

## **District 1 Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2024 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**Attendance:** Brian B, Daniel S, Lorraine J, Peggy R (via phone), David Y, Gene C, John O, Kenny G, Riley F, Shawn H, Wil W.

**Guest:** Brandy T, Area 29 Accessibility Chair.

Brian B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Secretary/Minutes:** **Motion** and second to approve May 20, 2024 minutes, all in favor.

**Concept** – Brian B read Concept 10.

**Treasurers Report** Peggy R shared information on the April 16-June 17 Treasurer's Report. Ending balance is \$2,835.45. **Motion** and second to approve Treasurer's Report, all in favor.

**DCM Report:** No area meeting so nothing to report.

**Alternate DCM Report:** \_Nothing to add.

**SMIA Liaison:** Jaime not present, Lorraine reminded everyone that the SMIA picnic is next Sunday and reported that at the June SMIA meeting the SMIA Workshop Chair reported that she had polled the three districts and had determined that they want to do their own workshops. I advised her that District 1 had discussed this specifically at their May meeting and come to the opposite conclusion—that we did not have the bandwidth to coordinate workshops and preferred to support SMIA's efforts in that area.

Brian revisited the subject of Where & When distribution. In a perfect world each group has an SMIA rep to pick up Where & Whens, but since that isn't the case, it's reasonable for the District to fill the Gap.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibility Committee:** Brandy T, Area 29 Accessibility Chair, lives in District 36, Home Group is ODAT Women's Group. When she took the position, she learned only 2 Maryland Districts had Accessibility Chairs, ours was one, but she learned subsequently that our chair had stepped down and the position was vacant. Area 29 has created a Spanish Language District (District 29) and she noted that a full list of Spanish language meetings is available from the Baltimore Intergroup. Discussed less obvious accessibility needs including: homebound, literacy/reading comprehension, military/veteran culture, remote communities, seniors, childcare availability, transportation. Distributed printed information that includes an "Accessibilities Checklist" and the first edition of A-29 Accessibilities E-Blast with an article on serving seniors. She advised that she can provide a "Starter Kit" for anyone interested in serving as an Accessibility Chair.

**Bridging the Gap:** Chair Dave Y reported restocking the literature racks at Avenues and adding the "Young People" brochure.

**Events:** **Jerry C reported that the** flyer for the July 20 District 1 picnic is out and available on the SMIA website. Please help spread the word. District will provide drinks. Brian reminded Jerry that there is money budgeted for this purpose. Need help with set up and clean up. Encouraged folks to carpool because parking is limited. Brian asked everyone to go back to their groups and encourage people to volunteer. We do have a meeting the Monday before the picnic.

**Grapevine Committee** – Needs chair. Peggy R advised that she has received a renewal notice for the District’s Grapevine subscription. Cost is \$36/yr., \$58/2 yrs., \$90/3 yrs.

**Motion** and second to purchase a 2-year renewal of the District’s Grapevine subscription, all in favor.

**Institutions** – Riley F reported that she is getting organized with her own system for coordinating volunteers to bring meetings to Avenues. Because she works at Avenues, she hears client feedback. When asked for highlights, she said folks often ask why no African Americans come in to share.

**Public Information Committee** – Kenny G reported he received the PI materials less than a week ago. He is off on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and plans to check out the Health Department and Substance Abuse sites. Said he has no access to Where & Whens. Lorraine has about 40 on hand and will give him those.

**Web Committee** – Bill L. – Provided report via email. He noted that northern Calvert needs to get better about submitting their anniversaries for the SMIA calendar.

**Corrections** –Daniel S. reported meetings are being covered and that he will be preparing a new list of assignments soon.

**Workshops** – See SMIA Liaison report above.

### **Old Business**

New officers (Secretary, Public Information and Institutions Chairs) are off to a good start.

### **New Business**

Officers, Chair positions should be rotating. Peggy will try to find the official rotation schedule, but believes that half of the positions rotate every other year.

Discussed visiting all Calvert County meetings to encourage participation at the District level.

Discussed having a District 1 Where & When and agreed that it would be redundant. Folks, especially those in southern Calvert, benefit from having access to information about St. Mary’s County meetings. However, if anyone feels we should be printing a separate Where & When, they should let us know.

### **GROUP REPORTS:**

**231 Group**- Kenny G. – Alive and well, most position filled except SMIA rep. A couple of new home group members.

**Awakenings** – Will W – All good.

**Beach Beacon** – No report

**Bedouin Group** – Gene C – All good.

**Cove Point** – Brian B– All good.

**Daily Reflections** – Karl K – No report

**Daily Reprieve Group** – Jake R. – All good.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group - – No report

Grapevine – John B. – – No report

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny - Needs GSR. All good

Happy Hour – John O – All good.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR. No report.

Living Sober Group – Needs GSR. All good.

Lusby Big Book – Fulton P – No report.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Needs GSR. - No report.

North Beach Group – Jaime R. – No report.

Prince Frederick Big Book – Allan C. – All good.

Saturday Morning Breakfast – All good.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR. – No report.

Solomons- Dave Y – All good.

Sunderland at Harmony Group – Shawn H – All good.

Today Group – Needs GSR – All good.

We Wuz Wurz Group – All good.

Meeting closed with prayer.

**Next meeting** is Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.