

SMIA Meeting

April 10, 2021

Opening Bill L. opened with Serenity Prayer.

Board Members present Bill L. - Chair, Janine G. – Vice Chair; Tressie F. – Secretary; Cora W. – Treasurer.

Group & Committees Represented & Visitors Keith H. – Almost Normal & Lifeline; Melissa W.– 12&12 Serenity &Phone; Daniel W. – St. Charles Step; David B. – Waldorf Group; Loraine J. – Bedouin; Ze – Sunday Morning Sobriety; John W. – Kingston Creek; Pat P. – Where & When. Visitors: Kristin P – North Beach Women’s, and Paula.

SMIA Chair Report Bill – Amendment 11 was previously read and revised. We will cover under old business.

Vice-Chair Report Janine G. – did not attend IGLC.

Secretary Report Tressie F. read Secretary’s report. The Secretary Report was accepted with corrections.

Treasurer Report Cora - net assets \$6927.66 as of March 24th. Report is available on the SMIA website.

Committee Reports

Archives No report

Bridging the Gap No report

Bookstall Buddy – Placed a large order for \$391.06. We placed a separate order for 12X12 books for \$129.25. Sales today amounted to \$150.40.

Phone report Melissa – follows up on every call. There were 7 calls with 3 in crisis. Melissa met with Patty of Salisbury (Maryland lower shore intergroup). Information provided about Verizon was incorrect and requires a business land line. Go-live is being explored.

Lifeline Keith H. – 12 printed copies provided. It was recommended print additional copies as attendance at SMIA is up to about 12 people. Added a new Lifeline feature for input – What works for you?

Website Bill L. gave report. There were 3667 visitors last month. To date, 80 meetings are in-person, 14 of which are meeting outdoor. There are 16 hybrid meetings (in-person and on-line option). 67 meetings are reported as closed, and of those 23 have an on-line presence. The mobile SMIA release 2.4 app was released.

Where and When Pat P. – Updates come through the website. It was inquired if we could provide printed copies of the where and when. Pat offered to make an 8-1/2 x 11-inch printer friendly version of the PDF (which would allow multiple columns for each page to print on a sheet of paper. It is too early to reach out and contact the printer to inquiry into pricing; but we will need to print and restock the where and when pamphlet inventory in a two to three months.

Corrections and Treatment Charles county was contacted by corrections and filling out forms to be ready to take meetings to institutions when they resume. Calvert is doing Zoom meetings. St. Mary’s – no report.

PI/CPC No report

Gratitude Dinner Canceled

Picnic Canceled

Serenity Breakfast Canceled

Old Business – Article 11/ Amendment 11.1 was brought up to discuss and take a vote on. Dave B. with the Waldorf group said they felt the amendment was punitive and violated the AA concepts (12 Concept - Warranty 5) and stated it is punitive to individuals and groups. It was stated that while the SMIA attempts to align with the traditions and the concepts, we are a nonprofit organization and “not AA”, we are not bound to the traditions and concepts. Keith stated he supported the amendment - even AA meetings have guidelines – for example if someone is disruptive – they can be asked to leave. It is not the intention of this amendment to punish any individual or groups, but to ensure that SMIA can conduct its business in accordance with its by-laws. Bill stated he did extensive research on this, and contacted the Maryland GSA, GSO and other intergroups. The vote was 6 opposed and 12 in favor of the amendment.

Amendment 11.1 -

It is imperative that all business conducted by the SMIA and the committees that service SMIA responsibilities as outlined in Article 7 of these By-Laws, is done so with minimal disruption, interference, or conflict. There will be natural disagreements during discussions of SMIA business. This is understood, and when those discussions reach a point of disorder as perceived by the SMIA Parliamentarian, the Parliamentarian will intervene in accordance with Article 5, Section 5, Sub-section 5 of these By-Laws. When a member becomes so disruptive that the meeting cannot continue, and the member will not adhere to the Parliamentarian’s request to restore order, that member will be asked to leave the meeting. If this behavior is repeated by the same member, the SMIA Chair will contact the Program Chair or GSR for the member group and request that a new SMIA Representative be appointed for that group. The SMIA Chair must provide documented examples of the member’s unruly behavior. This is also applicable to all other business conducted by and provided by the SMIA including The Bookstall, The Where and When, The Lifeline, The Telephone Service, The Treasury, The Website, The Picnic, The Serenity Breakfast, The Gratitude Dinner, and Bridging the Gap. Members must not interfere with the good order of these service offerings. Interference with these service offerings will be documented and provided to the SMIA Chair and SMIA Parliamentarian. The member will be asked not to interfere and if they refuse, they will be excluded from conducting business with any of those committees.

New Business - None

For the Good of the Order

Meeting Adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer