

## SMIA Minutes – 2/8/25

**Opening:** Lorraine J. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Board Members Present:** Lorraine J. - Vice-Chair, Bruce O. – Treasurer, Paul S. - Parliamentarian and Kristi P. – Secretary

**New Member(s):** None

**Groups & Committees Represented:** Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Ray C. – Never Too Late, Nathan H. – Waldorf Group, Todd M. – St. Charles Step Group, Emme – O.D.A.A.T, Pat S. – Charlotte Hall Group, Keith H. – Almost Normal/Lifeline, Melissa W. – Never Too Late/Phone Co-Chair, Andy X. – Keeping it Green, Jamie R. – North Beach Group, Cathy T. – 12 & 12 for Serenity, Sara S. – Bedouin Group, Pat P. – Where and When, Roy B. – Solomon's Group; Bri-an ?.

**SMIA Chair Report:** No Report

**Vice-Chair Report:** Lorraine was unable to attend the Intergroup Liaison meeting as she was out of state.

**Secretary Report:** Motion and second to accept January 2025 minutes as posted online and in the Lifeline, all in favor.

**Treasurer Report:** Monthly contributions have increased. Note–this fiscal year's budgets for each district's Corrections and Treatment and PI/CPC need to be spent by the end of the fiscal year (April 30, 2025). Budget resets on May 1st.

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

### Committee Reports

**Bookstall Report:** Bill L. reported there were 868 visits to the Bookstall this month. There were 20 orders for a total of \$554.70. One order was cancelled and refunded because it was from outside the area.

Purchases from AA World Services totaled \$1107.83.

**Web/Technology:** Total visitors 2,272 (down 16%). Most frequently visited pages: Home Page, Where and When Calendar, Anniversary Calendar, Online Meetings, Contact page. Site updates and changes: Minor form changes to improve navigation. Meeting Change: The Upon Awakening Group at the Great Escape Recovery Lounge in Waldorf added Saturday and Sunday meetings and now meets 7 days a week. A new meeting was added; Lit

Into Action which meets at the Great Escape Recovery Lounge on Friday at 7:00 PM. The Ladies Recover Too Group was changed to Closed Discussion. The Beach Beacon On-Line Meeting name was changed to Beacon of Hope On-Line, and the meeting formats were changed to Monday – Steps and Traditions, Wednesday – Big Book, and Friday – Daily Reflections. Currently there are 132 meetings in our service area; 123 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 8 meetings are on-line only.

**Document Posts and Updates:** Lifeline posted – 02/04/25, Finance Page updated – 02/04/25, Minutes Posted – 01/19/25, Where and When Updated – 1/31/25

**Gratitude Dinner:** Looking for a volunteer to chair.

**Corrections and Treatment:** Calvert –meetings are going in. Need someone to coordinate meetings going into Avenue's, Riley has stepped down . Charles – meet-ings going into the jail, RCA, ALPAS. St. Mary's – Roy B. reported that Kim K. stepped down. They have been taking meetings into jail on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Receiving good participation (average 12 inmates per meeting). Actively seeking men with 1 year of sobriety to share their experience, strength and hope, so they aren't bringing in the same speakers each week.

**Lifeline/Archives:** Keith H. reported everything is going well. Looking for submissions or articles.

**Picnic:** Lorraine reported that reservation was made for Hallowing Point Park, however, after looking at the park (restrooms are far away, limited space, etc., Buddy wanted to look at other options.

**PI/CPC:** Calvert – Lorraine J. reported that Kenny G. is doing an amazing job, getting the word out in new and creative ways. Charles – No report. St. Mary's – No report.

**Telephone:** Melissa W. reported that she and Sheri R. are co-chairing during the transition. There is a new volunteer for St. Mary's. Melissa W. reported that from 12/14-1/11 there were 22 calls, duration 59 minutes. St. Mary's – 4 calls, Calvert – 5 calls, Charles - 8 calls, 5 calls not identi-fied and a few duplicate calls.

**Serenity Breakfast:** Breakfast will be held at Immaculate Conception on April 26th, Time: 9 am-12 pm. Tickets are available. Looking for volunteers to sell tickets. Tickets: \$20. Committee is set and has met. Need volunteers on 4/25 at 6 pm for set up and 4/26 for breakdown. Please contact Pat S. at 301-481-2090 with any questions. Flyer to come.

**Where and When:** We are down to 30 Where and When's. Motion and second to reduce page count by deleting notes pages and reformatting and place order for 2000 Where and When's, all in favor.

**Workshops:** None.

**Old Business:** Reminder that elections will be held in March for the Chair and Secretary positions. Optimally the Chair position rotates through the three counties so the next chair should be from Charles County. The Secretary position does not require rotation.

Nomination form on the SMIA website.

**New Business:** None.

**For the Good of the Order:** Pat would like to offer an opportunity to provide a Serenity Breakfast ticket to those who cannot afford one. This would be set up as a sponsorship. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket for this purpose con-tact Pat S. Message being sent out to those who need a ticket to apply for the ticket. Will T. celebrating 4 years at Waldorf Group on February 8th. Jamie R. will celebrate 4 years on 2/15 at North Beach Group. Nathan H. is celebrating 4 years on March 1st at Waldorf Group. Bruce will celebrate 11 years on March 8th at Waldorf Group. On March 23rd, Lorraine J will celebrate 45 years, Jean C. 8 years and Danny L. 9 years at Bedouin. District 36 is having a No Talent Show on May 17th at 7 pm. If you wish to participate in the talent show, please reach out to Melissa W. or Mary F.

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