

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 10, 2024, MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Opening:

Buddy F. opened with meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members Present:

Buddy F. Chair, Rebecca B. Treasurer, Katherine L. Vice Chair.

Groups & Committees Represented

Buddy F.-Rocky Roads Group, Bill L.-Sunderland Group, Mary F.-Leonardtown Group, Loraine J.-Bedouin Group, Paul S. Cove Point Group, Roy B.-Solomons Group, Pat S. SMIA Workshop Chair, Bruce O.-Waldorf Group, Mellisa W.-SMIA Phone Chair, Katherine L.- SMIA Vice Chair, Keith H. SMIA Lifeline Chair, Pat P. SMIA Where &When Chair, Rob D. Sunrise Sobriety Group, Lisa T. Awakenings Group, Jeanine W. St Charles Step Group, Todd M. St Charles Step Group, Barry S. Inspiration Group,

SMIA Chair Report

Buddy stated that he attended the Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Meeting on February 5. There was a total of 13 people in attendance. Christian B. delivered a presentation on the up coming return of the Area 29 Newsletter the Margenser. He also made comment on a survey being conducted online by Area 29 about how should we treat the founders. Buddy F. also stated that he would be attending the upcoming NERAASA event and that he will be submitting expense vouchers for that event.

Vice Chair Report: No Report

Secretary Report: Buddy F. reported on Kristi P's behalf. Buddy F. read the SMIA January 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read; the was seconded seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report Rebecca B. gave the February 2024 Treasurer's report. A motion was made to except the Treasurer's report. The motion second and passed.

Committee Reports:

Bookstall: Bill reported There were 877 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the January meeting. There were 11 orders since the last meeting, and all are completed. Completed orders totaled \$363.00. Literature orders from World Services totaled \$795.30

Web/Technology: Total visitors, 3268, down 16%. Most frequently visited pages; Home, Where and When Calendar, On-Line Meetings, Where and When Search, and Announcements. Site Updates and Changes; Maryland Deaf Access Committee page added per request from a trusted servant. The SMIA By-Laws were signed and posted. Meeting Change Information; The Harmony Group appointed Sean W. as GSR. The Sunrise Sobriety Group appointed Rob D. as SMIA Rep. The following groups were terminated by confirmation of Buddy F., who serves as the Where and When Chair for District 36; Cookin By The Book, Tuesday Night Big Book Meeting, and St. Mary's City Group. Beach Beacon Friday Night Live was terminated, confirmed by Pat P., SMIA Where and When Chair. There were several changes to group designations for handicap accessibility, and meeting formats per information sent to Pat from

DCM's to confirm accuracy of the forthcoming printed Where and When. Meeting Status; Currently there are 126 meetings in our service area; 119 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 6 meetings are on-line only, and 1 meeting is reported as suspended but has an on-line presence. Document posts and updates; Where and When PDF updated – 02/09/24, Mobile App 2024 5.2 released – 01/31/24, Lifeline posted – 01/31/24, Finance Page updated – 01/28/24, Minutes posted – 01/22/24

Gratitude Dinner: Buddy F. stated that he had reserved the Immaculate Conception Church for November 16, 2024.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert- Loraine J. stated that things were going well. Meetings were going into the Correction facility as we as the Treatment Centers. Charles-Jeanine W. stated that at this time no meetings were taking place at the corrections facility due to lack of volunteers. Women's meetings are on Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm Men's are on Saturday 6:00-7:00 pm. Anyone interested in helping you can reach out to Dan W. and or Jeanine W. Jeanine stated that meetings were being held at RCA every night 6-7:00 pm on Tuesdays they hold a meeting at Pyramid 7:30-8:30pm and she also stated that there is a new treatment center in La Plata called ALPAS and they hold a meeting on Wednesday from 7-8:00 pm. St Mary's Buddy F. stated that the correction was temporarily closed due to construction.

Lifeline: Keith H. things are going well, always looking for article from fellowship members on their Service and how it has helped their program. Or any other A.A. topics you might wish to share on.

Picnic: Buddy F stated that he has reserved a pavilion at Gilbert Run Park for June 23, 2024, from 12:00 till 6:00 pm. Looking at the different available venues the group conscience was that this park was the best suited for our family's. Buddy also stated that volunteers are needed in all phases of operation. There will be a \$5.00 per car entry fee into Gilbert Run Park. The membership voted to move forward and pay the reservation.

PI/CPC: Calvert-Lorainne J stated that she has been making sure the various Literature racks throughout the county were being replenished. Charles- No report St Mary's- Mary F. stated the all the Literature racks were being kept up and that she was looking for interested people who might want to give a talk on A.A.

Workshop: The chairperson would like to host a Symposium (History of A.A.) on April 13,2024 at the Immaculate Conception Hall. 5-9:00. There is a flyer posted on the SMIA website.

Archive: This position is vacant currently, if you are interested, please go to our website. Somdaa.org and look for Service Opportunities

Telephone: Melissa W. gave her Report, there were a total of 25 calls 1 for ST Mary's 15 Calvert and 4 for Charles.

Serenity Breakfast: Mary F stated that she reserved the Immaculate Conception church for June 1,2024. A flyer with more information will be posted soon on the SMIA Website.

Where and When: Pat P. has made all necessary corrections to the Where and When and has submitted it for publication for this upcoming year.

Old Business: We are currently looking for a new Archives Chair, Keith W. graciously accepted the position. The By-Laws changes that were made this past summer have been officially signed by all board members and are now available on our website.

New Business: Pat P. provided the group with the cost estimates for the new Where and When Pamphlets. The group agreed to place an order of Three thousand.

SMIA elections Loraine J. stated that she would like to be considered for the SMIA Vice Chair position, Broce O. would like to be considered for the SMIA Treasure Position and Pat S. would like to be considered for the SMIA Parliamentarian position. We are still taking nominees for all these positions. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to our website, or talk with any SMIA officer. They will be more than glad to help.

For the Good of the Order: Lorraine J. will celebrate 44 years on March 17th ,2024.

Respectfully

Buddy F.

SMIA Chairperson