

SMIA Meeting

March 13, 2021

Opening Bill L. opened with Serenity Prayer.

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

Group & Committees Represented & Visitors Keith H. – Almost Normal & Lifeline; Melissa –Phone; Daniel W. – St. Charles Step; John Z. - 12 and 12 Serenity; Janine W. – Charles DCM; David B. – Waldorf Group; Loraine J. – Bedouin; Robert – Sunday Morning Sobriety; Rebecca – Harmony; Joyce S. Alt DCM – St. Marys; John W. – Kingston Creek; Pat P. – Where & When; and Paula.

SMIA Chair Report Bill – Cora and Janine agreed to extend their board positions for six months due to Pandemic. Hopefully things will be more back to normal at that time.

Vice-Chair Report Janine G. – attended IGLC committee and reviewed agenda. There are 4 conferences scheduled and the one for Southern Maryland is March 27th at 9:30. The area assemble is March 20th. There is a PI/CPC symposium March 26th at 6:00 pm.

Secretary Report Tressie F. read Secretary's report. The Secretary Report was accepted as read.

Treasurer Report Cora online but experiencing audio issues. Bill presented - net assets \$7086.12. as of February 24th. Report is available in the Lifeline and on the SMIA website.

Committee Reports

Archives No report

Bridging the Gap No report

Bookstall Buddy was not available. Keenan covered and distributed literature but there was no report.

Phone report Melissa – There were 34 (one was for St. Mary's looking for passcode to online meeting; one for Calvert offering meeting space; and one out of the area. Melissa met with Patty of Salisbury (Maryland lower shore intergroup). They use Verizon and it costs \$203 a month for a local number. Basically, people take 24 hour shifts to cover any calls coming in. Melissa wants to try this with one other person for a month to see how it goes. There may be an issue with a local number assigned as some numbers in Southern Maryland are not local. It was recommended to ask Verizon if we could bridge our existing hotline number with Unitel to the new service. Melissa will proceed with a trial of the service.

Lifeline Keith H. – 12 printed copies provided. Loraine asked about the deadline and Keith told her it is the 27th of the month.

Website Bill L. gave report. There were 3859 visitors last month. To date, 78 meetings are in-person, 14 of which are meeting outdoor. 17 meetings are in-person with an on-line option. 70 meetings are reported as closed, and of those 70, 22 have an on-line presence

The SMIA On-Line Bookstall had 334 new visitors since the February meeting, and 2228 since opening in May 2020. There have been 22 total on-line orders and 2 new orders since the February meeting

Where and When Pat P. –at this time due to less meetings being opened we still have a decent stock. We will

need to considering printing at a future date. It was asked if we had to provide hard copies due to technology but everyone does not have access and we should continue to provide printed copies.

Corrections and Treatment Charles county was contacted by corrections and they may be resuming meetings Calvert is doing Zoom meetings.

PI/CPC No report

Gratitude Dinner Canceled

Picnic Canceled

Serenity Breakfast Canceled

Old Business – Article 11/ Amendment 11.1 was read by the board. The amendment must be read twice before it is voted to be included in the by-laws. A suggested was made to include notifying the DCM in the even the person(s) is not affiliated with a particular group. It was requested those in attendance take this amendment back to their groups for input.

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