

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 14, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Opening:

Buddy F. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members Present: Buddy F. – Chair, Lorraine J. - Vice-Chair, Paul S. - Parliamentarian and Kristi P. – Secretary

New Member(s): Phil T. – Never Too Late

Groups & Committees Represented:

Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Phil. – Never Too Late, Nathan H. – Waldorf Group, Todd M. – St. Charles Step Group, Pat P-. Where and When Chair , Andy X. – Keeping it Green, Emme – O.D.A.A.T, Zee S. – Sunday Morning Sobriety, Sara S. – Bedouin Group, Roy B. – Solomon’s Group; Lisa T. – Awakenings Group, Frances R. – KISS Group, Michele B.

SMIA Chair Report:

Buddy F. gave the monthly Chair report. Buddy reported the Area 29 Delegates report, as well as the Area 29 Intergroup Liaison report. Buddy also mentioned the Area 29 Conference Agenda that is posted on www.marylandaa.org for the upcoming CARC meeting.

Vice-Chair Report: Nothing to report.

Secretary Report: Kristi P. read November 2024 minutes, motion and second to adopt, all in favor.

Treasurer Report: Buddy F. shared the November 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Monthly contributions were \$66.52 and monthly expenses were \$357. To date, SMIA’s yearly contributions are \$5,920.18, and Expenses are \$7,571. **As a result of predicted annual shortfall, SMIA is encouraging contributions from groups so we can continue to carry the message.** Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, all in favor.

Committee Reports

Bookstall Report: Bill L. reported there were 18 orders; 6 were processed and 12 were completed. Order totals were \$384.00. We ordered 10 copies of the Plain Language Big Book, and it is sold out. Additionally, this product is out of stock at World Services.

Web/Technology: Total visitors 3,124 (up 3%). Most frequently visited pages: Home Page, Where and When Calendar, Contact Page, Where and When Search and Anniversary Calendar. Site updates and changes: Minor change to the Announcements page to improve navigation through flyers. Meeting Change: Beyond Sobriety was changed to 7:00 PM. 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 – 12/1/24, Finance Page updated – 11/27/24, Minutes Posted – 11/21/24, Where and When updated – 11/11/24.

Gratitude Dinner: A final report was not presented, but it looks like the Dinner raised over \$800.00. Buddy would like to thank each and every person involved in the success of the Dinner.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert –Sara reported on behalf of Lorraine reported that everything is going well. Charles – Zee S. reported all is well, with the exception of looking for anyone looking for service. St. Mary's – Buddy reported that the Jail is now open. They are taking meetings in for Women on Monday and Men on Wednesday. Must arrive at 6:30 for 7:00 pm meeting.

Lifeline/Archives: Buddy reported that Keith is still looking for material to include in Lifeline.

Picnic: Buddy has volunteered to chair the picnic.

PI/CPC: Calvert – Lorraine J. reported that Kenny G. is doing a great job. We now have racks in all three substance abuse offices in Calvert. Charles – no report. St. Mary's –no report

Telephone: Melissa W. reported that she and Sheri R. are currently co-chairing. Melissa W. reported that from 11/10-12/12 there were 22 calls. St. Mary's – 2 calls, Calvert – 4 calls, Charles - 1 call, 15 calls not identified.

Serenity Breakfast: Pat S. volunteered to chair. Looking at a date in early May.

Where and When: Pat P. reported we are down to approximately 450 for distribution.

Workshops: None.

Old Business: Discussed possibly listing breakdown of committee budgets in the Treasurer's report.

New Business: **As a result of budget shortfall, SMIA is encouraging contributions from groups so we can continue to carry the message.** SMIA elections will be held in March. Looking for volunteers to fill the Chair position (Charles County is next in rotation) and the Secretary position. When elections are held, SMIA would also like to appoint volunteers to chair events. Bill advised that flyers on the web will not be updated after 2nd edition, unless there is a significant change.

For the Good of the Order: . The District 36 Christmas Alcothon will be at Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department from 12/24 at 10 p.m. to 12/25 to 10 p.m. The District 36 New Year's Alcothon will be at Knights of Columbus (Leonardtown) from 12/31 at 7 p.m. to 1/1 at 7 p.m. District 1 will be having an Anchored in Hope New Years Eve Party at Crossroads Church at 7:30 p.m. Games Night at the Knights of Columbus (Leonardtown) will be held on 12/28 from 6-9 p.m. Sara S. will be celebrating 11 years at the Bedouin Group on January 5th.

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