

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 14, 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): Mike – Sober by the Bay

Groups & Committees Represented:

Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Keith H.- SMIA Lifeline Chair, Nathan H. – Waldorf Group, Robert W. – Sunday Morning Sobriety, Francis R. – KISS Group, Jamie R. – North Beach, Norma H. – 12 Steps Home, Todd M. – St. Charles Step Group, Pat S. – Workshop Chair, Andy X. – Keeping it Green, Emme J. – O.D.A.A.T, , Roy B.-Solomon’s Group, Pat P. – North Beach

SMIA Chair Report:

Buddy F. gave the monthly Chair report.

Vice-Chair Report: no report.

Secretary Report: Kristi P. read the SMIA August 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer Report: Bruce O. shared the September 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Total monthly contributions were \$988.84. Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, all in favor. The Treasurer’s Report is available online at <https://somidintergroup.org/finance.html>.

Committee Reports

Bookstall Report: Bill L. - there were 1351 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the August meeting. There were 13 orders, all of which are processing. Order totals were \$438.05. Literature purchases from World Services totaled \$575.92

Web Report: Bill L. – 8/10/24 -9/14/24. Total visitors (initial visits) 3,850, down 7%. Most frequently visited pages: Home Page, Where and When Calendar, Announcements, Anniversary Calendar, On-line Meetings and Announcements. No site updates and changes.

Meeting Changes/Status: The Southern Maryland Big Book Meeting was terminated. The meeting time for Sober By The Bay was changed to 5:00 PM. Beach Beacon On-Line changed their Zoom link and host information. Currently there are 128 meetings in our service area; 121 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: Lifeline posted – 9/1/24, Finance Page updated – 9/1/24, Where and When updated 9/14/24, Minutes posted – 8/13/24

Gratitude Dinner: Scheduled for November 16th. Need a chair.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert –Lorraine reported that everything is going well. Charles – no report. St. Mary's – Buddy F. reported the jail is still closed. Roy B. received a letter from the Warden that the renovations are continuing. Monday night meetings at 6:30 p.m. meeting at Compass. Wednesday meetings at Anchor for men and women at 7:30 pm.

Lifeline/Archives: Keith H. reported he increased # of Lifeline copies to 25 per month. Submissions are welcome.

Picnic: Buddy F. – need a chair.

PI/CPC: Calvert – Lorraine J. reported that Kenny G. is still doing a great job. Charles – no report. Buddy F. relinquished chair position. Need a chair.

Telephone: No report.

Serenity Breakfast: No date established. We have a possible date of May 3rd and volunteer to chair.

Where and When: Pat P. – 3 boxes remaining.

Workshops: Pat. S to follow up with Charles S. to be a speaker on the History of AA workshop in February 2025.

Old Business: None

New Business: Buddy purchased new chairs for SMIA/AA meetings at Immaculate Conception. Motion was made to not have Secretary read minutes at SMIA meetings, seconded and passed. Meeting minutes can be reviewed online. Emme reported that all zoom meetings require a passcode or waiting room.

For the Good of the Order: Upcoming event information can be found at [SMIA Announcements and Events \(somdintergroup.org\)](https://www.somdintergroup.org). Pat. S. reported that the Chili Cookoff and Bonfire will be held on 10/16 at Trinity Episcopal.

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