

## SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

### JUNE 8, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

#### **Opening:**

Buddy F. opened 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):** Brandy T. – ODAAT (Area 29 Accessibility Chair)

#### **Groups & Committees Represented:**

Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Jamie R. – North Beach, Mary F. – Leonardtown Group, Zee S. – Sunday Morning Sobriety, Lisa T. – Awakenings, Janine G. – Ladies Recover Too, Mandy W. – ODAAT, Keith H.- SMIA Lifeline Chair, Pat S. – Never Too Late – Workshop Chair, Jeanine W. – St. Charles Step Group

#### **SMIA Chair Report:**

Buddy F. reported there was no liaison meeting. The Spring Contra study has 2 weeks left, June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 p.m. to discuss Concepts 10-12. There is a position opening for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Non-Trustee Director, if anyone is interested.

**Vice-Chair Report:** no report.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Bruce O. gave the May 2024 Treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and passed.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Bookstall Report:** Bill L. reported all literature prices have increased to reflect the increase from World Services.

There were 445 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the May meeting. There were 7 orders since the last meeting, all of which are complete for a total of \$396. Chips and Medallions were purchased from the Token Shop for \$204.00.

**Web/Technology:** Total visitors 3,215. Most frequently visited pages: Home Page, Where and When Calendar, Announcements, On-line Meetings and Where and When Search. No site updates and changes. Meeting Change: The North Beach Women's Group changed to a regular open discussion meeting. The Warner Group is no longer hosting an on-line meeting. Currently there are 127 meetings in our service area; 120 meetings are in-person, 5 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 6/2/24; Finance Page updated 5/31/24; Minutes posted 5/26/24.

**Gratitude Dinner:** No updates. Dinner will be November 16<sup>th</sup>. Looking for chair and volunteers.

**Corrections and Treatment:** Calvert –Lorraine reported that Mark B. is leaving and Riley F. will be taking over as chair. Charles – Janine reported nothing new to add. St. Mary’s – nothing new to report.

**Lifeline/Archives:** Keith H. reported everything is going well and he will take over printing. He will be printing 20 copies/month and will take any feedback if the amount of copies needs to be revised.

**Picnic:** Buddy F. reported he is still in need of volunteers. Note – \$5 fee per vehicle fee will be paid to the park, not SMIA.

**PI/CPC:** Calvert – Lorraine J. reported that Kenny G. will be taking over as chair. Charles – no new report. St. Mary’s –Mary F. reported that Sandy C. is the new chair.

**Telephone:** No report.

**Serenity Breakfast:** Mary F. reported that Serenity Breakfast was very successful. Was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8-11:30 am. Speaker Mark A. shared his experience, strength and hope. All tickets were sold and food was good. We made \$1300 from the event. Mary thanked everyone for the opportunity to chair and thanked all of the volunteers and attendees.

**Where and When:** Bill L. reported on Pat’s behalf. The PDF was updated on 6/7. There weren’t many changes. Smoke Free Sobriety at Peace Lutheran Church had an incorrect address which was corrected.

**Workshops:** Pat S. reported there is no report for upcoming events. Requested members submit topics for workshops.

**New Business:** Bruce O. presented the new budget which is posted online. Everyone should take back to groups before vote at July SMIA meeting. Brandy T. (Area 29 Accessibility Chair) gave an excellent presentation (Serving All Alcoholics in Making AA Message Accessible). She provided handouts with additional information. Exciting things happening: Linguistic District (District 29) and the Accessibility Committee will be hosting a virtual workshop on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**For the Good of the Order:** Buddy reported the Delegate reached out and is willing to come and give a presentation on his experience in New York and the Plain Language Big Book, if interested. Pat S. reported there will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cornhole and Bocce Ball tournament on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. in Callaway, MD. Looking for volunteers.

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