

District 1 Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2025 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance:

In Person: Brian B, John B, Shawn H, Kenny G, Allan C, Jake R, Wil W

Via Zoom: Martha K, Carole W, David Y, Danielle B, Peggy R, Erin H.

Brian B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: **Kenny G** read Concept 7

Secretary's Report/Minutes: Motion and second to approve March 17, 2025, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: Beginning balance \$2,064.69; Contributions/Credits = \$93.00; Expenses (bank/website fees; PI-books for library) = \$113.68; Ending balance = \$2,44.01.

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

DCM Report: Attended 2 hours of March 22, 2025 Area Assembly

- Area elections coming up. Looking for volunteers
- Delegate report
- GSO Financial Update—see SMIA Liaison report for details.
- NERAASA Report back – Topics
 - Working together
 - Access/Tech--“we are doing VCR outreach in a TikTok world.”
 - YPAA

Brian will be out of the country in June, so it will be up to Daniel to run the meeting.

Alternate DCM Report: Not present

SMIA Liaison Report: **Brian read report submitted by James R:**

- New SMIA Chair Todd reported on Area Meeting where they provided insight on GSO funding sources. About 30% of the existing groups contribute to GSO; the remaining 70% do not. Majority of revenue generated by literature sales.
- New Where & Whens are available.
- Buddy is back as Bookstall Chair. Encouraged groups to place orders online to take advantage of the inventory tracking features and so that orders can be ready for pick up at the monthly meeting.
- Bookstall printer died. **Motion** and **second** for Treasurer to start pricing LaserJet printers, all in favor.
- Gratitude Dinner still needs a chair.
- SMIA picnic is scheduled for Noon on June 22nd at Letty Dent Park in Leonardtown. Buddy F is chairing. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. There will be a planning meeting after the May SMIA meeting.
- Serenity Breakfast is on for Saturday, April 26th, with setup on Friday, April 25th. There are still tickets available. Contact Pat S (301-481-2090) for tickets or to volunteer.
- Pat S encouraged districts to continue to host workshops and reach out to Jasmine with Area 29 to assist with coordination (help on topics and securing speakers, etc.).

- Shaara W is the new SMIA secretary. Motion made and seconded to waive the 2-year sobriety requirement so she can fill that position.
- Bill L will continue to serve as SMIA webmaster after he relocates to West Virginia.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Need Chair

Bridging the Gap: Chair Dave Y – His email got hacked. Bill is fixing it. Standing by ready to step in when needed.

Events: Jerry C. Not Present

Grapevine Committee: John B – Reported that he's reaching out to groups; encouraged everyone to subscribe.

Institutions: David Y/Peggy K – David reported that they have groups stepping up to commit to meetings. Most spots are full, and they have volunteers to fill any gaps.

Public Information Committee: Kenny G – delivered books to Twin Beaches Library. Visited Fairview and developed a list of books. Also visited the Health Department. Plans to visit Prince Frederick and Solomons libraries. **Motion** and **second** to purchase additional books for Fairview branch, all in favor.

Web Committee: Bill L – No report

Corrections: Daniel S – No Report

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

Old Business:

1. Alt DCM Nominations – still no volunteers

New Business:

1. Request for District 1 to offer Hybrid Meeting

- ZOOM – how do we proceed? Will do it again in May. Brian will not attend in June, so we need someone to run the ZOOM. We will revisit in July and decide if we want to do an annual subscription (\$160) or stay monthly (\$15.99).
2. Shared list of groups that don't have GSR or contact listed. Encouraged groups to register.
 3. Shared list of donations to GSR from groups.
 4. Talked about the Plain Language Big Book audio version. Area Delegate agrees this is a great idea and will bring it up at the General Service Conference

GROUP REPORTS

231 Group – Kenny G – Going well, 10 people Tuesday and 12 people Friday.

Awakenings – Wil W – All is well.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Gene C – Not present

Beyond Sobriety Group – Danielle (New GSR) 5-10 people, online meeting

Cove Point – Brian B. - All is well

Daily Reflections – Needs GSR.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R. 10-12 people, all is well.

Do Drop-In Women's Group – Carol E. - Online meeting. Big book study. Going well

Grapevine – John B. - 6 people. Need support.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny – Ricky B. - Not Present

Happy Hour – John O – Not Present

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober Group – Needs GSR.

Lusby Big Book – Needs GSR.

Monday Night Men's Meeting – Ricky B. Not Present

North Beach Group – Jaime R. - Not Present

Prince Frederick Big Book – Allan C. 5-6 people. Need support

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo – Not present. David Y reported meeting is doing well and has about 20 people.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR.

Solomons- Dave Y is no longer the GSR. Need GSR

Harmony Group – Shawn H Doing well.

Today Group – Lauren – Not Present

We Wuz Wurz Group – Ricky B. Not present

Closing Prayer