

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2025

Opening. Todd M. opened the meeting with *The Serenity Prayer*.

Board Members Present. Todd M., Chair; Lorraine J., Vice-Chair; Bruce O., Treasurer; Paul S., Parliamentarian and Shaara W., Secretary.

New Members. Keith, Waldorf Group (remotely).

Groups & Committees Represented. Bill L., Harmony Group/Web; Buddy F., Basic Text/Book Stall; Jamie R., North Beach; Francis, KISS; Faye S., We Are Not Saints; Phil T., NTL; Roy B., Solomons/D36 Corrections; Nathan H., Waldorf; Alan C., Prince Frederick Big Book; Emme J., ODAAT; Pat S., Charlotte Hall; Paula S., Bedouin; and Keith H., Almost Normal/Lifeline.

SMIA Chair Report. Todd M. reported he attended the Area 29 Delegate “Report Back” of the 75th General Service Conference by Terry P. The theme was “Working together increasing trust.” The Area committees met the prior Monday and Tuesday. There were 145 proposed agenda items with 132 considered. He found the composition of the delegates interesting: average age – 58; oldest – 79; youngest – 29; longest length of sobriety – 47 years; shortest length of sobriety – 7 years; longest service – 47 years; and shortest service – 5 years.

GSO Financial Results: contributions - \$11.25M (up 3.8% from 2023); operating expenses - \$18.68M (up 6.9%); self-support covered 60% of costs (\$6.48 per individual served). AAWS Publishing: literature sales - \$14.44M (under budget by \$2.37M); gross profit - \$7.64M (52.9% margin). Prudent Reserve: ending balance - \$11.991M (6.56 months of expenses). Budget Projections: GSO revenue - \$20.52M (up from \$19.72M); expected contributions - \$11M (down from \$11.25M); projected operating expenses - \$19.50M.

Report of the General Service Board: key achievements – publication of Plain Language Big Book, with 16,000 copies sold in the first hour; Grapevine celebrated 80 years of member stories and connection. They discussed strategic planning, forming an ad hoc committee to strengthen communication and leadership; and conducting a 3-day retreat to build trust and leadership skills. There are communication improvements – a workshop was held to review communication volume and impact; and a cross-functional group was created to improve stakeholder dialogue.

There was more covered and those details are available.

Vice Chair Report. Lorraine J. reported she attended Founders Day for the first time and recommends everyone make a point of attending it. Nothing else to report.

Secretary Report. The May Minutes are posted on the website. Motion to accept the Minutes as published. Seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer Report. Bruce O. reported that it is the beginning of the fiscal year so cash contributions and expenditures are low. The printer discussed at the May meeting has been purchased and reimbursed. Because it is the beginning of the fiscal year there is only 90 days of operating revenue available. The Treasury Report is below:

June 2025

Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc

Treasury Report

Monthly Contributions:
\$538.52
www.somdintergroup.org/contribute
SMIA, PO Box 767, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc
Monthly Statement of Financial Position
April 25, 2025 - April 24, 2026

Assets
Primary Business Checking
\$
2,921.89
Primary Business Savings
\$
-
Prudent Reserve
\$
4,453.00
PayPal
\$
1,829.40
Bookstall Cash on hand
\$
100.00
Total Assets
9,304.29

This Month's Expenses
Bookstall Purchases
\$
(154.53)
Liability Insurance
\$
-
Lifeline Printing
\$
(115.02)
Misc
\$
(52.37)
Phone Answering Service/1-800#
\$
(56.41)
Post Office Box
\$
-
Rent
\$
(150.00)
Webmaster
\$
-
Website
\$
(55.35)
Where & When
\$
-
Picnic
\$
(220.00)
Travel
\$
-
Workshops
\$
-
SMIA Archives
\$
-
Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing)
\$
-
Bank Charges and Fees
\$
-
Other - Tax Filings
\$
-
Total Expenses
\$
(803.68)

Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc
Yearly Statement of Activity
April 25, 2025 - April 24, 2026

Year to Date Income
Contributions
\$
538.52
94%
Bookstall Sales
\$
156.00
96%
Gratitude Dinner
\$
-
100%
Serenity Breakfast
\$
-
100%
Total 2025 Income
694.52
95%

Year to Date Expenses
Bookstall Purchases
\$
(154.53)
96%
Liability Insurance
\$
-
100%
Lifeline Printing
\$
(115.02)
88%
Misc
\$
(52.37)
0%
Phone Answering Service/1-800#
\$
(56.41)
83%
Post Office Box
\$
-
100%
Rent
\$
(150.00)
92%
Webmaster
\$
-
100%
Website
\$
(55.35)
93%
Where & When
\$
-
100%
Picnic
\$
(220.00)
78%
Travel
\$
-
100%
Workshops
\$
-
100%
SMIA Archives
\$
-
100%
Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing)
\$
-
100%
Bank Charges and Fees
\$
-
100%
Other - Tax Filings
\$
-
0%
Total 2025 Expenses
\$
(803.68)
95%

Total of Checking, Savings and PayPal Allows us a financial Runway of
3.20
Months
Number of Months of Fiscal Year Remaining
11
Months
For our 2024-2025 planned expenses, we currently have a
\$(11,576.38)
Shortfall

Remaining Service Committee Budgets
Calvert
\$
-
\$
-
Budget Year 2024 (01May2025 - 30Apr2026)
Charles
\$
-
\$
-
As of 11MAR2025
St.Mary's
\$
-
\$
-

Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor.

