

**SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION**  
**JANUARY 11, 2025 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**Opening:**

Buddy F. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

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

**New Member(s):** Faye S. – We Are Not Saints

**Groups & Committees Represented:**

Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Phil. – Never Too Late, Nathan H. – Waldorf Group, Todd M. – St. Charles Step Group, Emme – O.D.A.A.T, Frances R. – KISS Group, Faye S. – We Are Not Saints, Norma H. – 12 Steps Home, Pat S. – Charlotte Hall Group, Keith H. – Almost Normal/Lifeline, Melissa W. – Never Too Late/Phone Co-Chair

**SMIA Chair Report:**

Buddy F. gave the monthly Chair report. Buddy reported that beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>, there is a new podcast “Our Primary Purpose – GSO Podcast” which can be found at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or other applications where podcasts can be found. AA Service Manual combined with the Twelve Concepts of World Service has been updated. It can be ordered under code BM31. Buddy attended the Intergroup Liaison Meeting, announced that Baltimore Intergroup was established in 1945 and will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as issues some areas are having with participation in their district meetings on the eastern shore. Our Common Welfare is always looking for articles/submissions. You can visit [AA.org](http://AA.org) if interested.

**Vice-Chair Report:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary Report:** December 2024 minutes accepted as posted online and in the Lifeline, motion and second to accept, all in favor.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, all in favor.

**Committee Reports**

**Bookstall Report:** Bill L. reported There were 566 visits to the Bookstall this month. There were 7 orders for a total of \$406.15. \$41.00 of that total was deducted from the District 36 Corrections and Treatment budget. Purchases from AA World Services totaled \$932.23. Purchases from the Token Shop totaled \$178.20. Changed the page header and site identity to reflect 2025. Updated several pamphlet prices due to World Services price increases.

**Web/Technology:** Total visitors 2,668 (down 14%). Most frequently visited pages: Home Page, Where and When Calendar, Online Meetings, Announcements and Where and When Search. Site updates and changes: Site background, header, and footer changed to reflect 2025. The New Group form was changed to include On-Line meetings. The Change Group form was changed to include On-Line meetings, meeting reopening, and temporary meeting suspension. The individual forms for each of those requests were deleted. The data associated with those forms was archived. The site menus were reduced by removing the aforementioned forms and consolidating the following to one menu item; Contact and About; Finance and

Contributions; Documents, Forms, and FAQs. A form was added to the Announcement and Events page to allow users to submit announcements and events, including an upload field to add flyers for the event. Also includes a link to Adobe's free PDF converter, because PDF format is preferred. Added additional options to the Contact form  
Updated the Group Listing Guide.

**Meeting Change:** There was an incorrect group identification for The Ladies Recover Too Group where the location was listed as the Phillips House. This was changed to the correct location, the Great Escape Recovery Lounge. **Meeting Status:** 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 – 01/01/25, Finance Page updated – 01/01/25, Minutes Posted – 01/01/25, Where and When Updated – 11/11/24

**Gratitude Dinner:** Looking for a volunteer to chair. We usually hold the event on the second Saturday of November. Buddy received a report from Gratitude dinner and after quick review it appears there was a profit of \$887.06. Buddy and Treasurer to review the report.

**Corrections and Treatment:** Calvert –no report. Charles – Norma reported women meet at 3:30 on Thursday's at the detention center. St. Mary's –Kim K. reported we are back in the detention facility, currently have 16-18 volunteers that are participating. Attendance sheet filled out during meeting must be given to the front desk when you leave. Men's meeting is Wednesday at 7 pm (arrive at 6:30), Women's meeting is Monday at 7pm (arrive at 6:30). Due to construction, you now have to pick up the phone to get buzzed in and we can now leave literature. Kim is thinking of stepping down. for the Men's meetings and Roy B. has expressed an interest in taking over.

**Lifeline/Archives:** Keith H. reported we are printing 25. If more are needed, let Keith know. Submissions are still needed and appreciated.

**Picnic:** Buddy F. volunteered to chair the picnic. Looking at holding the event at Hallowing Point Park. Going to try to rotate between counties each year.

**PI/CPC:** Calvert – Lorraine J. reported that Kenny G. is doing an amazing job. Charles – no report. St. Mary's – Buddy reported there are three people doing this service to cover the north, central and lower half of the county. All is going well.

**Telephone:** Melissa W. reported that she and Sheri R. are currently co-chairing and transitioning. There is a new volunteer for St. Mary's. Melissa W. reported that from 12/14-1/11 there were 23 calls. St. Mary's – 9 calls, Calvert – 1 call, Charles - 8 calls, 5 calls not identified.

**Serenity Breakfast:** Pat S. is the chair. Breakfast will be held at Immaculate Conception on April 26<sup>th</sup>, Time: TBD. Looking for volunteers to sell tickets. Tickets: \$20. Want to ensure that District 35 has annual 4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop, checking to ensure there is no conflict with the workshop.

**Where and When:** Buddy reported we are down to approximately 375. Discussed possibly breaking the annual order into semi-annual order to reflect recent meeting changes. Please check for any updates prior to the next printing in February. Tabled to discuss with Pat.

**Workshops:** None.

**Old Business:** Elections will be held in March for the Chair and Secretary positions. In the spirit of rotation, Charles County is next in line to Chair. The Secretary position does not require rotation. You must have two years of sobriety to serve. Corrections and Treatment and PI/PCP budgets will now be included in the Treasurer's report. Corrections and Treatment annual budget of \$375 and PI/PCP annual budget of \$250. To date Charles has not used any of their budget, Calvert has

used their PI/PCP budget, but none of their Corrections and Treatment budget. St. Mary's has used \$41 of their Corrections and Treatment budget and \$175 of their PI/PCP budget. Note – funds do not roll over once the fiscal year is over at the end of April.

**New Business:** None

**For the Good of the Order:** . Lorraine reported that the Southern Maryland Roundup Banquet is sold out. Names can be placed on waitlist. There are only a couple of hotel rooms left, so act fast. Registration is still open. Paul S. will be celebrating 6 years at Cove Point on January 17th. Frances R. is celebrating 33 years on January 12th at the KISS Group. Nathan H. is celebrating 4 years on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Waldorf Group. Todd M. will be celebrating 7 years on January 23rd at St. Charles Step Group and Dennis B celebrated 49 years at Kingston Creek on January 11th.

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