

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2025

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. Todd M., Chair; Paul S., Parliamentarian and Shaara W., Secretary.

GROUPS & COMMITTEES REPRESENTED. Andy X., Keeping it Green; Bill L., Harmony Group/Web; Pat S., Charlotte Hall/NTL; Fay S., We Are Not Saints; Roy B., Solomons/D36 Corrections; Buddy F., Basic Text/Bookstall; and Keith H., Almost Normal/Lifeline.

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction. None

SMIA Chair Report. AR Codes. At District meeting the PIP/PPC representative Brenea W. did a presentation on QR Codes. She had suggestions for jackets and sleeves for groups to use in their meetings using cards with a QR code that links to a website with all the literature on it. Doing this would be a way to streamline getting the message out. Of course, one needs a phone to use. Buddy brought in a general guide for putting on a gratitude dinner or serenity breakfast. Take a photo of it and make it available to your groups. Basically it's a job vacancy announcement. It's also in the Lifeline.

Vice Chair Report. No report.

Secretary Report (corrections/additions). Motion to accept the June 14 meeting minutes as posted on the SMIA Website. Second. All in favor.

Treasurer Report (corrections/additions). Motion to accept the June Treasurer's Report as submitted. Second. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment_____

Calvert. No report

Charles. No report.

St. Mary's. Roy B. reported that meetings at the St. Mary's Detention Center are ongoing with good participation. He was able to distribute back issues of the Grapevine, especially the prison issues, which were well received. He also had Grapevine paperbacks which we also distributed. He has one new volunteer who was approved and is still seeking volunteers. He introduced the Foundation Format to the inmates to get back to basics. He has a new sponsee on the inside. Also he plans to attend the Second Annual Area 21 Corrections Conference in October. It is open to all AA members.

Public Information/PCP _____

Calvert. No report.

Charles. Todd M. mentioned the QR code concept as something to think about.

St. Mary's. No report.

Telephone _____

Total Calls 18; Calvert 1; Charles 4; St. Mary's 3; Not Specified 10; & Time 35 mins.

Where & When _____

No report.

Lifeline _____

Keith H. reported everything is good and requested that flyers and notices for publication in .pdf format.

Events _____

Serenity Breakfast. Pat S. reported she has all the receipts and the financial report as well as the turnover file. Handed to the Secretary. There were a few items left over from the silent auction that can be used as speaker gifts or raffle them off.

Picnic. Buddy F. reported the picnic went well but was sparsely attended. Total expenses were \$878.47.

Gratitude Dinner. We are still looking for a chair. Planning and venue have yet to be determined.

Workshops. Buddy F. is planning an all day Big Book study. More to come. Also Todd M. reported that District 29 is having "The Heartbeat of AA: The Home Group" workshop on October 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran in Waldorf.

Bookstall _____

8 orders. 2 for PCP/IP committees. \$306.10. Total of \$172 received. Also received a \$100 donation from the Harmony Group to give to the Treasurer.

Website _____

Visits:

Main site – 2568 – down 14%

Bookstall – 1050 – down 4%

Five Most Frequently Visited Pages: Home Page (2962); Where & When Calendar (231); Where & When Search (115); On-Line Meetings (111); and Announcements (89).

Site Updates and Changes: No significant updates or changes.

Meeting Status: There are 134 meetings in our service area - 125 meetings are in-person; 6 are hybrid and 8 are on-line only.

Document Posts & Updates: Lifeline posted (7/2/25); Finance Page updated (7/1/25) and SMIA Minutes posted (6/23/25).

Phishing Attempts: Bill cautioned that Board Members may receive e-mails that appear to come from IONOS, the domain host. Please do not open, forward or click on any content in them. Just delete them. Any domain related information will come from him.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Serenity Breakfast financials have been submitted.
2. The job description for the chair of the Gratitude Dinner has been developed and is being distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pat S. mentioned that the committee for the last Serenity Breakfast would like to continue for the next one.

CLOSING – Motion to close. Second. All in favor. The meeting ended with the Responsibility Pledge.