

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting July 11, 2026

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

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

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction: Brandi T, ODAAT; Nancy, Turn it Over.

Groups & Committees Represented: Buddy F – Archives Chair/Bookstall; Bill L – Web (remotely); Keith H – Lifeline; Brandi T - St. Mary's County Corrections; Faye S, We Are Not Saints; and Cindy C, Awakenings.

SMIA Chair Report: Area 29 Committee Meeting July 18 in Hagerstown, it will be hybrid, at St. John's Episcopal Church. He has the contact information. Letters of authorization have been signed and he has an appointment with the Post Office and Bank.

Vice-Chair Report: No report.

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

Treasurer Report (corrections/additions). This position is still vacant. Todd M, Chair, is still working with the former Treasurer. The Church changed its mailing address so our last 2 checks for rent were never cashed. That has been fixed but there will be an additional \$300 in rent expense on the financial report next month. The Serenity Breakfast Audit is completed as is the proposed Budget for 2026-27. Motion to accept the Budget for 2026-27. Second. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment/Public information/PCP

Calvert: No report.

Charles: Everything is going well.

St. Mary's: Brandi T reported things are going well. The men have 7 volunteers with another approved; she said Roy is looking for volunteers to carry a second men's meeting. She said the jail has requested that no outside publications be brought in without approval.

Telephone:

Still need a chair for this. Faye S. has been taking the calls since June 1 and will do it until the position is filled.

Total Calls Since June 13, 16; Calvert 4; Charles 5; St. Mary's 3; Not specified 4; for a total time of _____.

Another article was and will be published in the Lifeline about the vacancy of this position. Minimum of 2 years sobriety.

Where & When

Printed and distributed.

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

Temporary Events Committee: No report. See Old Business.

Serenity Breakfast: No report.

Picnic: Buddy reported attendance wasn't what it could have been but met budget.

Gratitude Dinner: Scheduled for November. No discussion.

Workshops: District 36 is having a speakers meeting/Big Book Study on August 15 at Mt. Zion Church.

Bookstall

No. Orders 3. Total Collected \$62.30

Total inventory ordered \$657.00

Web Report

6/13/26 – 7/11/26

Site Analytics

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit) 2753– down 5%

Bookstall Site 2880– up 53%

5 Most Frequently visited pages

Home Page – 2570

Where and When Calendar- 418

Announcements - 323

Anniversary Page - 298

On-Line Meetings - 277

Top 10 Visitor locations – Maryland, Virginia, California, DC, Ohio, Florida, West Virginia, Delaware, Illinois, Ohio

Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes.

Meeting Change Information

Emotional Sobriety added notes to specify exactly where the meeting was held. Do Drop In changed their meeting format from a Big Book Meeting to several literature options. We Are Not Saints changed their format to an Open Discussion Meeting. Another new group entry was submitted for Keeping It Real. This is the fifth submission for this group, and each time the sender does not include the on-line meeting information, therefore we do not list it.

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 – 7/2/26

Financial page updated – 6/30/26

June Minutes posted – 6/21/26

Anniversary Submissions since last meeting

St. Mary's County - 14

Calvert County - 1

Charles County - 0

Out of area - 1

Phishing Attempts

Still receiving a few, but largely reduced in volume.

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. As a reminder, if your meetings are located in a separate building or obscure location at the primary address, please send us notes regarding the specific location.

OLD BUSINESS: Temporary Committee – John reported they need participants – will meet via Zoom. Currently working on a “drafty” draft report on their progress. Keith H has distributed a couple of resources on event planning to the Board including one from GSO.

NEW BUSINESS: Keith H reported the package he uses to publish the LifeLine is no longer supported by MicroSoft (Publisher). He is looking at Canva, which is free for 501(c)(3)s. Need proof to get it before August if possible. Todd has an appointment at the bank on July 24 to look at the lockbox or at least get the EIN.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chairs in the meeting room are missing, Buddy is in touch with the Church to get reimbursement from the school. Keith H is celebrating 37 years July 16 at Almost Normal.

Motion to Adjourn. Second. All in favor.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge