

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting April 11, 2026

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

Board Members Present: Todd M – Chair/Acting Treasurer; Emme J, Vice Chair; Shaara W - Secretary and Keith T – Parliamentarian.

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction: Matt B, Olivet; John W, Waldorf Group (remotely).

Groups & Committees Represented: Buddy F – Archives Chair; Bill L – Web/Bookstall (remotely); Keith H – Lifeline; Roy B - St. Mary's County Corrections; Faye S, We Are Not Alone; Cindy C, Awakenings; Michelle H -- DCM; Mary F, Leonardtown; Paul S, Cove Point; Roger R, To Each Its Own; Patrick B, Where and When (remotely); Lorraine J, Bedouin (remotely); Keith C, Waldorf (remotely); John W, Waldorf; Melissa – Telephone (remotely); and Suzanne G, Serenity Breakfast.

SMIA Chair Report: Todd welcomed the new Vice Chair, Emme J., and also reported that in the event of a Treasurer vacancy he, as chair, assumes those duties. In the meantime the vacancy should be someone from Calvert County. Motion to waive requirement that Treasurer be a resident of Calvert County and, instead, recruit from Charles and St. Mary's Counties as well. This is just until the 2027 election. Seconded. All approved.

Vice-Chair Report: Emme J reported she's been active in SMIA for about 10 years. She hopes to encourage a spirit of participation during her tenure.

Secretary Report (corrections/additions). Motion to accept the March 2026 Minutes as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline. Second. All in favor.

Treasurer Report (corrections/additions). Motion to accept the April 2026 Treasurer's Report as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline. Second. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment/Public information/PCP

Calvert: Corrections states everything is going fine. The situation in Calvert remains a difficult culture. PI requests more Where and Whens.

Charles: No report.

St. Mary's: Roy B. reported participation has been good; he's still asking for volunteers. He is hoping to get a second meeting on the schedule. He stated that they are organizing a workshop "Courage to Share: Behind the Walls" regarding service in penal environments. It is scheduled for 4/25 at the Knights of Columbus in Leonardtown. It will likely be hybrid.

Telephone 3/14-4/10/26:

Total Calls: 17; Calvert 1; Charles 5; St. Mary's 4; Not specified 7 for a total duration of 43:13.

Where & When

Updated edition is in review. They should be available next month. There are approximately 20 Where & Whens still available. Representatives and DCMs are encouraged to attend the monthly SMIA meeting to get them.

Lifeline

Keith H. reported that things are going good. He welcomes any suggestions, feedback, etc., by the 27th of the month. Flyer submissions should be in portrait and .pdf.

Events

Serenity Breakfast: Date and location set (May 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Patuxent Presbyterian Church at _____, California, MD). Tickets are available for \$20. Motion for 2 Big Books and other publications to be specified – not to exceed the amount of past donations to SMIA functions - by the next SMIA meeting to be donated to the Serenity Breakfast. Second. All in favor.

Picnic: Still a long way away. Buddy F. will chair again this year. It will be at Snow Hill Park 12-8. It will be advertised for 12-4. A speaker will be considered.

Gratitude Dinner: Scheduled for November. No discussion.

Workshops: 4/18, Step 4 Workshop at Peace Lutheran Church in Waldorf, 11:30 – 2 p.m.

Bookstall

No. Orders 11; Total Collected \$548.70. Planning to buy Big Books. He noted that PCP/IP budgeted amounts should be exhausted this month as it is the end of the fiscal year.

Web Report

3/14/26 – 4/11/26

Web Report

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit)	3530– down 16%
Bookstall Site	2745– down 18%

5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 3200
	Where and When Calendar- 295
	On-Line Meetings - 236
	Anniversary Calendar - 220
	Al-Anon Info - 183

Top 10 Visitor locations – Maryland, Virginia, California, DC, Illinois, New York, Kansas, West Virginia, Delaware, Ohio

[Site Updates and Changes](#)

Changed the e-mail forwarding and passwords for the Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

[Meeting Change Information](#)

The Beyond Sobriety Group was terminated on 4/9/26. Another request to add a new group was requested for “Keep It Real” and according to the information provided, is an on-line only group, however no on-line meeting information was provided. I sent three follow-up requests for that information, and they only respond with “Best Regards”. The meeting will not be listed without that information.

[Meeting Status](#)

Currently there are 135 meetings in our service area; 127 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 7 meetings are on-line only, and one meeting is suspended.

[Document Posts and Updates](#)

Lifeline posted – 4/2/26

Financial page updated – 4/2/26

March Minutes posted- 3/18/26

[Anniversary Submissions](#)

St. Mary’s County - 25

Charles County – 8

Calvert County – 2

Out of Area - 1

[Notes](#)

It is important to note that the SMIA is not responsible for the accuracy of on-line or physical meeting information. This is the responsibility of the groups or districts that provide the information.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to form a temporary committee to determine appropriateness of SMIA events and fundraising guidelines according to the SMIA Bylaws and AA Traditions for requesting donations from local businesses. Second. Discussion. 6 yea, 5 nay, 1 abstention. Motion carries.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Maryland GSO has new address: P.O. Box 234, Crownsville. District 36 is organizing a “No Talent Talent Show” at Patuxent Presbyterian on 7/18/26 from 6:30-10 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn. Second. All in favor.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge