

District 1 Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2026

Attendance: (In Person) Chloe D, Jerry C, Kenny G, John B, John O’G, Lorraine J, Wil W

(Remotely): David Y, Brian B, Carol W, Daniel S, Martha K, Mary Jo G, Peggy R, Roy B

Guests: Tom Revelle, Area 29 Public Information Chair

John B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: Kenny G read Concept 10 from the Plain Language Big Book.

Secretary’s Report/Minutes: Lorraine J. Shared flyers for upcoming events including District 36’s September 13th BBQ Cook-off and Fall Picnic and for the March 19-21, 2027 Southern Maryland Roundup. She noted that the Roundup website is now live and accepting registrations.

Motion and second to approve July 20, 2026, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: Peggy shared the Treasurer’s report for period 7/21/26 to 8/17/26 which shows a beginning balance of \$1,500.13; a \$180 contributions/credits from the Beach Beacon; Expenses (bank fees/website) \$29.93; and an ending balance of \$1,650.20.

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

DCM Report: David Y was not able to get into the Area 29 meeting and therefore had nothing to report.

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

Alternate DCM Report: Brian B also was unable to access the Area meeting. He did remind the group that his term as Alternate DCM expires in October.

SMIA Liaison Report: SMIA still needs a Treasurer and a Telephone Chair. The August issue of the Lifeline features an article about the duties of the Treasurer. There was an article in the Lifeline about the responsibilities of the phone chair for anyone interested in learning more about that position. The issues of access to the mailbox have been resolved and the backlog on contributions has been resolved so this month’s SMIA Treasurer’s Report shows an unusually large number of contributions.

The subcommittee to develop recommended guidelines to support future SMIA event planning and fundraising activities will hold a series of virtual meetings on three Saturdays (August 22, September 26 and October 24) from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. For details and the ZOOM meeting link refer to the flyer on the SMIA Website “Announcements & Events” tab (<https://www.somdintergroup.org/announce.html>) or contact John W @ 760-622-4792.

Only 2 Calvert County anniversaries were listed in the Lifeline. Please encourage groups to submit information on upcoming AA anniversaries for publication in the Lifeline and inclusion on the online calendar.

District 1’s Bookstall budget balances are: PI/PCP \$229.15; Corrections & Treatment \$225.00

SMIA Vice-Chair would like to refine SMIA’s Primary Purpose (Mission Statement) so that it is more in line with that of the General Service Office.

The deadline for Lifeline submission is always the 27th of the month for the following month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Needs a chair.

Bridging the Gap (BTG): Wil W reported there have been no requests for BTG assistance. He was notified about an upcoming ZOOM meeting that he plans to participate in.

Events: Jerry C. reported everything is good to go for the August 22 District 1 Picnic. Last year costs were \$415 and hopes to spend roughly the same amount this year. That might be challenging because prices on everything have increased. He reminded everyone that **No Pets are Permitted**. A Chili Cook-Off is planned for the fall.

Grapevine Committee: John B. reported that the September *Grapevine* is all about sponsorship. The Book of the Month feature returns on August 15. He also noted that *Grapevine* is experiencing financial challenges and encouraged members to subscribe.

Institutions: Kevin L/Peggy K – Mary Jo reported that Peggy K is looking for more women to take meetings into Avenues. Kevin L reported the men's meetings are being covered. They appreciate the Big Books so if funding permits, please order more.

Public Information Committee: Kenny G reported that the Health Department literature racks receive a lot of traffic. He continues to monitor racks in the various Behavioral Health offices and local library branches and restock them as needed. He will work with Shaara to order PI materials out of the SMIA PI/PCP bookstall budget.

Web Committee: Bill L reported: Total visits 1372 since August 20, 2026, up 2%. There have been no significant web site updates and no meeting changes. Currently there are 50 meetings in Calvert (45 in person, 4 online only), 1 (Sober by the Bay) suspended. Phishing attempts have decreased slightly. Do not open any suspicious emails or click on any links. Simply forward them to him so he can block them.

Corrections: Chloe reported that there are sufficient volunteers to take meetings into the Detention Center for the female inmate population. She suggested that anyone interested in volunteering or completing the required orientation be given her phone number. Daniel reported that six inmates are currently participating in the men's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), which meets every other Friday at 6 p.m., and that AA continues to participate. Another session will be held when the current IOP classes conclude.

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

Old Business:

1. Brian reminded group that his term as Alternate DCM ends in October and encouraged those present to convey that message to their groups.

New Business:

1. Tom Revelle, Area 29 Public Information (PI) Chair, shared about his work at the state level. He invited those interested to login to the monthly PI meeting on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. For details contact Tom R at pi@marylandaa.org. YouTube, Audio and other AA PSAs along with broadcast downloads are available at <https://www.marylandaa.org/public-information>. John B will explore possible ways to use these resources.
2. Peggy provided Bill L with updated credit card information so the web fees will continue to be covered.

GROUP REPORTS

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

231 Group (Kenny G): No concerns were reported, averaging 8-10 attendees on Tuesday and 10-12 on Friday.

Awakenings (Wil W): Averaging 25 attendees, 3 anniversaries last month, all positions filled. This group does subscribe to the Grapevine and makes the magazines available to those attending the group.

Beach Beacon: Needs GSR

Bedouin Group (Chloe D): All 4 meetings are doing well, although attendance seems to be down in the summer.

Cove Point (Brian B): Attendance is down but they are making do.

Daily Reflections: Needs GSR

Daily Reprieve Group (Jake R): Not present, no report.

Do Drop-In Women's Group (Carol W): Meeting is doing well.

Grapevine (John B): – Averaging 4-8 people could use support.

Grateful Alive Group: Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny (Ken S): Not present, no report.

Happy Hour (Daniel S): Averaging 8-15 attendees. Need an SMIA rep.

Harmony Group: Needs GSR.

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: Needs GSR.

Prince Frederick Big Book (Allan C): Not present, no report.

Saturday Morning Breakfast (Mary Jo G): Doing well, averaging 12-15 attendees.

Solomons: (Roy B): Doing well, averaging 20 attendees.

Today Group (Danielle M): Not present, no report.

We Wuz Wurz Group (Lorraine J): Attended recently and the meeting is going strong with good attendance.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.