Committee Reports.

Bookstall Report: Buddy F. reported there were 11 purchases during the month, 3 covered by SMIA expense accounts. District 36 purchased \$100 and District 1 purchased \$117. A total of \$532 was collected.

Gratitude Dinner. This committee needs a chairperson, location for the event and an event planner.

Institutions.

- Calvert – All good.
- Charles – Everything is running normally. If anyone wants to take meetings in to RCA, please let Todd M. know.
- St. Mary's – Detention center meetings are ongoing with good participation. One new volunteer and 3 new applicants. Still seeking volunteers as the detention population is generally incarcerated more than 28 days and could use new shares.
- Volunteers are needed to speak at these meetings.

Lifeline/Archives. Keith H. reported everything is good.

SMIA Picnic. Buddy F. reported that the picnic is on: June 22 at Lettie Dent Park (aka 5th District Park) in Mechanicsville. The picnic will start at noon. The park has volleyball, horseshoes, tennis, a playground and basketball. Meat, buns, drinks, etc., will be supplied by SMIA. It is suggested that people bring a covered dish or dessert to share. There will be a musician there who does recovery parodies of current songs.

Public Information.

- Calvert – Things are on fire. Project Echo will take a literature rack which Lorraine J. is trying to procure.
- Charles – District representative has been involved in providing cards with a QR code that, when scanned, will make literature normally on racks available for viewing on a smart phone. It is unknown if the literature needs to be purchased or is able to just be viewed.
- St. Mary's – Nothing to report.

Serenity Breakfast. Pat S. reported that she had a team of new volunteers helping and that the event was fun but challenging. It ended up financially in the hole somewhat but the deficiency caused by the silent auction was absorbed personally by Pat. It was reported there was a shortage of eggs and the waffles weren't as successful as they could have been due to the power source. It was remarked that the speaker was awesome. Pat S. has a turnover file for next year's chair.

Telephone. Melissa W. reported that there were 33 total calls that lasted one hour and 55 minutes. They originated from Calvert (6), Charles (9), and St. Mary's (2), No Choice (14). The outgoing message needs to indicate that the caller select which

county they want to speak with/attend a meeting in. However, there are numerous calls from out of the area.

Website. Bill L. reported the following activity from 5/10/25 through 6/14/25:

Total Visitors (initial visit) 3,002– up 8%

5 Most Frequently visited pages

Home Page – 3,535
Where and When Calendar- 463
Where and When Search – 347
Announcements – 267
On-Line Meetings - 266

- **Site Updates and Changes**

There were no significant site updates or changes

- **Meeting Change Information**

The Living Sober Group and What’s The Point Group in St. Mary’s County moved to Callaway Baptist Church. The Not Quite Right Group in St, Mary’s County moved to the main building at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church. The Bedouin Step Meeting and Bedouin Big Book Meeting in Calvert County temporarily moved to the Harriet E. Brown Community Center. The Bedouin Group Daily Reflections meeting moved to the Dowel House. Presumably, they’ll move back to the Phillips House in approximately 2 months, when the HVAC work is completed.

- **Meeting Status**

Currently there are 134 meetings in our service area; 125 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 8 meetings are on-line only.

- **Document Posts and Updates**

Where and When PDF updated – 06/11/25. The online Where & When will not be updated to reflect the Bedouin Group’s change in circumstance.

Lifeline posted – 06/02/25

Finance Page updated – 05/30/25

SMIA Minutes posted – 05/24/25

2025/2026 Budget and 2025 Budget Analysis posted – 05/12/2025

- **Phishing attempts**

You may receive e-mails that appear to come from IONOS, our domain host. These are phishing attempts. Do not open them, do not forward them, do not click on any content in them. Delete them. Typically, a genuine request from IONOS will only be sent to me

Where & When. No report.

Workshops. Buddy F. reported that he would like to organize a workshop tentatively titled “Big Book Study” in late September or early October that will go for

6 to 8 hours. He has 2 speakers from Philadelphia lined up. Motion to set up a Fall workshop for Big Book Study. Seconded. All in favor.

Todd M. reported that District 35 is holding a workshop on October 4, 2025, "The Heartbeat of AA: The Home Group." It was noted the Big Book Study should not conflict with this.

OLD BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS. Bruce O. asked for the financials from the Serenity Breakfast.

Gratitude Dinner. There are questions as to what exactly the chair is responsible for – budget, food, etc. Lorraine J. will submit a job description for posting in the July Lifeline. A discussion followed regarding turnover files for events and keeping a list of chairs.

For the Good of the Order. Linda B. is celebrating 50 years on July 26th at Waldorf. Also, District 1 is hosting its summer picnic on July 26 at an address to be provided.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer.

/s/ Shaara W.
SMIA Secretary