

SMIA Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2022

Opening: Bill L. opened with the Serenity Prayer and Responsibility statement.

Board Members present: Bill L. - Chair, Rebecca B. – Treasurer, and Tressie F. Secretary

Group & Committees Represented: Buddy F. – Basic Text, Craig W. – Waldorf, Marc T. – Cove Point, Rev – Early Bird, Jeremy B. – Harmony, Scott T. – Sunderland, Jamie R. – North Beach, Zee S. – Sunday Morning Sobriety, Pat P. – Where & When chair,

SMIA Chair Report: Bill –The SMIA By-Laws which were approved in May by a unanimous vote of the membership, were adopted, signed, and posted.

Did not attend the IGLC meeting; however, there was a report back from the 72nd GSO conference.

Vice-Chair Report: Katherine L. not available. Email dated 6/10 from Katherine

Kurt W., our Area 29 delegate, gave a Report Back on the 72nd General Service Conference held in New York. Here are some of the highlights:

- There has been a shortage of AA Literature, especially copies of the Big Book, due to supply chain issues.
- 7th Tradition contributions were at a record high last year and operating expenses were down. GSO was able to return \$250,000 to the prudent reserve. Contributions have continued to grow over the last 10 years and online contributions have increased. Although contributions have increased, literature profits from Grapevine sales have decreased.
- Progress report was shared regarding the Big Book (Fourth Edition) translation into plain and simple language. A draft of the translation is expected to be ready for the 73rd General Service Conference. A progress report was also shared of the draft of a 5th Edition of the Big Book. it will probably be 4-5 years before the draft is approved.
- The next International AA Conference will be in Vancouver, BC in 2025.
- A Membership Survey is being drafted and will be sent out in September.

Finally, Kurt W. is happy to attend Intergroup meetings to give a full Report Back on the General Service Conference.

Secretary Report: Read by Tressie F. – May 2022 minutes were accepted as read with corrections.

Treasurer Report: Rebecca B. – 4/24 – 5/24 report provided. Net assets \$12679.35 with \$808.43 in expenses and \$1506.97 in expenses. The Treasurer's Report is available on-line on the SMIA website @ <https://somidintergroup.org/finance.html>

Committee Reports

Archives: Position is open, and we need a volunteer. Bill will set up digital library.

Bookstall: Buddy reported- \$358 in chips sales and \$582.72 in literature sales. He will submit a large order soon because many items have depleted stock.

Lifeline: Keith unavailable. Bill prepared this edition and will prepare the July Lifeline. Rev provided copies.

Phone Report: Melissa – not available.

Picnic: Need a volunteer to lead this event.

Serenity Breakfast: Buddy – we raised \$1290 from the event. Ticket sales - \$470, 50/50 raffle \$250, and silent auction \$570. Buddy prepared a nice thank you letter to the Piney Point leadership, thanking them for their excellent service and support of the SMIA.

Gratitude Dinner: Nothing to report.

Corrections and Treatment: Charles County – Zee for Dan – 6 meetings to RCA and 1 to Jude house a week. Calvert – no report. St. Mary’s – no report.

PI/CPC: St. Mary’s – the committee is very active getting information out. Charles – Craig will check with to see if he can get an update. Calvert still needs a chair.

Where and When: Pat P. – PDF is updated. There are four boxes left and a half a box in the Bookstall cabinet. Tressie bought up someone had an issue with the older version of The Preamble being on the pamphlet. If a change is requested, it should be bought before the SMIA membership and board, discussed, make motions, and brought to a vote.

Website: Bill L. gave report.

Total Visitors (initial visit)	2532– Down 28.00 %
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2806 Where and When Calendar – 376 On-Line Meetings– 272 Where and When Search - 243 Contact - 111
Referring Sites	Direct Others Search Engines – Google, Bing, DuckDuckGo

The SMIA On-Line Bookstall had 257 new visitors since the May meeting. 9 new orders were submitted; 3 are processing, 3 were completed, 2 are on-hold, and 1 is pending.

[Site Updates and Changes](#)

The zip code search feature on the Where and When Search Page was updated to search for any meeting within 15 miles of the of the entered zip code.

[Meeting Change Information](#)

All A.A. in the AM Meetings in Waldorf were changed to on-line only. The Beginner’s Meeting in La Plata closed permanently. Drunks ‘R’ Us, Beginners @ Noon, Monday Nite Group, and Lexington Park Big Book Group all moved from Beacon of Hope to Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, effective 6/1/22

[Meeting Status](#)

Currently there are 130 meetings in our service area; 119 meetings are in-person, 10 meetings are hybrid, 7 meetings are on-line only, and 4 meetings are reported as suspended. Of those 4, 1 has an on-line presence.

[Document Posts and Updates](#)

Where and When PDF updated – 6/9/22
SMIA By-Laws Updated and Signed – 6/2/22
Mobile App 2022 v3.2.6 released – 5/31/22
Lifeline Posted – 5/30/22
Finance Page updated – 5/30/22
SMIA Minutes Posted – 5/23/22

Old Business – SMIA By-Laws were signed by all board members and posted to the website

New Business – Rebecca – last year’s annual budget expected a negative balance for the SMIA. Rebecca adjusted the budget for this year to reflect actual projections based on last year’s expenses. A motion was made and voted on to accept the revised projected 2022/2023 annual budget.

For the Good of the Order: AA 87th anniversary is being celebrated June 10– 12 in Akron (Founders Day)

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer