

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

APRIL 13, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Opening:

Lorraine J. opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members Present: Lorraine J. - Vice-Chair, Bruce O. – Treasurer, Paul S. – Parliamentarian and Kristi P. – Secretary

Groups & Committees Represented:

Bill L.–Harmony Group/Web/Bookstall, Todd M.- St. Charles Step Group, Nathan H.- Waldorf Group, Andy X-Keeping it Green Group, Mary F.-Leonardtwn Group, Pat S.-SMIA Workshop Chair, Melissa W.-SMIA Phone Chair, Keith H.- SMIA Lifeline Chair, Chuck M. – Sobriety First, Lisa T. – Awakenings Group, Jamie R. – North Beach Group, Barry S. – Inspiration Group

SMIA Chair Report:

Lorraine J. reported on Buddy F.'s behalf. Buddy attended the Area 29 Assembly on March 16, 2024. There were 8 newcomers, and 70 voting members present. Alternate Delegate Lori M. spoke about the upcoming CARC meetings. They divided the Area into 4 groups. We fall under CARC 2 region. Area 29 Delegate Terry P. stated he has been attending various committee meetings and gathering information to take to the GSO Conference. He stated that the AA Big Book is currently printed in 80 different languages and the 5th edition Big Book is slowly progressing but will probably not be ready for print until 2025. Terry also stated that the feedback he and most of the other delegates are receiving is that most people do not want to make changes to the founders' writings. Diane and Linda are heading up the Archives and are looking for anyone with knowledge of their District Groups active and past history. Area 29 has a new Spanish speaking district, which is District 29. Buddy also attended the CARC 2 meeting on March 23, 2024. Agenda items discussed were anonymity on social media, literature, International Convention, Public Information and Trustees. These agenda items plus the other three CARC groups will be reviewed by our Delegate, Vice Delegate and past delegates to determine which one's items our Delegate will take to the GSO Conference in April. The results will be discussed at the upcoming mini conference on April 6, 2024. Buddy also attended the Area Intergroup Liaison Meet5ing on April 1, 2024. 8 people attended. Area 29 Delegate Terry P. discussed the upcoming convention and noted that he was assigned to the Literature committee at the GSO convention. One thing they will be reviewing is the Plain and Simple Language of the Big Book. They will be spending 9 hours reviewing the entire book to see if it is up to A.A. standards and possibly suggest modifications if necessary.

Vice-Chair Report: no report.

Secretary Report: Kristi P. read the SMIA March 2024 meeting minutes. Lorraine requested it be noted that the \$5 per vehicle fee for the picnic is paid to the park and not to SMIA. A motion was made to accept meeting minutes with Lorraine's changes; the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer Report: Bruce O. gave the March 2024 Treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and passed. Audit was conducted and budget was turned over to Bruce O. New budget will be presented at May meeting.

Committee Reports

Bookstall Report: Bill reported there were 1157 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the February meeting. There were 13 orders since the last meeting. 8 completed and 5 processing. Orders totaled \$520.75. There is a new Grapevine publication book available, Our Twelve Steps for \$14.

Web/Technology: Total visitors 3,088. Most frequently visited pages: Home, Where and When Search, Anniversary's, Announcements and On-Line Meetings. Site Updates and Changes: discontinued the mobile app, there were only 12 users. Cooking by the Book meeting was added to all platforms. North Beach Saturday evening changed to 6 pm. We currently have a total of 127 meetings (120 in person meetings, 6 hybrid meetings, 6 online only meetings, 1 meeting reported as suspended, but has an online presence). Document Posts and Updates: Where and When PDF updated 3/25/24; Lifeline posted 3/31/24; Finance Page updated 3/25/24; Minutes posted 3/23/24.

Gratitude Dinner: No updates. Good to go for November 16th.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert – everything is going well. Charles – no report. St. Mary's – no report.

Lifeline/Archives: Keith reported everything is going well. Any submissions and feedback are welcome. Keith stated he put a blurb in the lifeline about archives. He has a lot of information on archives that he will be working on.

Picnic: No update. Note – \$5 fee per vehicle fee will be paid to the park, not SMIA.

PI/CPC: Calvert – Lorraine - going well, need to get new Where and When's to the library. Charles – no report. St. Mary's – Mary reported there will be a presentation at CSM and table at CSM Fall Festival and a table at the Health Fair. New meeting lists going into the racks.

Workshop: Pat S. reported that the Symposium (History of A.A.) will be held April 13, 2024 at the Immaculate Conception Hall from 5-9 pm. We have more volunteers than work that needed to be done, which was great.

Telephone: Melissa W. gave her report; there were a total of 28 calls, 10 for Calvert, 5 for St. Mary's and 2 for Charles, 11 calls with no county identified. Total of 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Serenity Breakfast: Mary F. reported that Serenity Breakfast will be held on June 1st from 8-11:30 am, the buffet will be from 8-9:30 am, followed by speaker and raffle. Speaker will be Mark A. from Severna Park. Tickets available for \$20. Donation items starting to come in. Next planning meeting scheduled for 4/14. Still need volunteers Pat S. made a motion for SMIA to donate \$45 worth of books for the Serenity Breakfast. Motion was accepted and passed.

Where and When: Pat reported no update.

New Business: None.

For the Good of the Order: Tressie will be celebrating 40 years on 5/2 at the Harmony Group. Sandy D. will be celebrating 40 years on 4/26 at the Leonardtown Group. Bill L. stated that Area 29 revised their newsletter titled "Our Common Welfare". It can be found on SMIA or Area 29 website. District 35 is hosting 4th Step Workshop on April 20th at Peach Lutheran Church.

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer