

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2025

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT. Todd M., Chair; Lorraine J., Vice Chair (remotely); Bruce O., Treasurer; Paul S., Parliamentarian and Shaara W-K., Secretary.

GROUPS & COMMITTEES REPRESENTED. Allan C., Big Book Prince Frederick; Bill L., Harmony Group/Web (remotely); Phil T., NTL; Jamie R., North Beach; Fay S., We Are Not Saints; Roy B., Solomons/D36 Corrections (remotely); Buddy F., Basic Text/Bookstall; Lynn T., Awakenings and Keith H., Almost Normal/Lifeline.

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction. Chris B., Traditions; Michelle __, Traditions.

SMIA Chair Report. Todd M. reported he sat in on the Intergroup Liaison meeting on August 4. They discussed a new policy some Southern Maryland churches are implementing which require better handling of children, service dogs and pets in meetings and strangers around buildings, etc., leading to insurance concerns. The question was is any venue where meetings are held requesting insurance? Bruce, NE Intergroup Chair, stated that that intergroup had a rider for \$300 a year to meet the standard the church required. Another group in Frederick County had to pay \$500. What Todd M. came away with is if a group does not have intergroup affiliation but has to carry insurance there are different places that sell it covering only the hour the meeting takes place. This is new. If you come across it we're looking at it. Area 29 Assembly is on August 16 at 9 AM in Severna Park. An agenda is available.

Vice Chair Report. Nothing to report.

Secretary Report (corrections/additions). Motion to accept the July meeting minutes as submitted and posted on the SMIA Website. Second. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (corrections/additions). Bruce reported there were \$665.60 in contributions this month which is higher than previous months. He has had the opportunity to review the financials for the recent Serenity Breakfast and the shortfall was covered. The picnic only used 75% of the budget. Buddy F. asked what the organization is paying for insurance. Bruce O. will check. Motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report as submitted and posted on the SMIA Website. Second. All in favor.

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Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc

Treasury Report

<div>Monthly Contributions: \$665.60 www.somdiintergroup.org/contribute SMIA, PO Box 767, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622</div>			
<div>Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc Monthly Statement of Financial Position June 25, 2025 - July 24, 2026</div>		<div>Southern Maryland Intergroup Association Inc Yearly Statement of Activity April 25, 2025 - April 24, 2026</div>	
<div>Assets Primary Business Checking \$ 3,879.61 Primary Business Savings \$ - Prudent Reserve \$ 4,453.00 PayPal \$ 425.90 Bookstall Cash on hand \$ 100.00 Total Assets 8,858.51</div>		<div><div>Year to Date Income Contributions \$1,987.12 78% Bookstall Sales \$ 468.00 87% Gratitude Dinner \$ - 100% Serenity Breakfast \$ - 100% Total 2025 Income 2,455.12 83%</div><div>BUDGET Shortfall</div></div>	
<div>This Month's Expenses Bookstall Purchases \$ - Liability Insurance \$ - Lifeline Printing \$ (130.70) Misc \$ - Phone Answering Service/1-800# \$ (60.70) Post Office Box \$ - Rent \$ (150.00) Webmaster \$ - Website \$ (139.92) Where & When \$ - Picnic \$ (553.22) Travel \$ - Workshops \$ - SMIA Archives \$ - Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing) \$ - Bank Charges and Fees \$ (16.00) Other - Tax Filings \$ - Total Expenses \$ (1,050.54)</div>		<div><div>Year to Date Expenses Bookstall Purchases \$ (154.53) 96% Liability Insurance \$ - 100% Lifeline Printing \$ (360.74) 62% Misc \$ (104.74) 0% Phone Answering Service/1-800# \$ (173.52) 47% Post Office Box \$ (120.00) 0% Rent \$ (450.00) 75% Webmaster \$ - 100% Website \$ (253.80) 70% Where & When \$ - 100% Picnic \$ (773.22) 23% Travel \$ - 100% Workshops \$ - 100% SMIA Archives \$ - 100% Office sup (coffee, postage & faxing) \$ (120.00) 33% Bank Charges and Fees \$ (32.00) 68% Other - Tax Filings \$ - 0% Total 2025 Expenses \$ (2,542.55) 86%</div><div>BUDGET Left to Use</div></div>	
<div>Total of Checking, Savings and PayPal Allows us a financial Runway of 2.90 Months Number of Months of Fiscal Year Remaining 9 Months For our 2024-2025 planned expenses, we currently have a \$ (9,053.49) Shortfall</div>			
<div>Remaining Service Committee Budgets Budget Year 2024 (01May2025 - 30Apr2026) As of 12JUL2025</div>		<div>Calvert \$ 375.00 \$ 147.00 Charles \$ 375.00 \$ 250.00 St.Mary's \$ 275.00 \$ 131.00</div>	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment.

