

**District 1 Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2021 (ZOOM)**

Attendance: Craig R., Peggy R., Daniel S., Chuck G., Mark B., Mark L., Carole W., Sara S., Suzie F., Colleen B., and Fred W.

Concept – Sara S. read Concept X

Secretary Report – Suzie F. read the minutes from the November meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with revisions.

Treasurers Report - Peggy R – Read the Treasury report

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,097.54</b>
<b>Credits:</b>	
Mary W. - Venmo	50.00
The Today Group	24.00
<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>\$ 74.00</b>
<b>Debits:</b>	
Bank Service Fee (10/27/20)	3.00
Zoom Monthly Fee (11/4/20)	14.99
Website Fee (11/18/20)	23.99
Bank Service Fee (11/2020)	3.00
Zoom Monthly Fee (12/2020)	14.99
Website Fee (12/2020)	23.99
Suzy G. (check #1669)	32.84
Ink Reimbursement	
<b>Total Debits:</b>	<b>\$ 116.80</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$3,054.74</b>

Motion was made to approve Treasurer’s report. Treasurer’s report was approved as read.

**DCM Report** - Craig R. – After reading Bill L’s SMIA report, no one from our District is attending the SMIA monthly meeting to give a report on Jails/Institutions or Bridging the Gap, etc. Hopefully once COVID passes we can begin attending the monthly meetings in person. If one of our Committee members is able to attend, please do. CARC 2 is coming up and I volunteered to act as the group leader. I’m not sure how that happened. Our group is assigned 10 items and each member will review an item. The email should come out around February 27-28, 2021.

**SMIA** - Bill L. – Not present-emailed report - 11/16/20 to 01/18/21

**Treasurer’s Report extracted from website** – The Treasurer was not present at the meeting. The SMIA has \$846.07 in Operating funds, \$5500 in Prudent Reserve, \$751.89 in Paypal, \$54.97 in petty cash, and \$100 in Bookstall petty cash. Total Net Cash Assets are \$7252.93.

**Bookstall** – No report

**Lifeline** – An article honoring Ray B, a longtime member of the fellowship will be posted in the December 2020 Lifeline

**Telephone** – Melissa is concerned that people on the 12 Step Call list are ignoring or blocking calls from the SMIA Hotline. She will go through the current list that our answering service (Ansaphone) has in hand. She will then contact everyone on the list to determine if they still want to take 12 Step calls. Bill will post announcements and send a memo to the DCM's about encouraging people to volunteer. Melissa will also talk to Pat S (former SMIA Chair) about the phone services she had researched during her tenure.

**Web Report** – The Group Maintenance on-line forms were streamlined. Previously, we had 4 forms; 2 for SMIA and GSO new group submissions, and 2 for SMIA and GSO change group submissions. Now there is one form for new groups and one form for group changes. Upon submission, both forms send the information to both the Maryland General Service Registrar and the SMIA Where and When Chair.

The Registrar and the SMIA Where and When Chair then extract only the information they need for their purposes. This eases the process for the people submitting the forms.

The Where and When search database results were color coded to indicate if the meeting status; reopened, reopened outdoors, reopened with an on-line option, temporarily closed, temporarily closed with an on-line option. Meetings that are only on-line are not listed in the Where and When search database because they do not have a physical meeting address. They are only listed in the On-Line Meeting page.

A representative from District 36 asked about the possibility of assigning QR codes to meeting searches. I am looking at options to facilitate that.

Cathy R, the Bookstall Chair was trained on managing the On-Line Bookstall.

3 new on-line meetings added– Total of 39 on-line meetings posted currently, down from high point of 56.

To date, 88 meetings have reopened, 31 of which are meeting outdoor, and 10 of which also have an on-line option. 61 meetings are still reported as closed, and of those 61, 22 have an on-line presence

The SMIA On-Line Bookstall has had 1226 visitors since opening in May 2020 and there have been 12 total on-line orders. 6 new orders were received in the past month

October Minutes posted – 10/26/20

Lifeline Posted – 11/3/20

Financial Page updated – 10/31/20

SMIA Where and When PDF updated – 11/11/20

**Bridging the Gap** – No report

**Public Information** – No report from District 1, 35, or 36. No representation from any county

**Corrections and Treatment** - No report from District 1, 35, or 36. No representation from any county

**Phone Report** - Melissa reported 8 calls; 3 for St. Mary's, 3 for Charles, and 1 for Calvert. The calls were for needing a ride, meeting info, just needing to talk, or general info. We are still researching a new service. Concerns were raised about the 1-800 number. That was allayed because even if we move to a new service, the phone number will remain the same because we own that number through Unitel.

**Where and When** – Pat P reported. We are considering adding a QR code to printed Where and When to direct people to the Meeting Guide App. There was a question of adding contact phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses, but that would be problematic and, in many cases, in conflict with the SMIA publishing guidelines, because we do not post personal phone numbers or e-mail addresses on any products that we distribute in print or on the website without the expressed permission of that person

**Picnic** – No report

**Gratitude Dinner** – No report

**Serenity Breakfast** – No report

Old Business – None

New Business – Keith H suggested that perhaps we should form a committee to work with the Districts on updating accurate group information. This discussion will be carried over to the December meeting

Accessibility – Sara S. has volunteered to Chair this Committee.

Bridging the Gap - Chuck G – Did not receive any calls this month and heard nothing from the person interested in Prince Frederick.

Institutions - Mark B.- Beginning January 11, Avenues suspended the Zoom meetings.

Fred W. – Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 for the women, and Thursdays for the men. virtual meetings in the jail for women and men as soon as all logistics are worked out.

Events Committee – Suzie F – I am going to contact a couple in Oklahoma that presents a “Traditions and Relationship” workshop on Zoom.

Grapevine Committee – Colleen B – Over 170,000 print editions each month. My plan is to have a Grapevine rep. from each meeting. I will be developing workshops and have printed material for each one. You can now send your story to the Grapevine by audio, limited to 7 minutes. Thank you to Peggy for delivering the Grapevine to me.

Public Information Committee - Roger M – Not present

Web Committee - Bill L. emailed report

District 1 Web report for November 2020 - 11/16/20 to 01/18/21

Total Visits: 922 – Down .6 % from the previous month

Most Frequently visited pages: Home Page, On-Line Meetings Page, Meetings Page, Meeting Calendar, Contact Page

Referring Pages: Direct Entry, Google, Bing

Top 10 Visitor Locations: Maryland, Illinois, Virginia, DC, New Jersey, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Germany, United Kingdom, Netherlands

Browsers: Chrome, Safari, IE, Edge, Mobile (variety)

Site Changes – No significant changes this month

District 1 Where and When PDF updated and posted to SMIA site. Reflects all meetings status to date.

Old Business – (keep old Business listed until completed) Discussed possibility of moving the District Meeting to a location that would allow us to meet in person. After discussion, it was decided to continue District Meeting in Zoom format and reconsider this at a later time. (Update - Chuck G. checked on the room available. Not available until after February.)

New Business – Fred W. – There will not be a State Convention in 2021. Planning to have it in 2022. It's the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Convention and with COVID attendance would probably be low. Thank you to Sara S. for volunteering to Chair the Accessibilities Committee.

Group Reports:

231 Group – Suzie F. – Meeting is doing well. We are meeting in the church and masks are required and social distancing.

Awakenings - Jim D – Not present.

A Vision for You - Needs GSR

Beach Beacon - Needs new GSR

Bedouin Group - Sara S. – Our meetings are hybrid now, on Tues/Thurs and Sunday mornings. We now have 3 rooms we are meeting in, 10 people per room.

Cove Point - Needs GSR

Daily Reflections - Donald R. - not present

Daily Reprieve Group – Fred W. – Thursday meeting is doing well; we average 12-15 people weekly. Chuck G – Sunday night group is doing well; we are meeting in the church with an average of 10-12 people and masks are required.

Do Drop-In Women's Group - Carole W – Meeting via Zoom. 6-10 attending. Zoom is paid thru end of the year. All positions filled.

Grapevine - Meeting via Zoom, 5 or so on Zoom. We are meeting in large room at the church, we practice social distancing and masks are required. .

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR

Happy Destiny - Needs GSR

Happy Hour – Mark L.- meeting is doing well, we average 10-15 people.

Huntingtown Noon Group - Gene C - Not present

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR

Living Sober Group – Roger M – Not present

Lusby Group - Donald R. - Not present

Monday Night Men's Meeting – Daniel S. – Meeting on-line and in-person. On line – 10 attending. In person 10-12 people. Everything going smooth.

Mount Harmony Group – Bill L – Not present – emailed report.

The group name has been officially changed to the Harmony Group. Additionally, the first Monday of each month will now be a Step Meeting.

Our average attendance has been 20 to 25 people. All positions are filled.

North Beach Group - Lynn H – Not present

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Needs GSR

Sober by the Bay - Lisa T – Meeting inside and on zoom.

Solomon's Group – We are meeting in person and on Zoom. In person meeting is averaging 30 people and the number on zoom varies from 20-40 attendees.

Sunderland Group - Bill L. – Not present- There are no immediate plans to reopen this meeting.

Sunrise Sobriety - Needs GSR - (not interested at this time)

Today Group - Katie S – Not present

We Wuz Wurz Group –We average 13-15 people, masks are required and practicing social distancing.

*Meeting closed with prayer.*