

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

MARCH 9, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Opening:

Buddy F. opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members Present: Buddy F. - Chair, Katherine L. – Vice-Chair, Rebecca B. – Treasurer, Rob A. – Parliamentarian and Kristi P. – Secretary

Groups & Committees Represented:

Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Buddy F. Charlotte Hall Group, Norma H-12 Step Home Group, Justin C. Charlotte Hall Group, Duke R., Basic Text, Rob D.-Sunrise Sobriety, Todd M.- St. Charles Step Group, Francis R.-KISS Group, Paul S.- Bedouin Group, Nathan H.- Waldorf Group, Kristi P.- Laurel Grove, Jeanine W.-St. Charles Step Group, Dan W.-District 35, Andy X-Keeping it Green Group, Zee S.- Sunday Morning Sobriety Group, Rob A.-Popular Hill Group, Billy B- There is a Solution Group, Mary F.-Leonardtown Group, Paul S.-Cove Point Group, Roy B.-Solomon's Group, Laura B.-Awakenings Group, Mandy W.-ODAAT, Allan C.-Prince Frederic Big Book Group, Pat S.-SMIA Workshop Chair, Melissa W.-SMIA Phone Chair, Keith H.- SMIA Lifeline Chair

SMIA Chair Report:

Buddy stated he attended the Area Assembly meeting, Terry spoke and challenged people to bring newcomers to the meeting. He also stated there are no plans to change the Founders writings. There will be a new plain language Big Book coming out. Title still being finalized. Buddy also attended NRASSA, there were 5 panel discussions on various topics and three speakers for each panel. People were able to voice their opinion and there was a lot of input. There were over 1300 attendees. He also attended two roundtable discussions. On March 5th, he attended the Intergroup Liaison meeting, Lori, our Alternate Delegate for Area 29, spoke about CARC I that was held– there were 40 people in attendance. CARC II planning meeting held on March 2nd and it went well. CARC II will be held on March 23rd in West River, MD and people can also attend online. Zoom meeting information can be found at MDAA.org and in the newsletter. Craig T., Finance Committee Chair spoke at Intergroup Liaison meeting regarding purpose, duties, and responsibilities. Buddy also stated there was a new MSG Handbook out. No state convention this year due to expenses for hotel/venue.

Vice-Chair Report: no report.

Secretary Report: Kristi P. read the SMIA February 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept meeting minutes as read; the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer Report: Rebecca B. gave the February 2024 Treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Bookstall Report: Bill reported there 1279 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the February meeting. There were 12 orders since the last meeting. 7 completed and 5 processing. Orders totaled \$407.20. Chips and medallion orders totaled \$169.20 and literature/grapevine orders totaled \$50.46.

Web/Technology: Total visitors 3,268. Most frequently visited pages: Home, Where and When Calendar, Where and When Search, Announcements and On-Line Meetings. Site Updates and Changes: the search return function on the Where and When Search Page was changed to open within the same page rather than open in a new tab or browser. Meeting changes: Dan P. is the new GSR for Sunrise Sobriety. Sunderland Group meeting has been terminated. We currently have a total of 126 meetings (119 in person meetings, 6 hybrid meetings, 6 online only meetings, 1 meeting reported as suspended, but has an online presence). Document Posts and Updates: Where and When PDF updated 3/10/24, Mobile App 2024 5.2 released 3/3/24; Lifeline posted 3/1/24; Finance Page updated 2/27/24; Minutes posted 2/27/24.

Gratitude Dinner: Buddy F. stated Immaculate Conception Church Hall has been reserved for November 16, 2024. A planning meeting will be held in August.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert – no report. Charles – Jeanine W reported no meetings going into the jail due to no volunteers. No update on treatment, however, ALPAS doesn't have any residents, so meetings have been suspended. St. Mary's – Roy reported that Glenda said construction at the jail was set to end in April and we are looking at up to 6 weeks until we can go back. Zee volunteered to take meetings into Compass.

Lifeline: Keith reported everything is going well. Any submissions and feedback are welcome. Keith advised for those concerned about writing skills, he will assist. Keith also stated that he will begin putting in an archival feature every month. Jeanine W. brought up revisiting listing top 10 contributors in the Lifeline. A motion was made to post name of groups contributing without amounts to encourage groups to contribute, motion was discussed, seconded, and accepted. 2 members opposed. Suggestion made to have the GSR/Intergroup member let their groups know.

Picnic: Gilbert Run Park has been reserved for June 23, 2024, from 12-6 pm. SMIA will provide meats. Asking those who attend to bring covered dishes. There will be \$5 fee per vehicle. Buddy stated he is need of volunteers for the grill, sodas, setting up tables, etc. He is going to try to set up a planning meeting in late March at Immaculate Conception, if possible.

PI/CPC: Calvert – going well. Charles – no report. St. Mary's – nothing new. Mary is looking into going into high schools to see if they want to do presentations.

Workshop: Pat S. reported that the Symposium (History of A.A.) will be held on April 13, 2024 at the Immaculate Conception Hall from 5-9 pm. There is a flyer posted on the SMIA website and 250 flyers were printed for distribution. In need of 26 volunteers. There will be a zoom volunteer meeting on March 18th at 7 pm. Login info can be found on the SMIA website's home page.

Telephone: Melissa W. gave her report; there were a total of 24 calls, 1 for Calvert, 8 for St. Mary's and 7 for Charles, 8 calls with no county identified. Total of 48 minutes.

Serenity Breakfast: Mary F. reported that Serenity Breakfast will be held on June 1st from 8-11:30 am, the buffet will be from 8-9:30 am, followed by speaker and raffle. Mary stated the first planning meeting was held. A signup sheet is going around for volunteers. Tickets are now available for \$20. Each county will receive 40 tickets. Any auction items for donation can be dropped off at the SMIA meeting or the District meeting. Mary stated she will be having another planning meeting, date/time & location, TBD.

Where and When: Buddy F. reported on Pat's behalf. 3000 Where and When's were printed and available. We should be good to go for a while.

New Business: Buddy stated three positions were up for election. Lorraine J. was nominated for vice-chair. Kristi P. motioned to nominate Lorraine J. as the new vice-chair. Motion was accepted. Bruce O was nominated for Treasurer.

Kristi P. motioned to nominate Bruce O. as Treasurer. Motion was accepted. Pat S. was nominated for Parliamentarian. Rob A. then nominated Paul S. for Parliamentarian. Held a ballot vote for Pat S. and Paul S. Paul S. was voted in as Parliamentarian. An audit will be conducted due to outgoing Treasurer. Buddy F., Kristi P., and Keith H. volunteered to conduct audit with Rebecca B. before the next meeting. Buddy F. thanked all of the outgoing officers that served over the last two years. Buddy will not be able to attend April's SMIA meeting or District meeting.

For the Good of the Order: Jeanine W. – District 35 is hosting 4th Step Workshop on April 20th at Peach Lutheran Church. Area 29 Assembly meeting will be March 16th in Severna Park. CARC meeting will be on March 23rd, both online and in-person. Lorraine J. will celebrate 44 years on March 21st at Daily Reprieve.

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