

## SMIA Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2023

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

**Board Members present:** Bill L. - Chair, Katherine L. – Vice Chair, Rebecca B. – Treasurer, Rob A. – Parliamentarian and Tressie F. - Secretary

**Groups & Committees Represented:** John Z. – 12x12 for Serenity/ Archives, Paul S. – Cove Point, Todd M. - St. Charles Step, Craig W. – Waldorf, Nathan H. – Waldorf, Scott T. – Grapevine, Buddy F. – Basic Text/ Bookstall, Jamie R. – North Beach, Jeremy B. – Harmony, Roy B. – Solomons, Lorraine J. – Bedouin, Amanda W. – ODDAT, George W. – Inspiration, Pat. P – Where and When, Melissa – Phone

**SMIA Chair Report:** Bill L. – thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the SMIA.

**Vice-Chair Report:** Katherine L. – Maryland General Service Assembly Meeting will be held on 3/25/23 and the MD State Convention will be held In August 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> at the Marriot in Hunt Valley.

**Secretary Report:** Read by Tressie F. – February 2023 minutes were accepted as read with corrections.

**Treasurer Report:** Rebecca B. – 1/24/23 – 2/24/23 report provided. Deposited \$137 petty cash into the account since treasurer doesn't use cash. Monthly net assets \$18906.88 with \$1157.68 in contributions. The Treasurer's Report is available on-line at <https://somidintergroup.org/finance.html>

### Committee Reports

**Archives:** John Z. – will set up a table at the district 35 Fourth step workshop on 4/29.

**Lifeline:** Keith not available but prepared copy and sent to Rebecca. Sixty copies of the Lifeline provided by Rebecca.

**Phone Report:** Melissa – received 18 calls (2 St. Mary's, 3 Calvert, 10 Charles) with 3 from Charles County health dept.

**Picnic:** No update.

**Serenity Breakfast:** Buddy – no update.

**Gratitude Dinner:** Buddy – no updates.

**Corrections and Treatment:** Charles County – Todd meetings are being held at the RCA Monday through Friday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 2:00. There are no meetings being taken into jail. St. Mary's – meetings going into Anchor and Compass. Calvert – Lorraine Barstow is reopened to AA meetings and orientations are being held. Meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday for men and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for women. except on Friday. Soft cover Big Books allowed for jail.

**PI/CPC:** St. Mary's – in good shape. Calvert – Lorraine distributing pamphlets and literature to libraries, senior centers, health department and high schools. Brenda W. has received workbooks she ordered.

**Bookstall:** Buddy – Two orders were placed to purchase Literature, 1 for the intergroup (\$595.15) and one for donation purchase for the Roundup (\$921.19). A total of 12 bookstall orders were placed 6 were for Service Committees from the districts totaling (\$396.25). There was a total of (\$170.90) collected at the meeting and a (\$28.00) Pay Pal purchase. Voted to resume Pay Pal option and Bill is looking into Square as a payment method.

**Where and When:** Pat P. – boxes have been delivered. The cost to print was \$2348.96.

**Website:** Bill L. gave report.

Total Visitors (initial visit)	2226– Up 8%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2120 Where and When Calendar- 416 Where and When Search -246 On-Line Meetings - 208 Announcements -152
Referring Sites	Direct Others Search Engines – Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

The SMIA On-Line Bookstall had 440 new visitors since the February 2023 meeting. 10 new orders were submitted. One is processing, 4 are on-hold, and 5 were completed.

#### Site Updates and Changes

The Area 29 Events Calendar was added to the Announcements and Events page.

#### Meeting Change Information

No additions, changes, or terminations this month

#### Meeting Status

Currently there are 130 meetings in our service area; 120 meetings are in-person, 7 meetings are hybrid, 6 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 – 2/13/23

Mobile App 2023 4.3.1 released – 3/2/23

Lifeline posted – 3/2/23

Finance Page updated – 2/27/23

SMIA Minutes posted – 2/12/23

**Old Business** – There was only 1 nomination for SMIA Chair, so the Secretary cast one vote to elect the Chair. We still need to fill the Secretary position, so nominations will carry over to the April meeting. Tressie will continue as the Secretary into next month. Bus trip cost to Akron is too much; however, a motion was passed for the SMIA to sponsor 1 person per District to attend the Maryland State Convention. Bill will provide an online form. College scholarship was tabled.

**New Business** – Bill will begin as the Bookstall Chair in April with Jeremy the Co-Chair. Buddy would not be able to continue in this role due to his election as the SMIA Chair. Buddy offered to leave delivery address as is since he is close. Bookstall inventory will be done by Buddy prior to turnover. Tressie asked if we could make an additional donation to the church for \$600 which a motion was made and passed. Jamie asked if SMIA could fund or support workshops. Generally, the individual Districts have hosted workshops, so we could support them in funding those.

**For the Good of the Order** Bruce O. - 9 at Waldorf on 3/18, Nathan had 2 at Waldorf on 3/4, and Lorraine J., 43 at Bedouin on 3/19.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer