SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting October 10, 2026

OPENING - The Serenity Prayer

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

New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction: Allison B, Sunday Morning _____.

Groups & Committees Represented: Buddy F – Archives Chair/Bookstall; Keith H – Lifeline; Brandi T - St. Mary's County Corrections; Cindy C, Awakenings; Jeanine W, _____ Step; Michelle C, Laurel Grove; Chris B, Monday Night Traditions and Paul Shippert, Cove Point.

SMIA Chair Report: Todd deferred to representatives of the Maryland Deaf Access Committee who discussed the need for Southern Maryland Intergroup Association to furnish ASL translators for deaf alcoholics. There are 1.2 M deaf people in Maryland and someone in Lusby has reached out. He reviewed the financial commitment necessary for interpreters for 20 individual groups: $520/month, at the rate of $150 per meeting. It was suggested that individual meetings have a yellow can for Deaf Access to keep the contributions separate and submit the money directly to MDAC. Suggested language for the motion to present at a group conscience follows: *"I move that our group contribute $_____ per month to the Maryland Deaf Access Committee for six months. After six months, our group will review the contribution through group conscience and decide whether to continue."* They have Venmo and PayPal and accept checks. Website: mdacAA.org.

Vice-Chair Report: No report.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections/Treatment/Public information/PCP

Calvert: Cindy reported that members of her home group are taking meetings to Avenues and the detention center. Peggy K is taking meetings to Avenues on Mondays and Thursdays and is taking names of volunteers. PI has enough Where and Whens.

Charles: Allison reported they have 26 volunteers who go into Pyramid 1 day a week and RCCA 6 days a week.

St. Mary's: Roy reported via Todd good participation and need for volunteers. Brandi T. reported that things on the women's side are going well.

Telephone:

9/12-10/10/26

Still need a chair for this.

Total calls 15, Calvert 2, Charles 3, St. Mary's 2, Not Spec. 8, Time 51 minutes.

Where & When

There are still approximately 250 left for distribution.

Lifeline

Keith H reported that things are going well. He welcomes any suggestions, feedback, etc., by the 27th of the month. He is especially looking for spotlights on how service has contributed to one's sobriety. Also looking for home group histories. The 50th Anniversary of SMIA is coming up. Looking for articles. Flyer submissions should be in portrait and .pdf.

Events

Temporary Events Committee: Virtual meeting on 10/24, at 10-11 a.m. Seeking participants and more past events materials.

Serenity Breakfast: Time to start looking at this.

Picnic: No report.

Gratitude Dinner: Cancelled this year.

Workshops: No report.

Web Report

9/10/26 – 10/10/26

Site Analytics

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit)	2553– down 12%
Bookstall Site	1611 – up 9%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 3333 Where and When Calendar- 315 Where and When Search- 230 Al-Anon Information - 145 Announcements and Events - 143

Top 10 Visitor locations – Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Iowa, California, North Carolina, Kentucky, New Jersey, Connecticut, DC

Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes.

Meeting Change Information

The Bedouin Women's Meeting (Calvert), changed from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM, effective 10/01/26. The AA 4PM Meeting (Charles) changed to a closed discussion meeting. A new meeting was requested by the PIVOT Family Resource Center in Hughesville. They did not

include a meeting name, and they do not have a determined meeting time. Additionally, this may be in conflict with the 6th Tradition. While meetings can be held in treatment or resources centers, those facilities cannot host or endorse an AA meeting.

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

September Lifeline posted – 10/1/26
Financial page updated – 10/4/26
Where and When PDF updated – 9/28/26
Minutes posted – 9/25/26

Anniversary Submissions since last meeting

St. Mary's County - 9
Calvert County - 4
Charles County – 0
Other - 0

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.

Bookstall: 5 orders for $55.00. Unable to order anything right now. There are many books in inventory.

District 1 Balances: PI/PCP 275 Corrections/Treatment 187
District 36 Balances: PI/PCP 0 Corrections/Treatment 230
District 35 Balances: PI/PCP 375 Corrections/Treatment 250

OLD BUSINESS: It was agreed that Board members will assign a proxy in their absence.

NEW BUSINESS: Todd nominated Chris B as SMIA Treasurer. Second. Without a quorum the Secretary casts the sole vote. Shaara voted yes. Chris B is now Treasurer.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Motion to Adjourn. Second. All in favor.

CLOSING – Responsibility Pledge.