

District 1 Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2024 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance: Brian B, Daniel S, Lorraine J, Gene C, Jaime R, Jake R, Jerry C, John B, John O, Kenny G, Mark B, Mike S, Riley F, Shawn H.

Brian opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes: Check with Sara to see if April minutes were sent out.

Concept – Brian B read concept 9.

Treasurers Report No report available for this meeting.

DCM Report: Brian B shared information from the General Service Conference and referred those looking for more detail to the [Area 29 webpage](#) under the “Delegate’s Corner.” The Plain Language Big Book has been approved. Reminded everyone that it doesn’t replace the Big Book, it is simply a translation. People who have read it, even traditionalists, are happy with it. May be published by the end of the year. The Fifth Edition of the Big Book will be coming out. There will be a new forward, no changes to the first 164 pages, and new more broadly relevant stories will be added. There were more stories submitted for this edition than all the previous editions combined.

Reminded group that the District needs an Institutions Chair and a Secretary. That there will be no minutes until a new Secretary steps up.

Alternate DCM Report: Daniel S had nothing new to add at this time.

SMIA Liaison: Jaime noted the date for the Gratitude Dinner, November 16th. SMIA Picnic is set for Sunday, June 23rd at Gilbert Run Park. Volunteers are needed to help with set up. SMIA will provide meats, buns, and drinks. Attendees are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. Gilbert Run charges a \$5 per car parking fee. There was a bit of controversy about that. One attendee at the May SMIA meeting announced her intent to boycott the event because historically it has been free—SMIA’s way of “paying back” to the groups for their support. This issue was voted on previously. Buddy was willing to look for another venue, but those present voted to have the event at Gilbert Run. Picnic flyers were distributed. Bruce, the new SMIA Treasurer, hopes to be able to present the budget for approval at the June meeting. Over half of the March 3,000 Where & When order has been distributed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee – Needs chair.

Bridging the Gap – Chair Dave Y reported last month was very quiet. Gap is being bridged locally by sober houses. Dave is happy to provide resource and referrals for out-of-state clients.

Events – Chair Jerry C proposed having the District 1 picnic at Daniel S’s house on July 20th from Noon to 4 p.m. Daniel is on board with that plan. July 20th date will not conflict with SMIA events and there is a pool so hot weather will not be as much of an issue. Will not have to pay venue rent, but may want to rent a port-a-potty. Need to check on cost. \$750 budget for meats, buns, drinks, and décor seems reasonable. Kenny G said he still has contacts at Nick’s and that they do typically provide good quality and a small discount.

Grapevine Committee – Needs chair

Institutions – Outgoing Chair Mark B reported Avenues is still scheduling 4 meetings a week, split according to gender, but either gender can lead. Institutions Chair typically schedules one leader for

each meeting and they bring a guest. Reminded group of the recent decision that leaders must have at least 6 months sobriety.

Public Information Committee – Lorraine J reported that she expended most of SMIA’s annual PI allotted budget to purchase items for Newcomer packets and all of the Corrections/Treatment budget to purchase Big Books for Avenues. Mark will deliver Big Books to Avenues with the understanding that they can distribute them in whatever way they feel is appropriate. Budget resets this month.

Web Committee – Bill L. – no report available—check to see if Bill emailed it.

Corrections –Daniel reported meetings are being covered. He coordinates the men’s meetings/Sara handles the women’s meetings. Lorraine will contact Jay Haines and ask for a list of vetted volunteers with information on their certification expiration dates and also dates for the next orientation.

Workshops – Consensus is that the District does not currently have the bandwidth to plan workshops and that we should focus on supporting SMIA’s events.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Institutions Chair - Motion and second to nominate Riley F for this position to replace Mark B who is leaving the area, all in favor. Mike S will serve on the committee.

Secretary – Lorraine indicated that if someone will take over as Public Information Chair, she will serve as Secretary. Motion and second to nominate Lorraine J for Secretary to replace Sara S who stepped down effective April 2024, all in favor.

Public Information Chair – Kenny G volunteered for this position, all in favor. Lorraine and Jaime will continue to help with PI efforts. Lorraine will convey all PI supplies to Kenny prior to the June meeting.

Lorraine will notify Bill L of the changes and request Bill create a new email: treatment@calvertaa.org.

Group Reports:

231 Group- Kenny G. – Attendance is steady, most positions are filled, and they have picked up some new home group members.

Awakenings – Lisa T. No report.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Gene C – Meeting is going strong.

Cove Point – Brian B. – Attendance is picking up.

Daily Reflections – Karl K – Not present. No report.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R. – 15-20 attending regularly. Positions have rotated and most positions are filled.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group - Carole W – Not present, no report.

Grapevine – John B. – Going well with steady in person and online attendance.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny - Needs GSR.

Happy Hour – John O reported group is doing well, attendance is steady.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober Group – Needs GSR.

Lusby Big Book – Fulton P – Not present. No report.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Needs GSR.

North Beach Group – Jaime R. – Will be selecting new trusted servants soon.

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

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Brian attended and it seems to be doing well.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR. Mike S reported they are looking for a coffee maker and a literature coordinator.

Solomons- Dave Y reported meeting is going well though attendance is down a bit with the warmer weather.

Sunderland at Harmony Group – Shawn H reported they are doing well.

Today Group – Needs GSR

We Wuz Wurz Group – Brian visited and was told they are working on getting a GSR.

Meeting closed with prayer.