

District 1 Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2026 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance:

In Person: David Y, Brian B, Lorraine J, Allan C, Daniel S, Danielle M, Jerry C, John B, John C, John O'G, Kenny G, Kevin L, Mary Jo G, Peggy K, Wil W.

Via ZOOM: Peggy R, Martha K

Guests: Lori M, Area 29 Delegate

David Y opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: Kenny G read Concept 4.

Secretary's Report/Minutes: **Lorraine J** noted that there was an updated flyer for a District 36 Speaker Jam and Covered Dish Dinner on March 1st that reflects the change in location.

Motion and **second** to approve January 19, 2026, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: **Peggy R** shared the Treasurer's report for period 1/20/26 to 2/16/26 which shows a beginning balance of \$1,377.03; Contributions/Credits of \$175.00; Expenses (bank fees/website) \$31.42; and an ending balance of \$1,520.61.

Motion and **second** to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted, all in favor.

DCM Report: **David Y** shared applications for the MD State convention, June 19-21, 2026. He attended the Area 29 meeting on Saturday. See the full report at: <https://www.marylandaa.org/>. Lori M puts a lot of effort into this report so it is the best source for detailed information.

Alternate DCM Report: Brian B (altdcm@calvertaa.org) asked to be added to the District 1 meeting reminder list.

SMIA Liaison Report: **Lorraine J** reported: New Where & Whens are being rationed. SMIA is accepting nominations for a Treasurer to take office in April. They also need a Telephone Chair. Access to a desktop or laptop computer is required for that position. There will be information about both positions in the March Lifeline. Emme J volunteered to serve as Serenity Breakfast Chair. Board voted to upgrade AV equipment to improve the online meeting experience. They hope this will improve group participation.

Lori M, Area 29 Delegate shared information and answered questions about the upcoming CARC (Conference Agenda Review Committee) events. There is a WhatsApp group for those who want up-to-date information. AAs in Districts 1, 6, 22, 23, 27, 31, 35, 36 and 42 are in CARC 2. This is an opportunity to discuss various agenda items relevant to AA and present them to our Area 29 Delegate and Alternate Delegate. There will be a virtual meeting on Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The in-person meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2026. The location is tbd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Needs a chair.

Bridging the Gap: Needs a chair.

Events: **Jerry C** is still waiting on receipts for decoration expenses. He expects the final figures to show about a \$250 shortfall because of this year's unusually low ticket sales. He has started planning for the District 1 Summer picnic, likely at Daniel S's house in early July.

Grapevine Committee: **John B** reported that theme of the March edition is "AA and the Family" and reminded everyone to check out the Grapevine's YouTube Channel and podcasts.

Institutions: **Kevin L/Peggy K** – Peggy K/Kevin L reported that the scheduling issues have been resolved. They have both developed a good roster of volunteers.

Public Information Committee: **Kenny G** still needs to connect with Tom R, Area 29 PI Chair. He checks on all the racks that are currently in place on a weekly basis.

Web Committee: Bill L reported: Total visits 959 since January 19 2026, down 4%. Calvert still has room to improve with their anniversary submissions. He encouraged continued vigilance about emails that appear to come from IONOS—phishing attempts have picked up again. Forward any suspicious emails to webmaster@calvertaa.org.

Corrections: Daniel S reported that the Detention Center has scheduled orientations for March 4, 11 and 18th at 6 p.m. at the Work Release Center. Chloe is now coordinating the schedule for the women’s meetings.

Workshops: Will continue to support SMIA and other regional efforts.

Old Business:

1. **Clarifying meeting arrangements with St. Paul’s.** David Y has communicated with church leadership and the District meetings have been added to the church’s schedule.

New Business:

1. Brian B asked Lori M about the possibility of GSO issuing flyers with QR codes for pamphlets for different interest areas. Lori and Brian will discuss further offline.
2. Because SMIA is rationing Where & When’s Brian will look into printing a District 1 Where & When that can be downloaded from the SMIA website.
3. David Y encouraged those present to help carry the message to those groups not current represented of the value of having a GSR. Be sure to mention that online participation is now possible. **New GSR’s, Alternates and email POCs can register at <https://www.marylandaa.org/dcm-change>**

GROUP REPORTS

231 Group – Kenny G – Going well, averaging 10-12 attendees. No SMIA rep.

Awakenings – Will W – Going well, averaging 20 attendees.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Lorraine J – All meetings are going well. Paula S will be joining us next month as the new GSR.

Beyond Sobriety Group (Women’s Meeting--Online Only) –Martha K – currently reading Voices of Women in AA. They often have participation from women just leaving rehab.

Cove Point – Brian B – Going well.

Daily Reflections – Malinda - Not present, no report.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jerry C – Going well, averaging 8-12 attendees.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group (Online Only) – Martha K – Going well, averaging 4- participants.

Grapevine – John B –Campaign for support have been successful and attendance has improved the last couple of weeks..

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny – Ken S - Not present, no report.

Happy Hour – John O’G – Averaging 8-12 attendees.

Harmony Group – Shawn H – Not present, no report.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober– Danielle M – Not present, no report.

Lusby Big Book – Needs GSR.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Ken S - Not present, no report.

North Beach Group – Jaimie R – Not present, no report.

Prince Frederick Big Book – Allan C – Can use support, but they are averaging 6 attendees.

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo – Going well, filling the room most Saturdays.

Solomons – John O’G – Going well, averaging 20-30 attendees.

Today Group – Lauren O – Not present, no report.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Brian B – Going well, consistently good attendance.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer