

## SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)

Meeting February 14, 2026

**OPENING** - The Serenity Prayer

**Board Members Present:** Todd M, Chair; Lorraine J, Vice-Chair; Bruce O, Treasurer; Shaara W, Secretary and Paul S, Parliamentarian.

**New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction:** Nancy, \_\_\_\_\_, Andrea A, \_\_\_\_\_ by the Sea; Keith T, Basic Text.

**Groups & Committees Represented:** Buddy F, Bookstall/Archives; Bill L– Webmaster (via ZOOM); Keith H, Lifeline; Roy B, Charles County C&T; Emme J, ODAAT; Melissa W, Telephone; Faye S, We Are Not Alone and Cindy C, Awakenings

**SMIA Chair Report:** Todd reported the Area 29 mini conference will be held hybrid on Saturday 2/21 at 9 a.m. Also, NERAASA is meeting in Portland, ME, 2/20-22. The Maryland State Convention will be held June 19-26 in Baltimore.

**Vice-Chair Report:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary Report:** Motion and second to accept the January 2026 Minutes as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline, all in favor.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion and second to accept the February 2026 Treasurer's Report as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline, all in favor.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Corrections/Treatment**

- Calvert: Nothing new to report.
- Charles: No report.
- St. Mary's: Looking for people with one year sober to bring meetings to the detention center.

#### **Public information/PCP**

- Kenny G is enthusiastically carrying the message in Calvert County.
- Andrea reported that PCP in Charles County is gaining ground with various organizations with some significant progress.
- St. Mary's – No report.

#### **Telephone**

Melissa reported that for January 10 to February 14: Total Calls – 18; Calvert – 3; Charles – 8; St. Mary's – 4; Not Specified – 3; and Time 67 minutes.

She is stepping down. She provided an overview on how the system operates. Access to a desktop or laptop computer is required. She will draft a Lifeline article to summarize.

#### **Where & When**

The Where & When has been printed and is being distributed. Pat described the editing process and encouraged groups to provide specific location details beyond the address, particularly for meetings held on large campuses.

## Lifeline

Keith reported that things are going well. Deadline for the following month is the 27th of the current month. Flyer submissions should be in Portrait and .pdf. He asked that the SMIA meeting minutes be more concise.

## Events

**Serenity Breakfast:** Emme J volunteered to chair. She will check on the availability of The Harry Lundberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point. The event date is to be determined.

**Picnic:** Buddy F. will chair again this year. He has nothing to report at this time.

**Gratitude Dinner:** Bruce still needs receipts so he can conduct the audit. Buddy will reserve the Church of the Immaculate Conception for the second Saturday in November to ensure we have a venue.

**Bookstall:** No. Orders 16; Total Collected \$501.05. Expenses Big Books \$616.00. Buddy noted that the cost of all General Service publications has gone up \$3 and will be reflected on new orders.

## Web Report 1/10/26-2/14/26

Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit)	3530– up 35%
Bookstall Site	2706– up 70%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 3102
	Where and When Calendar- 307
	Al-Anon Information – 216
	On-Line Meetings – 198
	Announcements and Events - 192

## Site Updates and Changes

Al-Anon Meeting information was over-hauled

### Meeting Change Information

Smoke Free Sobriety (Charles County) moved to Calvary United Methodist Church on 1/13/26.

According to a flyer I received from Rev, the Hollywood Group is scheduled to move to the Church of the Nazarene in Hollywood in March. A group change has not been submitted.

### Meeting Status

Currently there are 136 meetings in our service area; 127 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 8 meetings are on-line only, and one meeting is suspended.

### Document Posts and Updates

Lifeline posted – 2/2/26

Financial page updated – 2/1/26

Where and When PDF updated – 1/17/26

SMIA Minutes posted – 1/12/26

### 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:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Need better system/audio quality for online participants. Bill L. recommended a conference package: a camera and a microphone at a total cost of around \$200. Motion and second to purchase this package, all in favor.

**Elections.** Nominations were accepted for Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian (two-year terms expiring March 2026). Nominations received: Keith T for Parliamentarian; Emme J for Vice Chair. Keith H. will publish a notice in the Lifeline to encourage additional nominations. Bruce stated that the incoming Treasurer must be proficient in MS Excel and that he is unable to serve beyond March. Voting will occur at the March 2026 meeting, with new board members seated in April.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Motion and second to adjourn, all in favor.

**CLOSING** – Responsibility Pledge