

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 09, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Opening:

Lorraine J. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members Present: Lorraine J. - Vice-Chair, Bruce O. – Treasurer, Paul S. - Parliamentarian and Kristi P. – Secretary

New Member(s): None

Groups & Committees Represented:

Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Ray C. – Never Too Late, Nathan H. – Waldorf Group, Robert W. – Sunday Morning Sobriety, , Norma H. – 12 Steps Home, Todd M. – St. Charles Step Group, Pat S. – Workshop Chair, Andy X. – Keeping it Green, Emme – O.D.A.A.T, Lisa T. – Awakenings, Joanie B. – Poplar Hill Group, Zee S. – Sunday Morning Sobriety, Emme J. – ODDAAT, Sara S. – Bedouin Group, Sheri R.- End of the World, Roy B. – Solomon’s Group

SMIA Chair Report:

Kristi P. gave the monthly Chair report on Buddy F’s behalf.

Vice-Chair Report: Lorraine J. thanked Melissa W. for her service as Phone Chair. Melissa did a phenomenal job and helped to reduce costs.

Secretary Report: Motion and second to adopt the October 2024 minutes, as reported in the Lifeline, all in favor.

Treasurer Report: Bruce O. shared the October 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Based on planned expenses, a shortfall of \$1,820.59 is predicted. If the Gratitude dinner is successful and contributions keep coming in, it may offset shortfall. Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, all in favor.

Committee Reports

Bookstall Report: Bill L. reported there were 6 orders; 4 were processed and two were cancelled and refunded because they were outside of the service area. Order totals were \$882.86. We ordered 10 copies of the Plain Language Big Book, but Bill does not believe they’ve been received. All orders are shipped to Buddy.

Web/Technology: Total visitors 2,921 (down 3%). Most frequently visited pages: Home Page, Where and When Calendar, Anniversary Calendar, On-line Meetings and Where and When Search. No site updates and changes. Meeting Change: We Were Drunks moved to St. George’s Episcopal Church in Valley Lee, MD. Currently there are 129 meetings in our service area; 121 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 8 meetings are on-line only. Document Posts and Updates: Lifeline Posted – 11/1/24, Where and When PDF updated 10/12/24, Finance Page updated 10/29/24, Minutes posted 10/19/24.

Gratitude Dinner: Dinner will be November 16th. Joanie B. reported everything is moving along. 12 tickets left.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert –Lorraine reported everything is going great. Charles – no changes. St. Mary’s – no

changes.

Lifeline/Archives: No report.

Picnic: Looking for a chair.

PI/CPC: Calvert – Lorraine J. reported that Kenny G. is doing a great job. Ordering 2 more literature racks. Will now have presence in Substance Abuse Office in Lusby and at The Beach. Charles – no report. St. Mary's –working on Alcolthon for Christmas and New Year's, more info to come.

Telephone: Sheri R. is the new Telephone Chair. Sheri R. reported that from 9/14- 10/12 there were 15 calls, total duration 27 minutes. St. Mary's – 3 calls, Calvert – 9 calls, Charles - 1 call, 2 calls not identified. From 10/12-11/9 there were 18 calls, total duration 38 minutes. St. Mary's – 6 calls, Charles – 2 calls, Calvert – 3 calls, 7 calls not identified. There were a handful of calls from Cambridge, MD.

Serenity Breakfast: Looking for a chair.

Where and When: No report.

Workshops: No report.

Old Business: No update.

New Business: Lorraine requested we provide monthly updates for the Districts on their Public Information and Corrections budget balances.

For the Good of the Order: District 1 Chili Cookoff and Bonfire on 11/9 from 4-8 p.m. in Port Republic, MD. Bill L. will be celebrating 14 years at the Harmony Group at 7:30 p.m. Zee S. will be celebrating 11 years on 11/10 at Great Escape Recovery Lounge at 10 a.m., North Beach will be celebrating 53rd anniversary on 11/9 from 4-6 p.m. Sunday Morning Sobriety is now back at 85 High Street. Game Night at Knights of Columbus in Leonardtown on 12/28 from 6-9 p.m.

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