

District 1 Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2025 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance: Brian B, Danielle M, Gene C, Jake R, John B, John O'G, Kenny G, Lauren O, Lorraine J, Mary Jo G, , Peggy K, Ricky B, Shawn H and Wil W.

Brian B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary/Minutes: **Motion** and **second** to approve February 17, 2025 minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Concept: Kenny G read Concept 6.

Treasurers Report: Beginning balance \$1,927.54; Contributions/Credits = \$160.00; Expenses (bank/website fees) = \$22.85; Ending balance = \$2,064.69. **Motion** and **second** to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted, all in favor.

DCM Report: Attended Conference Agenda Review Committee (CARC) II on March 8th. Topics discussed included:

- Updating Appendix IV in the Big Book to include additional awards received after the Lasker Award
- Proposal to add 12 Concepts essays from Service Manual as an Appendix in the 12 & 12.
- Updating Living Sober
- Plain Language Big Book review process—should it be as stringent as the process for the founder's writings.
- Developing a standard review process for any translations (i.e., Spanish or any other language)
- Updating Cooperation with Professional Community videos
- A company called Edova provides tablets to correctional facilities which can be pre-loaded with the Big Book, 12 & 12, etc.
- Updates/corrections to the Service Manual planned for 2025-2026

Area 29 Assembly, Saturday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Severna Park UMC, 731 Benfield Road or via Zoom. Find meeting link at <https://www.marylandaa.org/events>.

Alternate DCM Report: Nothing to add.

SMIA Liaison:

- New Where & Whens are out. All copies brought to SMIA were distributed. Pat wants to get prices for the next printing. Asked for recommendations for local printers.
- Serenity Breakfast will be on April 26th at Immaculate Conception in Mechanicsville, tickets are \$20. Lorraine has tickets. Contact Pat S at 301-481-2090 for info.
- There will be a summer picnic, tentative date June 22, likely location Lettie Dent Park
- Need a Chair for the Gratitude Dinner
- Todd M, Charles County will be new chair; Lisa T volunteered to be Secretary but realized that would be challenging since she does not have a computer. Sharra W is willing. She would need to have a St. Mary's County homegroup.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Need Chair.

Bridging the Gap: Chair Dave Y - Not present, no report.

Events: Jerry C - Not present, no report. Is planning a picnic. Lorraine reminded group that SMIA picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 22 and that we should try to avoid a conflict.

Grapevine Committee – John B will email March Grapevine newsletter to group.

Institutions - Peggy K and Dave Y volunteered to schedule leaders for Avenues Women’s and Men’s meeting respectively. Discussed the desire to provide Big Books directly to clients. Will order abridged version and David and Peggy will distribute them at their discretion.

Motion and **second** for them to co-chair the Treatment Committee, all in favor.

Public Information Committee – Kenny G reported Health Department brochure rack empties quickly. He is working with new Twin Beaches Library to get Conference approved literature on their shelves. Kenny requested an additional \$300 to purchase books for library.

Motion and **second** to provide an additional \$300 in funding for the PI Committee, all in favor.

Web Committee – Shared highlights from Bill L’s report which is available on the SMIA website.

Corrections – Orientations have been held in March. Several new volunteers, both men and women, have attended.

Workshops – Will continue to support SMIA’s efforts.

Old Business

- Still need an Alternate DCM who will become DCM in October. Need to adhere to the “spirit of rotation.”

New Business

- None

For the Good of the Order

- Mar 20 – Wil W 3 yrs., Awakenings
- Mar 21 – Kenny G 9 yrs., 231
- Mar 23 – Lorraine J 45 yrs., Danny L 9 yrs., Gene C 8 yrs., Bedouin
- Mar 24 – Dianna M 16 yrs, Today Group
- Apr 5 – John O’G 28 yrs., Happy Hour

GROUP REPORTS:

231 Group- Kenny G – Averaging 10-12 attendees, still need an SMIA rep.

Awakenings – Doing well.

GROUP REPORTS (Continued)

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR.

Bedouin Group – Gene C reported group is doing well with consistently good attendance.

Cove Point – Brian B reported group is doing well.

Daily Reflections – Need GSR.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R reported group recently held a group conscience and rotated service positions.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group – Needs GSR.

Grapevine – John B reported group could use support. He is holding several positions.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny – Ricky B reported group is doing well.

Happy Hour – John O reported they have a consistent core group. Still need an SMIA rep.

Harmony Group – Shawn H reported all is going well. Attendance has increased since moving to the 7:00 p.m. time slot.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober Group – Danielle M reported they average 10-12 attendees.

Lusby Big Book – Needs GSR.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Ricky B reported group is doing well.

North Beach Group – Jaime R not present. No report.

Prince Frederick Big Book – Allan C not present. No report.

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo reported group is growing. Last week they had 22 attendees. They had to move to a bigger room.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR.

Solomons- Dave Y not present. No report.

Today Group – Lauren O reported group is doing well. Danielle noted that the 1st Monday of the month is a speaker’s meeting. Contact Danielle M if you are willing to share your E, S & H.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Ricky B reported group is doing well.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting is Monday, April 21, 2025.