

SMIA Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2024

Opening: Buddy F., Chair, opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members present: Buddy F. – Chair; Lorraine J. – Vice-Chair; Bruce O., Treasurer; Paul S. – Parliamentarian.

Groups & Committees Represented: Bill L – Harmony/Bookstall; Nathan H., Waldorf; Lisa T., Awakenings; Keith H., Almost Normal; Pat S, Charlotte Hall; Rob A, Poplar Hill; Emme J, ODAAT; Todd M, St. Charles Step.

SMIA Chair Report: Buddy F. – reported on the October 7th Area 29 Intergroup Liaison meeting. Information was shared on methods for conducting group inventories. Since Area 29 created a Hispanic District, there has been substantial growth in that community in the Frederick area.

Vice-Chair Report: Lorraine J. had nothing to add.

Secretary Report: Motion and second to adopt the September 2024 minutes, as reported in the October 2024 Lifeline, all in favor. The secretary ot being present, those in attendance raised no objection to recording the meeting for transcription purposes.

Treasurer Report: Bruce O. – Based on planned expenses, a \$2,685.75 shortfall is predicted. If the Gratitude Dinner is successful, it may offset that shortfall. Bruce transferred \$1,000 out of checking for the secured credit card. Bruce noted a bookkeeping error --\$800 in income that was carried over in the August and September reports. This was corrected in the October report. Based on the predicted shortfall, SMIA does not have the funds to contribute to GSO at this time. Motion and second to accept the October Treasurer's Report as submitted, all in favor.

Committee Reports

Bookstall: Bill L. –

There were 1655 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the September meeting--12 orders, all completed. Two out-of-state orders were cancelled and refunded. Orders totaled \$144, \$14 deducted for donuts for the business meeting. There were no purchases from World Services. Please help spread the word that online ordering is preferable because it updates the inventory automatically. Bookstall is out-of-stock on many items. Orders delayed pending set up of new credit card. Plain Language Big Book to be released in November. It is expected that there will be a big demand—SMIA Bookstall may not be able to offer them right away.

Web Report: Bill L. -- 09/14/24 -10/12/24. Total visits down 19%. Most frequently visited pages: home page, Where & When calendar, online meetings, Where & When search, and anniversary calendar.

Meeting Changes/Status:

Do Drop In is now online only. Early Bird meeting time changed to 6:00 PM—this is a woman's meeting. Currently there are 129 meetings in our service area; 121 in-person, 6 hybrid, 8 online only, There are no suspended meetings.

Gratitude Dinner: Is on for November 16th. Contact Pete D, Poplar Hill, or Joanie, Basic Text, for tickets. Attendees are encouraged to bring dessert items to share. Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will be donated to Immaculate Conception.

Institutions/Corrections: Calvert – Lorraine J reported new volunteers were trained in August and men's and women's meetings are being taken in. **Charles** – No report; **St. Mary's** – Renovations are nearing completion. Contact Kim, Corrections Chair, if you are interested in taking meetings into the jail. . Contact Keith H. if you are available to take meetings into Anchor on the last Tuesday of the month.

Lifeline: Keith –Going well—one “What Works for Me” article submitted.

Public Information: Calvert – Lorraine J reported that Kenny G is getting literature racks into previously unreachable sites. Has to refill the Health Department site every two weeks. **Charles** – No report. **St. Mary's** – Buddy F reported they have implemented an “Adopt a Rack” program that seems to be working well. **PI/CPC** On Oct 20, three speakers will share at the College of Southern Maryland to carry the message to student. This event is not open to the public.

Serenity Breakfast: Pat Smith will chair. Immaculate Conception has been reserved for Saturday, April 26th.

Telephones: Melissa W. – No report.

Where and When: Pat P. – No report.

Workshops: Pat S has not been able to reach Charles about presenting on AA History. Kieth offered to try to reach him. Immaculate Conception is reserved for February 22nd.

Old Business –Church reimbursed Buddy for 8 chairs that were damaged by students at the church school.

New Business – Discussion on whether SMIA should print Where & Whens twice a year was deferred until Pat could weigh in.

For the Good of the Order – Pat S. will celebrate 40 years at Charlotte Hall on November 7. Bill L will celebrate 14 years at Harmony on November 11. There will be smoked meat loaf. A Grapevine workshop is planned for December—more will be disclosed.

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