SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting Agenda – November 14, 2026

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

Members Present – **Todd M, Chair**, St. Charles Step; **Keith T, Parliamentarian**, Basic Text; Jamie R, North Beach; **Chris B, Treasurer**, Traditions; Allison B, Sunday Morning; Adonica A, The End of the World; Michelle C, Laurel Grove; Jeanine W, St. Charles Step; Michele H, Monday Night Tradition; Paul S, Cove Point; Keith H, Lifeline, Almost Normal; Brandi T, ODAAT; Kenny G, 231; Buddy F, Bookstall; John, Temporary Events Committee; Roy B, St. Mary's Corrections (remotely); Brenda (remotely); Andrea, Public Information, Charles (remotely); Bill L, Webmaster (remotely); and **Shaara W, Secretary**, Bedouin.

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction - NONE.

SMIA Chair Report – Todd reported a workshop meeting held on offering workshops. Email Jean at workshop@aa.org for more information.

Vice-Chair Report - NO REPORT.

Secretary Report (corrections/additions) - Motion to accept October Minutes as posted. Second. All in Favor.

Treasurer Report (corrections/additions) - Chris reported her first report which has been posted. Motion to accept November Treasurer's Report as posted. Second. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment

Calvert - NO REPORT

Charles - Allison reported everything going well.

St. Mary's - Brandi reported women's side is going well. She is accepting applications. Roy reported good participation and is also accepting applications.

Public Information/PCP

Calvert - Kenny reported the racks he is maintaining at Calvert Behavioral Health and the public libraries are stocked, including Big Books at the libraries.

Charles - Andrea reported the libraries and health department are stocked. She is looking into getting information to the military bases.

St. Mary's - NO REPORT

Telephone - NO REPORT

Where & When - NO REPORT. We are now out of them. Reprint in January 2027.

Lifeline - Keith reported everything is going well. He's looking for articles about anything – especially how working the Steps impacted one's recovery.

Events

Temporary Events Committee – John reported the Temporary Events Committee has met 3 times and offers a draft Events and Fundraising Guidelines which was supplied to all attendees to take back to their respective groups for review. See New Business below.

Serenity Breakfast – Time to start thinking about a committee and venue.

Picnic – NO REPORT.

Gratitude Dinner – NO REPORT.

Workshops – NO REPORT.

Bookstall

No. Visits 0 No. Orders 9 Total Collected 336.10 Expenses – Need to order Big Books

Calvert. Balances: PI/PCP 225.00. Corrections/Treatment 187.00

St. Mary's Balances: PI/PCP 375.00 Corrections/Treatment 230.00

Charles Balances: PI/PCP 245.00. Corrections/Treatment 250.00

Website
10/10/16 – 11/14/26

Site Analytics

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit)	3101– up 21%
Bookstall Site	3119 – up 93%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 3567
	Where and When Search- 309
	Where and When Calendar- 277
	Announcements and Events – 223
	Al-Anon Information - 150

Top 10 Visitor locations – Maryland, Virginia, New York, California, Iowa, West Virginia, Connecticut, DC , Pennsylvania, Ohio

Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes.

Meeting Change Information

The Lusby Big Book and Lusby Daily Reflections meetings (Calvert) temporarily moved to the Appeal Elementary School cafeteria from 11/9/26 to 11/22/26. The meetings will return to the Community Center after the 22nd. The Monday Nite Traditions meeting (St. Mary's) will be suspended on 12/7/26. James R., (District 1) is trying to determine if the Sober By the Bay meeting should be terminated. It has been suspended for several months.

Meeting Status

Currently there are 134 meetings in our service area; 126 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 7 meetings are on-line only, and one meeting is suspended.

Document Posts and Updates

November Lifeline posted – 11/3/26
Financial page updated – 10/25/26
Minutes posted – 10/26/26

Anniversary Submissions since last meeting

St. Mary's County - 17
Calvert County - 10
Charles County – 2
Other - 1

Phishing Attempts

These continue and are becoming more sophisticated. When you receive an e-mail with an artificial sense of urgency, generic greetings, suspicious links, unsolicited attachments, or poor spelling or grammar, those are red flags. Remember, do not click on any links, download attachments, or reply to these attempts. Report them to the webmaster.

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

Jeanine reiterated last month's "For the Good of the Order" question regarding Article 3, 3.3 of the Bylaws where members are defined, specifically individuals on the committees for Corrections and Treatment and PC/PICP: are they responsible for the budgeted line items for those things? There's never been a county level authority for the CT/PICP monies. Who oversees the funds? The Districts have no obligation to report this to the Intergroup. Do we even need those committees at the Intergroup level? Who oversees the money? Should the money even be allocated by Intergroup? Discussion. No motion.

NEW BUSINESS

John put forth a motion, “I move that SMIA receive the proposed Events and Fundraising Guidelines for review and distribute them to Intergroup Representatives for consideration by their home groups, with an opportunity to provide feedback, questions and suggested revisions. These guidelines shall be brought back to SMIA at its February 2027 meeting to review the feedback received and determine any necessary revisions, with consideration of adoption at a subsequent meeting.” Second. No discussion. Approved for distribution.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Michelle reported District 36 is having a speaker series with a potluck on Christmas over the holidays. Flyer posted. Also there will be a Bridging the Gap, reaching out to newly released inmates, speaker at their District meeting In December.

Keith reported he wrote an article on Alcathons that’s in this month’s Lifeline and asked whether outreach was being made to treatment centers for their clients to attend.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.