Calvert. Lorraine J. reported things are going well. Orientations at the detention center are finishing up in August. There is interest from new volunteers. Things are clicking right along.

Charles. Todd M. reported that RCA is always looking for speakers, let him know.

St. Mary's. Roy B. reported meetings at the St. Mary's Detention Center are continuing on Wednesdays at 7 PM. They are experiencing good participation from the inmates (up to 15).

Public Information/PCP.

Calvert. Kenny G. is doing a fantastic job.

Charles. No report.

St. Mary's. The racks are full in the rehabs, halfways.

Telephone.

Total Calls 31. With Calvert 4; Charles 7; St. Mary's 9; Not Specified 11; and Time 50 minutes.

Melissa W. reported she is going to revamp the outgoing message to help the callers who are making no county choice. Possibly giving them an option 4 to speak with someone as callers may not be familiar with AA and how meetings/fellowship works and may have genuine questions.

Where & When. 1 box of printed Where & Whens remain. There are a lot of meeting changes in St. Mary's as a church closed so there will be a revision soon.

LifeLine. Keith H. reported everything is going well. Needs feedback on number of issues printed; always looking for articles. Some meetings forward the .pdf version to their members rather than distribute hard copies. Extras can go to rehab meetings.

Events.

Serenity Breakfast. Todd M. reported they are still looking for a chair. There is a turnover file which sets out the nuts and bolts of running the event. There is a handout or vacancy announcement for event planning available and a notice will run in LifeLine.

Picnic. Buddy F. was thanked for his service in bringing the successful picnic in under budget.

Gratitude Dinner. Lorraine J. reported that we almost had a chair as a result of the announcement in the LifeLine but it was almost. Buddy F. stated one of the cooks from last year is willing to consider it and a woman suggested having it at the Seamen's School in Piney Point which isn't an appropriate location for a night time meeting as it is really far for people in Calvert and Charles Counties. The Church is currently reserved for the 2nd week of November.

Workshops. Buddy F. reported the Big Book Study will be scheduled after the first of the year so he can get the speakers. Todd M. reported that on October 4 at 11:30 AM at Peace

Lutheran Church in Waldorf a workshop called The Heartbeat of AA: The Home Group. There will be food and door prizes. A flyer will be available soon. Buddy F. reported that tomorrow (August 10) at Kingston Creek there will be a Grapevine workshop from 1 to 3 PM.

Bookstall. Purchased Big Books - \$554.76; No. Orders – 10; Total Collected - \$442.00. Inventory looks good.

Website. Bill L. reported that for the period 6/14-7/12/25:

Main Site total visitors (initial visit) – 2568 (down 14%)

Bookstall Site – 1050 (down 4%)

5 Most frequently visited pages: Home Page – 2962; Where & When Calendar – 231; Where & When Search – 115; On-Line Meetings – 111 and Announcements – 89

There were no significant site updates or changes. No meeting changes.

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

Lifeline posted – 7/2/25

Finance Page posted – 7/1/25

SMIA Minutes posted – 6/23/25

He reminded the group that phishing attempts continue. Do not open anything from IONOS.

Also noted that 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.

Bill L. also mentioned he will be out of town August 11 and 12. Any updates will be completed the 13th.

OLD BUSINESS

An effort is ongoing to getting information on alternative ways to disseminate brochures and other information to the home groups using QR codes.

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle asked if the events like the Serenity Breakfast and Gratitude Dinner are to make money or are they for the good of the fellowship? Todd M. replied 'both'. She asked that other counties be involved in the volunteer effort and other efforts be considered. Lynne T. asked who to contact to volunteer and was told it is generally on the flyer. Keith H. asked if funds can be reallocated from line item to line item as the need exists. Bruce O. said 'yes with a plan'. Paul S. suggested we rotate locations for the chairs of each event. Of course, we need volunteers. Buddy F. stated that instead of thinking 'chair' think 'committee'. Alan C.

participated in a breakfast at Rod & Reel. It was a turnkey operation where Rod & Reel did everything but bring in the speaker. It would be nice if there were a location central to the area offering that.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jaime R. announced that North Beach's end of summer cook out is set for September 27 at Unity Church. Bring a covered dish. Lorraine J. stated the District level is working on getting representation of all groups. Buddy F. reported a new men's group will be starting at 6:30 Mondays at this church.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge