

## **SOUTHERN MARYLAND INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION (SMIA)**

Meeting September 12, 2026

### **OPENING** - The Serenity Prayer

**Board Members Present:** Todd M – Chair/Acting Treasurer; Emme J, Vice Chair, Keith T, Parliamentarian; and Shaara W, Secretary.

**New Member(s)/Visitor(s) Introduction:** Brigitte, Early Bird.

**Groups & Committees Represented:** Buddy F – Archives Chair/Bookstall; Keith H – Lifeline; Brandi T - St. Mary's County Corrections (remotely); Cindy C, Awakenings; Duke R, Basic Text; Suzi L, Never Too Late; Michelle C, Laurel Grove; Lorraine J, Bedouin; Chris B, Monday Night Traditions; and Roy B, Solomons.

**SMIA Chair Report:** Todd deferred to Bridget, Area 29 Intergroup committee liaison chair, for her presentation on Intergroups' role in carrying the message. She furnished a list of the current Area service committees and their chairs. Getting more young people involved for service is a current goal. She loves the Lifeline and thinks SMIA should work harder to get its message out. Discussion re service.

**Vice-Chair Report:** She turned over the details around her chairing the recent Serenity Breakfast to the Temporary Committee.

**Secretary Report (corrections/additions).** Motion to accept the August 2026 Minutes as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline. Second. All in favor.

**Treasurer Report (corrections/additions).** This position is still vacant. Todd M, Chair, is still working with the former Treasurer. Motion to accept the September 2026 report as posted on the Web and in the Lifeline. Second. All in favor.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Corrections/Treatment/Public information/PCP

Calvert: Cindy reported that members of her home group are taking meetings to Avenues and the detention center. Peggy K is taking meetings to Avenues on Mondays and Thursdays and is taking names of volunteers. PI has enough Where and Whens.

Charles: No report.

St. Mary's: Roy B. reported things are going well. The men are looking for volunteers to carry a second men's meeting. Brandi T. reported that things on the women's side are going well.

Telephone:

8/8-9/12/26

Still need a chair for this. Faye S. has been taking the calls since June 1 and will do it until the position is filled.

Total calls 29, Calvert 4, Charles 9, St. Mary's 4, Not Spec. 12, Time 1:10.

## Where & When

No report. There are plenty for distribution.

## Lifeline

Keith H reported that things are going good. He welcomes any suggestions, feedback, etc., by the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month. He is especially looking for Home Group Histories. He put together an article about hearing impaired access. Flyer submissions should be in portrait and .pdf.

## Events

Temporary Events Committee: Had introductory meeting on 8/26. Set up a series of virtual meetings on 9/26, 10/24, at 10-11 a.m. Seeking participants and more past events materials.

Serenity Breakfast: No report.

Picnic: No report.

Gratitude Dinner: Scheduled for November. Motion to cancel 2026 Gratitude Dinner for lack of participation. Second. All in favor.

Workshops: Buddy F. reported that the District 36 speakers meeting/Big Book Study on August 15 at Mt. Zion Church in Mechanicsville generated \$238 in sales of literature.

## Web Report

8/8/26 – 9/12/26

### Site Analytics

|                                          |                                |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Main Site Total Visitors (initial visit) | 2905– down 20%                 |
| Bookstall Site                           | 1551– up 5%                    |
| 5 Most Frequently visited pages          | Home Page – 2911               |
|                                          | Where and When Calendar- 664   |
|                                          | Where and When Search- 487     |
|                                          | Announcements - 286            |
|                                          | Where and When Documents - 259 |

Top 10 Visitor locations – Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, California, Iowa, DC, Delaware, North Carolina, Ohio, New Jersey

### Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes.

### Meeting Change Information

The Sobriety First Group (Charles County) terminated their Tuesday meeting. The Handicap Accessible designation was removed from the Waldorf Group.

### Meeting Status

Currently there are 134 meetings in our service area; 126 meetings are in-person, 6 meetings are hybrid, 7 meetings are on-line only, and one meeting is suspended.

### Document Posts and Updates

September Lifeline posted – 9/7/26

Financial page updated – 9/5/26

Where and When PDF updated – 8/28/26

Minutes posted – 8/16/25

Anniversary Submissions since last meeting

St. Mary's County - 12

Calvert County - 10

Charles County – 1

Other - 2

### Phishing Attempts

These continue and have slightly increased. Remember, do not click on any links or reply to these attempts. Report them to the webmaster.

### Notes

It is important to note that the SMIA is not responsible for the accuracy of on-line or physical meeting information. This is the responsibility of the groups or districts that provide the information. As a reminder, if your meetings are located in a separate building or obscure location at the primary address, please send us notes regarding the specific location.

Bookstall: No. Visits: 9. Total Collected: \$597.84.

District 1 Balances: PI/PCP 230 Corrections/Treatment 375

District 36 Balances: PI/PCP 245 Corrections/Treatment 250

District 35 Balances: PI/PCP 230 Corrections/Treatment 0

**OLD BUSINESS:** Emme J. again proposed refining the Primary Purpose (Mission Statement) of SMIA. She proposed a draft which was later withdrawn pending additional research of those of other intergroups.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lorraine proposed that SMIA boardmembers have a contingency plan for when each is absent (specifically Zoom access). A discussion followed re the rising cost of publications.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Lorraine reported that the Southern Maryland Roundup website is up and running and accepting registrations. She brought a stack of flyers. Emme stated that, in accordance with Tradition 6, Southern Maryland Roundup is not affiliated with SMIA in any way. No motion or vote was taken on this issue.

**Motion to Adjourn.** Second. All in favor.

**CLOSING** – Responsibility Pledge.