

SMIA Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2021

Opening: Bill L. opened with Serenity Prayer. Note there were connectivity / audio issues for Zoom attendees.

Board Members present: Bill L. - Chair, Janine G. – Vice-Chair, Cora W., Treasurer, and Tressie F. Secretary

Group & Committees Represented: Buddy F. - Bookstall/Basic Text, Dan W. - St Charles Step, Melissa W. - Phone Chair/12x12 Serenity, Kelly W. - North Beach, Pat P. - Where When Chair, Lorraine J. – Bedouin Group, Cora W. - We are not Saints/Treasurer, Bill L. – Website, Zee S. – Sunday Morning Serenity, Rebecca B. – Harmony, Rev – Early Bird/Gratitude Dinner, Edna A. – Almost Normal. Visitors: Paula S. and John Z.

SMIA Chair Report: Bill - SMIA has no opinion on the Preamble change from “Fellowship of men and women” to a “Fellowship of people”. Since groups are autonomous it is up to each group to decide whether to change.

Vice-Chair Report: Janine G. – attended IGLC. NY GSO representative attended area meeting and takes information back to GSO.

Secretary Report: Read by Tressie F. July 2021 minutes accepted with read corrections.

Treasurer Report: Cora W. – contract with previous answering service was cancelled. Net assets \$7615.19. had internet issues. See report at SMIA website.

Committee Reports

Bookstall: Presented by Buddy – Sales today amounted to \$591.38. There is a large balance with our paypal account which can be used to purchase items for the bookstall. Cora noted it was easy to transfer money into our bank account since there is a credit card for bookstall purchases. There is a PICPC budget per county \$250

Archives: No report – will check with Wally about getting historical materials and determine if we will continue the Archives committee.

Bridging the Gap: - No report.

Phone report: Melissa – we are using the new phone service. There were a total of 31 (11 Charles, 4 St Mary's, 2 Calvert). She explained how the process currently works and there is a menu she can customize (i.e. press 1 for Charles county, 2 for Calvert, etc. and add other options. She has a work ticket in to reflect SMIA hotline on cell phone when calls are received. Cost is \$60.65 a month for new service.

Lifeline: Keith dropped off copies.

Gratitude Dinner: Gratitude dinner will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on November 13th. There will be an AA comedian performing. Tickets are \$30 each. Rev distributed tickets to representatives from each county to sell. Ten tickets were held for sponsorship. SMIA is purchasing 4 tables for the even and they will be donated to the church.

Corrections and Treatment: Calvert – detention center is open for meetings and men and women’s meetings are held every other week. There are also zoom meetings for treatment facility. Dan - Charles County detention center is open for meetings; in addition to taking meetings into RCA and Avenues. St. Mary’s, - meetings are being taken into Anchor.

PI/CPC: St. Mary’s county will sponsor a booth at the health fair on October 15th.

Where and When: Pat P. recommended annual budget for printing cost of \$3000.

Picnic: SMIA picnic is cancelled. District 36 is holding a picnic at Dorsey Park 9/17.

Website: Bill L. gave report.

Total Visitors 5051 visitors – Up from previous month

5 Most Frequently visited pages
Home Page – 5296
On-Line Meeting Page – 756
Where and When Calendar – 718
Where and When Search – 403
Temporary group closure page - 213

Referring Sites
Direct Entry
Other Web Sites
Search Engines – Google, Bing

The SMIA On-Line Bookstall had 823 new visitors since the July meeting, and 4158 since opening in May 2020. There have been 54 total on-line orders and 9 new orders since the July meeting

Website updates included a key being added to where and when calendar to quickly identify online meetings. All meetings listed as “Temporarily Closed” were changed to “suspended” to avoid confusion with “closed” AA meetings. SMIA Mobile App 2010 v2.7.8 was released 8/09/21

Four online meetings were terminated, and none were added. There are 23 online meetings in our service area. To date, 108 meetings are in-person, 12 of which are meeting outdoor. 13 meetings are hybrid, meaning they are in-person and have an on-line option. 28 meetings are reported as suspended, and of those 28 - 8 have an online presence.

Old Business – Bill reminded everyone to please have their groups report their status as open, suspended, online only, in person...

New Business – The annual budget May 2021 – April 2022 was presented and reviewed by each line items. Suggestions were made for adjustments by various members. The annual budget proposal was accepted and passed. Please see the SMIA website for the annual budge proposal.

For the Good of the Order: North Beach group is celebrating its 50th group anniversary in November.

Meeting Adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer