

SMIA Meeting Minutes – Feb 11, 2023

Opening: Bill L. opened with the Serenity Prayer and Responsibility Statement.

Board Members present: Bill L. - Chair, Rebecca B. – Treasurer, Rob A. – Parliamentarian and Tressie F. - Secretary

Groups & Committees Represented: John Z. – Sunday Morning Sobriety/ Archives, Paul S. – Cove Point, Todd M. - St. Charles Step, Craig W. – Waldorf, Nathan H. – Waldorf, Scott T. – Grapevine, Buddy F. – Basic Text/ Bookstall, Jamie R. – North Beach, Jeremy B. – Harmony, Norma H. – 12 Steps Home, Roy B. – Solomons, Lorraine J. – Bedouin, Amanda W. – ODDAT, Rob A. – Popular Hill, George W. – Inspiration, Pat. P – Where and When, Melissa – Phone

SMIA Chair Report: Bill L. – nothing new to report

Vice-Chair Report: Katherine L. – not available.

Secretary Report: Read by Tressie F. – January 2023 minutes were accepted as read with corrections.

Treasurer Report: Rebecca B. – 12/25/22 – 1/24/23 report provided. Monthly net assets \$18978.88 with \$1094.83 in contributions. The Treasurer’s Report is available on-line at <https://somidintergroup.org/finance.html>

Committee Reports

Archives: John Z. – having issues with scanner. Janine W. will represent Charles and compiled an accurate list of all the meetings. Willie O. has recordings of Bill W. that are being digitized in a studio in Baltimore. Lorraine is working with John B. to help with Calvert . Melissa represents St. Mary’s.

Lifeline: Keith not available – Sixty copies of the Lifeline were provided by Rebecca for \$85.00, prepared and distributed.

Phone Report: Melissa – received 15 calls (5 St. Mary’s, 4 Calvert, and 6 Charles) for 1 hour 7 minutes total.

Picnic: No update. Tressie asked if we should continue with the SMIA picnic since 2 of 3 districts have annual picnics.

Serenity Breakfast: Buddy – John waiting for updated information from facility.

Gratitude Dinner: Buddy – correction made to January minutes - sold \$4080 in tickets.

Corrections and Treatment: Charles County – Jeanine is new chair. Meetings are being held at the RCA Monday through Friday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 2:00. Jude House has become more like a pre-release facility. There are no meetings being taken into jail. St. Mary’s – meetings going into Anchor and Compass. Calvert – Barstow is reopened to AA meetings except on Friday. Lorraine picked up Big Books for treatment facilities.

PI/CPC: St. Mary’s – racks are full. Calvert – Lorraine has volunteered to be the chair. Per Todd – Brenda W. has received workbooks she ordered.

Bookstall: Buddy – six orders for \$335.25 with one order \$285 for District 1 C&T. Collected \$331.65. SMIA sets aside funds as part of its annual budget for C&T (corrections and treatment - \$350 per district) and PI/CPC (Public information/cooperating with professional community - \$250 per district).

Where and When: Pat P. – asked about St. Mary’s meeting which hasn’t met in 3 years (leave in listing as suspended). Pat asked for QR codes for Meeting Guide App which Bill will create and get to him. Cost estimate is \$1630 for 3000 copies. All changes and updates have been accepted and the membership voted unanimously to proceed with printing.

Website: Bill L. gave report.

Total Visitors (initial visit)	2077– Down 28%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2047 Where and When Calendar- 373 On-Line Meetings -202 Where and When Search - 190 Announcements -154
Referring Sites	Direct Others Search Engines – Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

The SMIA On-Line Bookstall had 354 new visitors since the January 2023 meeting. 1 new order was submitted and is processing

Site Updates and Changes

The SMIA Mobile App was re-designed. The SMIA mobile app is ready but not available for I-phone because Apple wants \$90 a month where Play store is \$30 a year.

Meeting Change Information

The Happy Destiny Group in Lusby changed their format to a literature meeting, focusing on Came to Believe. A new group opened at the Great Escape Recovery Lounge in Waldorf; The Saturday Night Beginners Meeting which meets 7:00 PM

Meeting Status

Currently there are 130 meetings in our service area; 120 meetings are in-person, 7 meetings are hybrid, 6 meetings are on-line only, and 4 meetings are reported as suspended. Of those 4, 1 has an on-line presence.

Document Posts and Updates

Where and When PDF updated – 2/9/23

Mobile App 2023 4.2 released – 2/2/23

Lifeline posted – 2/2/23

Finance Page updated – 1/25/23

SMIA Minutes posted – 1/16/23

Old Business – None.

New Business – Nominations for election of Chair and Secretary are required and elections will be held in March. Buddy F. was nominated for Chair and accepted. We need nominations for Secretary. Since we have an abundance of operating funds, ideas were discussed to spend some of it. They included scholarships for Founders Day (bus trip \$170); attend Maryland conference, to attend the roundup, \$1000 college scholarship AA members child could apply. Bill would research to make sure we aren't going down a slippery slope. Buddy suggested donating literature to the roundup for Living Sober workshops, etc. (not for resale). Tressie suggested additional donations to church.

For the Good of the Order Craig W., 2 at Waldorf on 2/11, Bruce O., 9 at Waldorf on 2/25, Nathan, 2 at Waldorf on 3/11, and Lorraine J., 43 at Bedouin on 3/19,

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer