

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting November 8, 2025

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

Board Members Present: Todd M – Chair; Lorraine J - Vice-Chair; Bruce O – Treasurer; Shaara W - Secretary and Paul S – Parliamentarian.

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction: Cindy C, Awakenings; Rex, _____.

Groups & Committees Represented: Buddy F – Archives Chair; Bill L– Web/Bookstall; Emme J – O.D.A.A.T; Roy B – Solomon’s Group;

SMIA Chair Report: Briefly, Area Meeting on November 15th from 9 to 3. It can be accessed remotely; District 36 is hosting 2 alkathons, one on Christmas Eve, starting at 6 p.m. at the Hollywood Rescue Squad and on New Year’s Eve at the Leonardtown Knights of Columbus. NERISA is meeting the 20th through 23rd in Portland, Maine. All information can be found on the mdaa.org website.

Vice-Chair Report: Lorraine reported representing SMIA at the Intergroup Liaison Committee where she told them about SMIA’s successes including our Lifeline Newsletter and Website. She thanked Keith H. and Bill L. for their stellar efforts as well as the Bookstall (Buddy F.), phone service (Melissa) and our events. She talked about our challenges including representation (130 groups with no representatives); getting volunteers to chair events and getting the word out on what we do. She also mentioned as one of our successes the reasonableness of our phone service which was costing about \$200 more a month several years ago than now. Other group representatives emphasized reaching out on a personal level to groups to let them know what SMIA is and does.

Rex stated the Intergroup Liaison Committee represents 11 intergroups across the State of Maryland, other than PG and Montgomery which are part of Virginia, and includes a Hispanic Intergroup out of DC. The Committee enables the intergroups to meet and compare notes on what is working and what is challenging for each of them. As for the Bookstall, it’s called many different things such as Literature Committee.

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

Treasurer Report (corrections/additions). Averaging about 5-6q00 a month in contributions and expenses average about \$1000 a month. We’re still down. Less than 3 mos operating budget left. Received an unexpected refund of \$750 for liability insurance. YTD is now accurate. Motion to accept the November Treasurer’s Report as posted on the Website and in the Lifeline. Second. All in favor.

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Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc

Treasury Report

<div>Monthly Contributions: \$660.48 www.somdintergroup.org/contribute SMIA, PO Box 767, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622</div>			
<div>Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc Monthly Statement of Financial Position September 25, 2025 - October 24, 2026</div>		<div>Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc Yearly Statement of Activity April 25, 2025 - April 24, 2026</div>	
<div>Assets<div>Primary Business Checking\$3,084.52</div><div>Prudent Reserve\$4,301.00</div><div>PayPal\$823.66</div><div>Bookstall Cash on hand\$100.00</div><div>Total Assets8,309.18</div></div>		<div><div>Year to Date Income</div><div>Contributions\$3,640.5360%</div><div>Bookstall Sales\$1,027.9571%</div><div>Gratitude Dinner\$-100%</div><div>Serenity Breakfast\$-100%</div><div>Total 2025 Income4,668.4868%</div></div> <div><div>Year to Date Expenses</div><div>Bookstall Purchases\$(742.58)81%</div><div>Liability Insurance\$(351.00)-29%</div><div>Lifeline Printing\$(735.45)23%</div><div>Misc\$(104.74)0%</div><div>Phone Answering Service/1-800#\$(358.15)-10%</div><div>Post Office Box\$(120.00)0%</div><div>Rent\$(900.00)50%</div><div>Webmaster\$(1,026.00)67%</div><div>Website\$(510.84)40%</div><div>Where & When\$-100%</div><div>Picnic\$(773.22)23%</div><div>Travel\$-100%</div><div>Workshops\$-100%</div><div>SMIA Archives\$-100%</div><div>Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing)\$(148.00)18%</div><div>Bank Charges and Fees\$(80.00)20%</div><div>Other - Tax Filings\$-0%</div><div>Total 2025 Expenses\$(5,849.98)67%</div></div>	
<div>This Month's Expenses<div>Bookstall Purchases\$-</div><div>Liability Insurance\$414.00</div><div>Lifeline Printing\$(140.95)</div><div>Misc\$-</div><div>Phone Answering Service/1-800#\$(61.63)</div><div>Post Office Box\$-</div><div>Rent\$(150.00)</div><div>Webmaster\$(1,026.00)</div><div>Website\$(139.67)</div><div>Where & When\$-</div><div>Picnic\$-</div><div>Travel\$-</div><div>Workshops\$-</div><div>SMIA Archives\$-</div><div>Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing)\$(14.00)</div><div>Bank Charges and Fees\$(16.00)</div><div>Other - Tax Filings\$-</div><div>Total Expenses\$(1,134.25)</div></div>			
<div>Total of Checking and PayPal Allows us a financial Runway of2.63Months</div> <div>Number of Months of Fiscal Year Remaining6Months</div> <div>For our 2024-2025 planned expenses, we currently have a\$(4,997.82)Shortfall</div>			
<div>Remaining Service Committee Budgets</div> <div>Budget Year 2024 (01May2025 - 30Apr2026)</div> <div>As of 12JUL2025</div>		<div><div>C&T</div><div>PI/CPC</div><div>Calvert\$375.00\$-</div><div>Charles\$375.00\$250.00</div><div>St. Mary's\$99.00\$231.00</div></div>	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment _____

Calvert: Going well.

Charles: RCA meetings are filling up 6 days a week, if you want to go, let us know.

St. Mary's: Looking for people with one year sober to bring meetings in to the detention center. They have a literature library now, accepting paperbacks only.

Roy B. reported the need for volunteers is great. Talks for a second weekly meeting are ongoing. Need at least 4 volunteers with good 12 Step experience. He also reported the following:

1. Meetings Every Wednesday 7pm - Good participation 12 to 15 inmates
2. Actively Seeking New Volunteers - The call for volunteers for service is ongoing. One new AA member has been approved and attended orientation.
3. Activities/Work - Talks with the Detention Center continues as we prepare for a 2nd meeting per week for the males. We need at least 4 solid AAs with 12 step experience before we can start up a 2nd meeting per week
4. Women's Report (Brandi T.) - Big Books have been added to the library cart in the ladies unit. 3 New women have been onboarded and starting to carry the message
Still looking for more volunteers

Public Information/PCP _____

Calvert: Kenny G. is doing an awesome job. He is extremely motivated in getting the word out. The most recent development is Dave Y. is getting literature into nursing homes and adult day care which is a new outlet.

Charles: Andrea A will be new Committee Chair in January and Brenda M. will stay on as a member. Emme reported that QR plaques are being placed in place of pamphlets in Charles

St. Mary's: No report.

Telephone _____

Melissa reported: Total Calls – 13; Calvert – 3; Charles – 0; St. Mary's – 1; Not Specified – 9; and Time 22 minutes.

Where & When. _____

The Where & When is ready to be printed but they are still waiting for some changes to meetings in St. Mary's County. Pat feels it would be a good idea to wait until the end of

November to get those changes in place. Motion to print Where & When the first week of December, or until all the St. Mary's changes have taken place. Second. All in favor.

Motion to amend the motion to specify December 5th as the printing date, assuming all changes have been entered. Second. All in favor.

In addition Pat requested the email address of anyone who wants to be part of the Where & When review process.

Lifeline

Keith H. reported that things are going good. He welcomes any suggestions, feedback, etc. He is also looking for someone to write a short article about getting into AA via the corrections process.

Events

Serenity Breakfast: Need a chair person.

Picnic: Still a long way away.

Gratitude Dinner: Is tonight.

Workshops: Nothing to report.

Bookstall

No. Visits 0 No. Orders 13 Total Collected \$408.50 Expenses need big books

Calvert and St. Mary's have exhausted their institutions budgets. Charles still has quite a bit remaining.

Website

Web and Bookstall Report

10/11/25 – 11/8/25

Web Report

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit)	2549– up 4%
Bookstall Site	2397– down 10%

5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2740
	Where and When Calendar- 265
	Announcements – 239
	Where and When Search - 184
	Al-Anon Info - 161

Site Updates and Changes

I added a DMARC to the e-mail server which will reduce or eliminate the phishing attempts. Additionally, the .htaccess file on both the SMIA main site and the Bookstall site was configured to prohibit nuisance bots by user-agent, block common exploit/probe paths, and block noisy net rewrites. This will help prevent cyberthreats from bad actors in Asia, South America, and Eastern Europe, where the majority of attacks were originating.

Meeting Change Information

A new group has been added at the Great Escape Recovery Lounge named Working It, Big Book Style. This group will meet at 5:00 PM on Monday, beginning November 10th. The Wednesday Noon Big Book Meeting, that meets at Lifestream Church in Waldorf, will be terminated, effective 11/30/25. We received information that the meetings held at the Beacon of Hope would have to move by December 1st. This is considered unofficial because the group change forms for these groups have not been submitted. I sent an e-mail to Melissa W. District 36 DCM to encourage these groups to complete the form. Rev sent me the address and suite number for the new location, but again, this is unofficial.

Meeting Status

Currently there are 137 meetings in our service area; 128 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 8 meetings are on-line only.

Document Posts and Updates

Lifeline posted – 10/31/25

Finance Page updated – 10/31/25

SMIA Minutes posted – 10/11/25

Phishing attempts

Phishing attempts have probably been reduced significantly, however if you do receive a message that appears to come from IONOS, no not open them, do not forward them, do not click on any content in them. Delete them. Typically, a genuine request from IONOS will only be sent to me

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.

I will be travelling back to Maryland this afternoon and will return to WV on Tuesday. Updates and requests will be attended to then.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Buddy F. reported he is interested in setting up a 'Bookstall Bingo' game in the hallway the second or third week of January.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Motion to Adjourn. Second. All in favor.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge