

District 1 Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2026

Attendance: (In Person) Brian B, Lorraine J, Chad H, Danielle M, Jake R, John B, John O’G, Kevin L, Mary Jo G, Peggy K, Wil W.

(Via ZOOM) David Y, Carol W, Peggy R, Allan C

Brian B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: Brian B read Concept 6.

Secretary’s Report/Minutes: **Lorraine J. Motion** and **second** to approve March 16, 2026, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: **Peggy R** shared the Treasurer’s report for period 3/17/26 to 4/20/26 which shows a beginning balance of \$1,753.26; No Contributions/Credits; Expenses (bank fees/website/Grapevine subscription) \$121.42; and an ending balance of \$1,631.84.

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

DCM Report: **David Y** attended the first two hours of the CARC II initial meeting. The Spanish Language Big Book is almost finished but not yet ready for approval. That will wait until next year. The decision to rescind or revise the Plain Language Big Book is deferred to Conference 77 to allow a ‘wider fellowship experience.’ Some people like it and are basing meetings on it. Some want to revoke it entirely.

Full Area 29 reports are always available at: <https://www.marylandaa.org/>.

Alternate DCM Report: Brian B attended the first three hours of the Area meeting. Ginger was elected treasurer. The new, much improved, 12 steps illustrated pamphlets is out and has been well received. Poster is coming. GSO is currently facing a \$600K shortfall in donations. Less than 20% of area 29 groups contribute to GSO. GSO Literature is currently experiencing a \$1M shortfall. Expenses are \$450K under budget. Expenses are static, income is down. The 5th edition of the Big Book is with the Literature Committee. There will be NO changes to the first 164 pages—only the stories will change. The release date is TBD.

Bridging the gap discussion. Intro to AA flyer on marylandaa.org. May 8th workshop. Area is creating a database of local contacts for people out of our district. Need to feed into their database.

Service survey is available in the email sent by Marie B. Please fill out.

SMIA Liaison Report: SMIA needs a Treasurer. Calvert County is next up in the rotation, but they voted to waive that requirement if there is a suitable candidate from another District. Serenity Breakfast will be held on May 16 at Kingston Creek. Lorraine was given District 1’s entire ticket allocation (40 tickets) and would appreciate help selling them. Danielle, Mary Jo and Brian offered to help with sales. District 36’s No Talent Talent Show will be held on July 11. Date and location for the SMIA picnic have been set: June 28th at Snow Hill Park, 26582 Sandgates Road, Mechanicsville, MD. Food will be served from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Another printing of the Where & When is in the works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Needs a chair.

Bridging the Gap: Wil W has assumed this role.

Events: Jerry C is working with Daniel to find a good Saturday in July for the District 1 Summer picnic. Very much cut and paste from previous 2 years. Daniel is gracious enough to open his house or at least the backyard, the pool and music. As it gets closer, we will gather tables, tents food trays etc. Will rent a porta potty again. Would expect the food costs to be similar to last year, possibly a little higher with rising costs. Open to any suggestions, but thinking the main course will be burgers and hot dogs plus one item tbd. Bring sides and desserts. Goal is to have flyer ready for distribution by mid-May.

Grapevine Committee: John B reminded group that the Grapevine is AA’s meeting in print and is an excellent source of support and encouragement when in-person meetings aren’t an option.

Institutions: Kevin L/Peggy K – Peggy K reported that it has been challenging finding volunteers to cover the women’s meetings. Kevin L reported the men’s meetings are being covered.

Public Information Committee: Kenny G needs Where & Whens.

Web Committee: Bill L reported: Total visits 1304 since March 16 2026, up 20%. Calvert still needs to improve on anniversary submissions. Reminded GSR’s that the change request form on the SMIA website can be used to add notes when meetings are held in adjacent buildings, or obscure entrances. Forward emails to Bill at webmaster@calvertaa.org. Meeting Changes: The Handicap Accessible meeting designation was removed from all meetings at North Beach. The Beyond Sobriety On-Line meeting was terminated. Currently there are 50 meetings in Calvert County; 45 are in-person, 4 are on-line only, and 1 is suspended (Sober By The Bay).

Corrections: Orientations were completed in March and meetings are being taken into the detention center.

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

Old Business:

1. David’s wife Vandy looked at the pdf that is available on the SMIA website and she believes that the way it is formatted will make it very difficult to print. He will ask her if she is willing to modify it so that we can work with it more easily.

New Business:

1. SMIA Serenity Breakfast Coordinator (Emme) asked Districts/Groups to donate themed baskets for a basket raffle as a way to support SMIA. Motion and second to allot \$100 for the purpose of creating a gardening-themed gift basket for the Serenity Breakfast. Lorraine will take the lead on this.

GROUP REPORTS

Reminder: new GSRs should go to: marylandaa.org -> “Documents and Forms” -> GSR Change to register.

231 Group – Kenny G not present, no report..

Awakenings – Will W – Going well, averaging 20-24 attendees.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Lorraine reported all four meetings are doing well.

Beyond Sobriety Group (Women’s Online Only Meeting) – This meeting has been terminated and will be deleted from future agendas.

Cove Point – Brian B – Attendance is down a bit.

Daily Reflections – Malinda - Not present, no report.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R reported meeting is holding steady, averaging 10-15 attendees.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group (Online Only) – meeting is doing well, preparing to distribute financial support to the various service organizations.

Grapevine – John B reported that the group is holding steady, averaging 6-8 attendees.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

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

Happy Hour – John O’G – Meeting is holding steady.

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

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober– Danielle M – meeting is holding steady, averaging 10-15 during the week. Saturday attendance is a little lighter.

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 always use support.

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo – Meeting is well attended. Several anniversaries coming up in May and June.

Solomons – John O’G – Attendance has dropped off a bit, averaging 15-18 each week.

Today Group – Danielle M – Reminded group that it is a hybrid meeting, averaging 15-20 attendees weekly. First Monday of the month is a speaker’s meeting.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Brian B reported that the meeting seems to be doing well and is typically well attended.

Meeting closed with Lord’s Prayer.