

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting May 9, 2026

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

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

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction: Ed, Blue Top.

Groups & Committees Represented: Buddy F – Archives Chair; Bill L – Web (remotely); Buddy F – Bookstall; Keith H – Lifeline; Roy B - St. Mary's County Corrections; Faye S, We Are Not Alone; Roger R, To Each Its Own; Patrick B - Where and When (remotely); Lorraine J, Bedouin (remotely); Keith C, Waldorf (remotely); John W, Waldorf (remotely); Melissa – Telephone (remotely); Paul S, Cove Point.

SMIA Chair Report: Todd reported he attended the Sobriety and Technology Workshop and that the issues brought up about adhering to the Principles and such things as privacy and anonymity were interesting. May 16 from 9:00 a.m. (same time as the Serenity Breakfast) to 3:00 p.m. is the Area Assembly at the United Methodist Church in Severna Park which is reporting back from the General Service Conference.

Vice-Chair Report: Emme J reported she has plans to visit the District meeting and then branch out to the groups for an SMIA outreach effort. She also is going to have a 2 question survey card at the Serenity Breakfast also.

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

Treasurer Report (corrections/additions). This position is vacant. Todd, Chair, is still working with the former Treasurer and plans to have the annual budget review this month. Motion to accept the May 2026 Treasurer's Report as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline. Second. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment/Public information/PCP

Calvert: PI is going well. Kenny G is enthusiastic.

Charles: Anchor at Pyramid (rehab center in Charlotte Hall) is looking for women to chair meetings once a month. See Todd if you are interested.

St. Mary's: Roy B. reported participation has been good.

Telephone (4/14/26-5/8/26):

Total Calls: 8; Calvert 2; Charles 2; St. Mary's 2; Not specified 2 for a total duration of 19 minutes.

An article was published in this month's Lifeline about the vacancy of this position.

Where & When

Review proof has been distributed and response has been good. A new printer referred by Buddy F can do it at a significantly lower cost. Final proof has been submitted. Vendor awaiting payment.

Lifeline

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

Events

Serenity Breakfast: Emme reported that things are going really well. Set up at Patuxent Presbyterian Church is at 4 p.m. Friday night and volunteers are welcome.

Picnic: Still a long way away. Buddy F will chair again this year. It will be at Snow Hill Park 12-8. It will be advertised and food will be cooked from 12-4.

Gratitude Dinner: Scheduled for November. No discussion.

Workshops: Nothing to report.

Bookstall

No. Orders 12; Total Collected \$202.10 with additional PCP/IP purchases of \$266.15.

Web Report

4/11/26 – 5/9/26

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit) 2753– down 22%

Bookstall Site 2745– down 1%

5 Most Frequently visited pages

Home Page – 3134

Where and When Calendar- 218

On-Line Meetings – 221

Al-Anon Info – 204

Anniversary Calendar - 191

Top 10 Visitor locations – Maryland, Virginia, Illinois, DC, New York, Kansas, California, West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania

Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes this month

Meeting Change Information

The Handicap Accessible designation was removed from all North Beach Group meetings.
Smoke Free Sobriety time changed to 6:30 PM.

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

Lifeline posted – 5/8/26

Financial page updated – 5/8/26

Where and When updated – 4/20/26

April Minutes posted- 4/13/26

Anniversary Submissions since last meeting

St. Mary's County - 13

Calvert County – 12

Charles County – 0

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.

OLD BUSINESS: After a good deal of discussion, motion made to rescind the motion passed last month forming a temporary committee to determine appropriateness of SMIA events and fundraising guidelines according to the SMIA Bylaws and AA Traditions for requesting donations from local businesses. Second. 8 yea, 1 nay, 1 abstention. Motion rescinded.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: District 36 is organizing a “No Talent Talent Show” at Patuxent Presbyterian on 7/18/26 from 6:30-10 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn. Second. All in favor.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge