

SMIA Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2023

Opening: Buddy F. opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members present: Buddy F. - Chair, Rob A. – Parliamentarian and Kristi P. – Secretary

Groups & Committees Represented: Paul S. – Cove Point, Bill L – Sunderland/Bookstall, Bruce O. – Waldorf, Amanda W. – ODDAT, George W. – Inspiration, Roy B. – Solomons, Zee S. – Sunday Morning Sobriety, Mary F. – Leonardtown Group, Billy B. – There is a Solution, Kim K. – Solomons, Melissa W. – Basic Text/Phone, Pat P. – Where and When’s, Linda B. – Waldorf, Andy S.

SMIA Chair Report: Buddy F. – There is General Assembly meeting in Smithburg, MD on 11/18. Intergroup Liaison zoom meetings on Monday evenings. Buddy has zoom information. Buddy hosted the meeting last month and it went well. Next NERAASA will be held in Hershey Park, PA from 2/23-2/25. The 28th Southeast Woman to Woman Conference will be held in Charlotte, NC from 8/16-8/18. There is a CONTRA Study Online meeting every Thursday thru December from 9-10 pm on concepts and traditions (flyer in the Lifeline). Footprints in the Sand will be held from 2/2-2/4 in Ocean City, MD at Ashore Resort. Buddy attended the Intergroup Liaison Committee for Area 29 in Cincinnati Oct 12-15th. Bookstall inventory has been completed.

Vice-Chair Report: not available

Secretary Report: Read by Kristi P. – October 2023 minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer Report: Bill L. reported on Rebecca’s behalf. 9/25/23 – 10/24/23 report provided was accepted as presented. Total assets \$11,661.34. Please note that moving forward the prudent reserve and savings will be separated to avoid confusion.

Committee Reports

Archives: No report

By-Laws Committee: No report

Lifeline: Keith inquired about whether the reduced file size is saving on printing cost. All agreed it’s good as is. Looking for a volunteer to write an article on Spotlight on Service and a volunteer to write an article about the Gratitude Dinner and what they enjoyed about it and it’s importance to the local AA community.

Phone Report: Melissa W. – 9/9/23-10/14/23 – Total of 22 calls, 2 hours and 7 minutes total. St. Mary’s – 12 calls, Charles -7 calls and Calvert - 3 calls. 10/14/23-11/11/23 – Total of 1 hour and 30 minutes. St. Mary’s – 2 calls, Charles - 7 calls and Calvert – 4 calls. No choice, just calling in – 11 calls. Note – this is a different report than reported at the SMIA meeting. Melissa did more investigation and call the GOTO connect for clarification.

Serenity Breakfast: Mary F. and Melissa W. are looking into locations for breakfast in May 2024. Possibly St. Andrew’s Church Hall. The Serenity Breakfast in October went well. Sizeable profit of \$2,066.

Picnic: SMIA will host a picnic this summer. Looking for volunteers for a committed. Possibility of selling tickets and giving money back when people show up so we have a good headcount, committee will discuss.

Gratitude Dinner: everything moving along, all tickets sold.

Corrections and Treatment: Charles County – no change. RCA every day except Sunday, Jude House – every Wednesday. Calvert County-no report. St. Mary’s – detention center every Wednesday at 7 pm. Has a good amount of volunteers.

PI/CPC: Mary F— placed an order for literature, she will be restocking. Where and When’s out for the fall, but not the winter. Mary will be doing public information presentations on AA. Contacted the Garvey Center, St. Mary’s County Health Department, and the Sherrif’s Dept.

Bookstall Report: Bill L. - There were 653 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the October meeting. There were 8 orders since the last meeting; 2 are processing and 8 were completed.

Completed orders totaled \$232.75

Processing orders totaled \$48.95

Web Report: 10/14/23 – 11/11/23

Total Visitors (initial visit)	2535– down 26%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2513 Where and When Calendar- 306 Where and When Search -249 Minutes - 215 Anniversary Calendar - 134
Referring Sites	Direct Others Search Engines – Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes this month.

Meeting Change Information

New Meeting – Another Laye Night, Charles County, at the Great Escape Recovery Lounge on Fridays at 10:00 PM
Temporarily suspended meeting, Calvert County, Beach Beacon Friday Night. Suspended indefinitely. The group will make a decision soon on the permanent status.

Where and When: Pat P. – still have some. Let Pat know when to reprint.

Old Business – SMIA will have a group conscience before next meeting to discuss contributions to Area 29 and GSO.

New Business – Looking for an Archives Chair, will post in the Lifeline and on the website.

For the Good of the Order – Zee S. will celebrate 10 yrs at Sunday Morning Sobriety on 11/12. Thank you to John for donating books for the Gratitude Dinner. The Christmas Alcothon will be held at the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad from 12/24-12/25 from 9 pm – 9 pm (flyer available)

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord’s Prayer