

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

JULY 13, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Opening:

Buddy F. opened 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): Brandy T. – Joan B., Poplar Hill, District 36 Rep

Groups & Committees Represented:

Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Keith H.- SMIA Lifeline Chair, Lorraine J. – Bedouin Group, Nathan H. – Waldorf Group, Zuriel S. – Sunday Morning Sobriety, Francis R. – KISS Group, Andy X. – Keeping it Green

SMIA Chair Report:

Buddy F. reported he attended the Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Zoom Meeting on July 1st. There were 9 people in attendance. At the meeting, Terry reported the 90th Year Anniversary of AA conference is coming up and will be held in Vancouver. Theme will be “Language of the Heart”. Registration forms will be going out in August and registration and booking of rooms will begin in September. Expecting up to 50,000 people. Be mindful about things you may have to do to gain entry into Canada. Information can be obtained at aa.org. Buddy also reported personal income contributions have been raised from \$5,000 to \$7,500. Suggestions for CARCs are requested for subjects for board to discuss to take to World Services. CARC meeting will be held on July 29th in Calvert County, location TBD. World Services received 165,000 emails, 1,700 phone calls, 1,500 translation requests and 1,470 visited the World Services in New York. Grapevine podcast available in 60 different countries. 800,000 downloads as of April. YouTube has a channel with sign language capability available. Reviewing a new pamphlet for Asian Americans. Also, updated African American pamphlet.

Vice-Chair Report: no report.

Secretary Report: Kristi P. read the SMIA June 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer Report: Buddy F. gave the June 2024 Treasurer’s report on Bruce’s behalf. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report. A motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Bookstall Report: Bill L. reported there were 1,529 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the June meeting. There were 10 orders since the last meeting, all of which are complete for a total of \$249. Literature purchases totaled \$303.50.

Web/Technology: Total visitors 4,135. Most frequently visited pages: Home Page, Where and When Calendar, Announcements, Anniversary Calendar, On-line Meetings and Announcements. No site updates and changes. Meeting Change: The address for all meetings at Peace Lutheran Church has changed to 301 Smallwood Drive. Currently there are 127 meetings in our service area; 120 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 6/7/24; Lifeline posted 7/1/24; Finance Page updated 7/1/24; Minutes posted 6/26/24, FY 2024/2025 Budget

posted on 7/1. To be reposted when approved.

Gratitude Dinner: Dinner will be November 16th. Looking for chair and volunteers.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert –Lorraine reported that Riley F. is doing a fantastic job with Avenues. Charles – Zee S. reported no significant changes. St. Mary's – Buddy F. reported the Monday night 6 p.m. meeting at Compass looking for volunteers to take meetings in. Kim got a notice that the jail is going to be opening back up soon.

Lifeline/Archives: Keith H. reported everything is going well. Keith thanks everyone for their contributions to the Lifeline.

Picnic: Buddy F. reported the picnic went very well. Picnic fee was \$425 originally. SMIA received an additional \$50 bill. \$730.40 in expenses for food, etc. Water, ice and sodas were donated. Total cost for picnic was \$1,205.40. Budget was \$1,000. A motion was made to pay the overage, motion was seconded and passed

PI/CPC: Calvert – Lorraine J. reported that Kenny G. is doing a great job. Charles – no report. Buddy F. Reported the Charles County Health Dept. reached out for Where and When's. St. Mary's –Buddy F. reported that Sandy C. is the new chair.

Telephone: Buddy F. reported on Melissa's behalf. From 5/11-6/8, there were 19 calls, total duration 35 minutes. St. Mary's – 2 calls, Calvert – 3 calls, Charles - 9 calls, 5 calls not identified. From 6/9 – 6/13, there were 34 calls, total duration 2 hours, 13 minutes. St. Mary's – 9 calls, Charles – 12 calls, Calvert – 6 calls, 7 calls not identified. You can visit our website to add your name to list to receive calls.

Serenity Breakfast: Buddy F. reported there was a \$128 outstanding bill for the main cook payment was made. Buddy will provide the Treasurer with the receipts.

Where and When: Buddy reported we currently have 3 boxes of Where and When's left.

Workshops: Buddy F. reported that Pat S. requested any ideas/topics for workshops. Pat has reached out to the speaker from Akron as a possibility.

Old Business: A motion was made to approve the FY 2024/2025 budget, seconded and passed.

New Business: None

For the Good of the Order: Solomon's Group celebrating 40th Anniversary on August 18th. Food and festivities at 5 pm and meeting at 7 pm. Sessions by the Sea will be 9/3-9/8, online registration only.

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