Line Meetings - 143

Referring Sites

- Direct
- Others
- Search Engines – Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

Site Updates and Changes
No significant changes this month.

Meeting Change Information
The on-line option for the Emotional Sobriety Meeting was terminated. The Sunderland Meeting changed their meeting time to 7:00 PM.

Meeting Status
Currently there are 133 meetings in our service area; 122 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 6 meetings are on-line only, and 5 meetings are reported as suspended. Of those 5, 1 has an on-line presence.

Document Posts and Updates

Mobile App 2023 4.12 released – 12/1/23
Lifeline posted – 12/1/23

Finance Page updated – 11/28/23

Minutes posted – 11/21/23

Where and When PDF updated on 11/16/23

Gratitude Dinner: Buddy F. gave a report for the gratitude dinner stating that the fund raiser collected \$927.00 from the event, also a total of \$890 was collected from the 50/50 raffle with the proceeds from that going directly to the Immaculate Conception Church for the use of their facility.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert- Loraine J. stated that things were going well. Meetings were going into the Correction facility as we as the Treatment Centers. **Charles-** Zee S. stated that the Correction facilities as well as the Jude House and RCA were being tended. **ST Mary's-** Buddy F, stated that the Corrections as well as the Treatment facilities were going well. ALL 3 of these Committees can always use volunteers. This is a wonderful way to do service work and not take up a lot of your time. Please consider helping.

Lifeline: Keith H. things are going well, always looking for article from fellowship members on their Service and how it's helped their program. He asked the body about what is printed and if there were things that needed changing or removing. All deadlines for the Lifeline are the 27th of each month. He asked if you had any flyers for printing to try to keep them as simple as possible.

Picnic: Buddy F stated that he will be looking to start a picnic committee and start looking for a location. If anyone has a location in mind, please let Buddy know. Buddy F. also stated that he would contact the past Picnic Chairperson to get some sort of ideas on putting it together.

PI/CPC: Calvert-Lorraine J stated that she has been making sure the various Literature racks throughout the county were being replenished. Charles- No report. St Mary's- Mary F. stated the all the Literature racks were being kept up and that she was looking for interested people who might want to give a talk on A.A.

Workshop: The chairperson would like to host a workshop (History of A.A.) on February 17th at the Immaculate Conception Hall. She had just put one on and there was very little participation or help coming from our A.A. community. Our Districts and Intergroup put up you are funding to try to help carry the message. The more people that help seems to attract more people coming to these events. Please try to help. You can go to somdaa.org and look for Services Opportunities on the website.

Archive: This position is vacant currently, if you are interested, please go to our website. Somdaa.org and look for Service Opportunities

Telephone: Melissa W. gave her Report, there were a total of seventeen calls 3 for ST Mary's 3- Calvert and 8 for Charles.

Serenity Breakfast: Mary F stated that she was looking into locations for the event. She stated she had been in contact with volunteers to help put the event on. IF anyone knows a location that might be available, please feel free to reach out to Mary F.

Where and When: Pat P. No report, however, it does look like we are going to be printing New Where and When's soon. Please check to make sure that all the information is correct on the Where and When's.

Old Business:

We are currently looking for a new Archivist.

Back in the summer there were changes made to the by-law that we voted and approved and were supposed to be digitally signed by the officers of SMIA that has yet to be done and hoping that with the help of our webmaster we can have this done by the next business meeting.

The topic of excess funding being sent to Area 29 and WSO was brought up and a review was made and due to low donations at this time and the fact that we are going to be printing out new Where and When's we felt it not wise to do this at this previous time. The chairperson has been working with the other board members to establish what is considered excess funding.

New Business: None

For the Good of the Order:

Area 29 Assembly Dec 16 8:00 am Trinity United Methodist Church 703 w. Patrick St. Fredrick MD

District 36 Christmas Alcothon 9:00 pm Dec 24 through 9:00pm Dec25@ Hollywood Volunteer Rescue squad Hollywood MD.

District 36 New Years Alcothon 6:00 pm Dec 31 through Jan 1 6:00pm @ Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad Hollywood MD.

District 1 New Years Eve Party 7.00 pm till Midnight Crossroads Church 150 Ball Rd St Leonard M

Respectfully

Buddy F.

SMIC Chairperson