

SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

January 13, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Buddy F. opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members present: Buddy F. - Chair, Rebecca B. – Treasurer, Rob A. – Parliamentarian and Kristi P. – Secretary

New Member/Visitor's Introduction: Lisa – Awakenings and Lori – Alternate Delegate for Area 29

SMIA Chair Report: Buddy stated on January 8th Area 29 hosted an Intergroup Liaison meeting. 12 people were in attendance. Our new Area 29 Chairperson, Frank M. introduced himself and spoke. He discussed his goals of looking at participation, communication, and cooperation. He also said that Area 29 would begin to print an Area 29 newsletter and it would possibly be printed on a quarterly basis. Scott B. and Taz are the new Area 29 Corrections Chair and Co-Chair. The Area will be submitting a bid this year to host a host a 3-day seminar, the National Correction Conference to be held in 2026. They also spoke about hosting a one-day seminar on Corrections sometime this fall. Stephanie M. introduced herself as the new Area 29 Treatment Chair. They discussed trying to do zoom meetings at the corrections facilities, however, due to security concerns, it doesn't appear many jurisdictions are willing. A digital library was mentioned also as a way to carry the message.

Vice-Chair Report: no report.

Secretary Report: Kristi read from the December 2023 meeting minutes. Buddy made a correction that only half of the \$890 collected from the Gratitude Dinner went to the church, the other half went to the 50/50 raffle winner. A motion was made to accept the minutes with this correction and was minutes were seconded and accepted.

Treasurer Report: Rebecca reported for the month of December, our total expenses were \$1,285.89 and our total revenue was \$11,321.18, giving us a total asset of \$16,793.28. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as read and the motion was seconded and accepted.

Committee Reports

Bookstall Report: Bill reported there 629 visitors to the On-Line Bookstall since the December meeting. Orders totaled \$422, chips and medallion orders totaled 323 and literature/grapevine orders totaled \$366.95.

Web Report: Bill reported there were a total of 3, 268 visitors to website and there are currently a total of 129 meetings. Site updates: the headers and footers on the website were updated to reflect 2024. Meeting changes: Sunderland Group meeting has been terminated. Beach Beacon Group – Mon., Wed., and Fri. meetings at noon terminated. North Beach Women's meeting moved to Friday at 6 pm and the North Beach Beginners meeting moved to Wednesday at 6 pm. We currently have a total of 129 meetings (119 in person meetings, 6 hybrid meetings, 6 online only meetings, 4 meetings reported as suspended. Of the 4, one has an online presence.

Gratitude Dinner: Buddy has reserved the Immaculate Conception Church Hall for November 16, 2024.

Archives: No report.

Corrections and Treatment: **Calvert** - Lorraine reported everything is going well. **Charles** – no report. **St. Mary's** – Roy reported on Kiim's behalf. He stated that effective January 12, 2024, all outside programs are suspended until Phase 6

renovations are complete in April 2024. Meetings for men and women could be held virtually, if interested, please contact them.

Lifeline: Keith reported everything is going well. Any submissions and feedback are welcome.

Picnic: Buddy is looking into the possibility of holding the picnic at Gilbert Run Park in June. SMIA will supply meats, rolls and drinks and those who attend usually bring side dishes.

PI/CPC: Calvert – going well. **Charles** – no report. **St. Mary's** – Mary reported need to check racks and she was looking for interested people who might want to give talk on A.A.

Phone Report: On Melissa's behalf, Kristi reported there were a total of 26 calls, 13 for Calvert, 5 for St. Mary's and 8 for Charles. The total duration of calls was 3 hours and 32 minutes. Bill reported he was getting 20-30 calls per week. He discovered his personal phone number was on the AA website for Southern Maryland. He contacted GSO and had his name removed.

Where and When: Pat reported it's time for an update. Need any corrections. Pat will print at the end of January. The cutoff is January 26, 2024. Todd reported no significant changes for Charles.

Workshop: History of AA workshop scheduled for February 17th from 5-9 pm. In desperate need of volunteers. May postpone until April/May. Not receiving a lot of participation in these workshops. Please take this information on workshops back to your groups.

New Business – Looking for an Archives Chair. Elections will be held in May for Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Will post online. By-laws are awaiting one more signature and will then be complete and posted to the website. Lori M. introduced herself. She is the new Alternate Delegate for Area 29. Spoke about the CARC process and upcoming CARC meeting being held on March 2nd from 11-1 pm in Owensville, MD. They will be looking for feedback regarding changes to the Plain Language Big Book and Twelve and Twelve. World Services is tapping the brakes and wants to get a sense of feelings from the fellowship. Lori relayed that Terry P. is the new Area Delegate. She can be reached at altdelegate@mdaa.org. Area 29 is seeking appointment committee members with military experience for a 1-year term for military outreach project, Buddy has information if anyone is interested.

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