

SMIA Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2023

Opening: Buddy F. opened with the Serenity Prayer.

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

Groups & Committees Represented: Paul S. – Cove Point, Bill L – Sunderland/Bookstall, Bruce O. – Waldorf, Amanda W. – ODDAT, Keith H. – Almost Normal, Jamie R.- North Beach, George W. – Inspiration, Roy B. – Solomons

SMIA Chair Report: Buddy F. – 696 people attended the Area 29 conference in July. Attended Area 29 Delegates Report in Severna Park, there will be an election for a chairperson board member. Final report for the 73rd Annual General Assembly Service Committee is posted online. GSO will do an inventory on itself this coming year. It appears that contributions for the first 6 months of 2023 are slightly higher than projected, which is a good thing. There was a Plain Language Big Book zoom meeting, however Buddy was unable to attend because he was attending the delegate meeting. There will be an International Conference for Young People in Austin, TX. No date was given but will be held in 2024. Jeanine W. gave a nice report on ad-hoc communication and doing AA online at Area 29. Buddy mentioned that NERAASA did not cover their expenses and had to use prudent reserves (prudent reserves were set up directly for that event). Next NERAASA will be held in Hershey Park, PA. There is a GSR zoom meeting on the 2nd Saturday of every month to discuss GSR responsibilities. Grapevine app has been launched. Cost is \$2.99/month or \$29.99/annually. You can search for the app in the app library on your phone. There will be a workshop on Handling Grief in Sobriety on Oct 14th from 1-4 pm in Frederick, MD. Area Assembly elections will be held on Oct 21st. Buddy has signed up to attend Intergroup Liaison Committee for Area 29, conference being held in Cincinnati Oct 12-15th, may not be able to attend due to family reasons.

Vice-Chair Report: Katherine L. – no update.

Secretary Report: Read by Kristi P. – August 2023 minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer Report: 7/25/23 – 8/24/23 report provided was accepted as presented. Total assets \$13,113.54. We will now be paying \$150 per month for rent instead of paying \$600 quarterly. The Treasurer's Report is available on-line at <https://somidintergroup.org/finance.html>

Committee Reports

Archives: No report

By-Laws Committee: Discussed under "Old Business."

Lifeline: Keith – Going well—suggestions or submissions are always welcome for spotlight on service, anyone's experience with steps, sponsorship, etc. Keith thanked everyone for their submissions. Request was made to put information in Lifeline on contributions for 2 longtime members having medical issues. Discussed and decided that it may not be a good idea. Paul discussed the possibility of adding a news item in the Lifeline regarding how one family was able to raise funds through a fundraiser on Go Fund Me to assist an AA member and how similar tools could be used for members in need.

Phone Report: Melissa W. – not available

Serenity Breakfast: no update. Mary F. and Melissa W. are looking into locations. Possibly St. Andrew's Church Hall - \$250. Additional Serenity Breakfast is being held on Oct. 21st from 8-9 am at Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point. MD.

Gratitude Dinner: Scheduled for November 11th at Immaculate Conception. Committee met on August 30th for Gratitude Dinner discussions, had a good turnout. Everything is moving along. Menu has been finalized, Jeanine W. and Tom M. will be speakers for the night. There will be another committee meeting on October 25th. Flyers available online.

Corrections and Treatment: Charles County – no update. Anchor – Tuesdays (6 volunteers), RCA every day except Sunday, Jude House – every Wednesday. Calvert County-no update. Avenues Mondays and Thursday meetings continue as reported previously. Corrections—detention center orientations are held twice a year, next round of orientations will be next February. Men’s meetings on first and third Wednesdays; Women’s meetings on second and fourth Wednesdays. St. Mary’s – no update. Still only 2 meetings per month through July and no women’s meetings. Paul is participating in Bridging the Gap, has 2 clients, he has reached out to one. Provides reminders of different types of meetings, etc. Buddy has Bridging the Gap cards that you can scan and other information. Will have copies at the next meeting.

PI/CPC: St. Mary’s – Pat P. – no update.

Bookstall Report: Bill L.

There were 620 visits to the On-Line Bookstall since the August meeting. There were 11 orders since the last meeting; 9 are processing and 4 were completed

Processing orders totaled \$212.00
Completed orders totaled \$330.45
Bookstall orders from World Services totaled \$1068.82
Medallion orders from the Token Shop totaled \$171.70

Web Report: 08/12/23 – 09/09/23

Total Visitors (initial visit)	2535– down 26%
5 Most Frequently visited pages	Home Page – 2513 Where and When Calendar- 306 Where and When Search -249 Minutes - 215 Anniversary Calendar - 134
Referring Sites	Direct Others Search Engines – Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

Site Updates and Changes

No significant changes this month.

Meeting Change Information

New Meeting – Another Late Night, Charles County, at the Great Escape Recovery Lounge on Fridays at 10:00 PM
Temporarily suspended meeting, Calvert County, Beach Beacon Friday Night. Suspended indefinitely. The group will make a decision soon on the permanent status.

Meeting Status

Currently there are 131 meetings in our service area; 120 meetings are in-person, 7 meetings are hybrid, 6 meetings are on-line only, and 5 meetings are reported as suspended. Of those 4, 1 has an on-line presence.

Document Posts and Updates

Mobile App 2023 4.9 released – 9/2/23

Lifeline posted – 9/2/23

Where and When PDF updated – 8/30/23

Finance Page updated – 8/28/23

Minutes posted – 8/23/23

Where and When: Buddy F. – good on inventory. Will be reprinting in January, any changes/updates should be sent to Pat before reprint.

Old Business – third and final reading of section 7.5, 7.5.1 read on September 9, 2023. Paul motioned to vote, vote was approved.

Final Revision – approved September 9, 2023

7.5 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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7.5.1 Special projects and annual events include, but are not limited to, Serenity Breakfast, Gratitude Dinner, Workshops and Social Events. Subject to adequate funding and volunteers, committees to coordinate these events will be formed on an ad hoc basis.

New Business

For the Good of the Order – Buddy F. will celebrate 11 years on 9/14 at Basic Text. Melissa W. will celebrate 4 years on 9/28 at Basic Text. Mandy W. – the Charles County Health Department will have it's Annual Charles County Recovery Celebration, Together We Rise. This event will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 10am-2pm at the Indian Head Rail Trail, behind the Health Department,

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