

District 1 Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2025 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance:

In Person: Brian B, Daniel S, Lorraine J, Gene C, Lauren O, Jamie R, John B, John O'G, Kenny G, Mary Jo G, Wil W

Via Zoom: Carole W, Danielle B, Erin H, Martha K, Noelle S, Peggy R, Shawn H.

Brian B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: **Kenny G** read Concept 8

Secretary's Report/Minutes: Motion and second to approve April 21, 2025, minutes as amended, all in favor. (Erin H was in attendance.)

Treasurers Report: Beginning balance \$____; Contributions/Credits = \$____; Expenses (bank/website fees; ZOOM membership) = \$____; Ending balance = \$1,996.12.

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

DCM Report: Brian B attended Area 29 meeting on Saturday. Delegate provided 4-hour report covering topics that were discussed in a week-long meeting. Look for full transcript at:

<https://www.marylandaa.org/>.

- Plain Language Big Book continues to be controversial with some advocating for it to be rescinded.

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

Alternate DCM Report: Daniel S had nothing to add.

SMIA Liaison Report: James R:

- SMIA picnic is scheduled for Noon on June 22nd at Letty Dent Park in Mechanicsville. Buddy F is chairing. SMIA will provide the burgers and hot dogs. Attendees are asked to bring desserts and side dishes. The park has a lot of amenities.
- Full minutes are available at: <https://www.somdintergroup.org/minutes.html>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Needs Chair. Brian encouraged anyone dealing with accessibility challenges to contact Brian or Daniel.

Bridging the Gap: Chair Dave Y – No report.

Events: Jerry C. Not Present. District 1 picnic is still in the works. Jerry is coaching soccer and cannot make the Monday night meetings. Daniel will contact Jerry and pin down a date.

Grapevine Committee: John B – reported that June 2025 is the annual prison edition.

Institutions: David Y/Peggy K – David now has a few home groups dedicated to a meeting night for the men, rotating people in their group. Peggy noted that the women from the Bedouin group have been wonderful about supporting the women's meetings. Volunteers to support as fill-ins are always welcome.

Public Information Committee: Kenny G – is keeping the racks at the Health Department and Avenues stocked. Delivered a book order to Fairview Library and worked with the collections manager to develop an order for the Prince Frederick branch. District 1's PI Budget with SMIA has reset so the purchase will be covered by those funds.

Web Committee: Bill L – 955 calls last month – up 50%. Remember to post your groups anniversaries and encourage other groups to do the same. At this point there are not many on the books for June.

Corrections: Going well. Meetings are being covered.

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

Old Business:

1. Alt DCM Nominations – still no volunteers

New Business:

1. District 1 Hybrid Meetings

- Currently paying monthly rate of \$15.99 for ZOOM. At July meeting
 - Discuss/vote on whether to continue paying by the month or pay the by the pay annually to save money.
 - Consider going 100% virtual
- Martha K suggested that we announce the virtual options when we're trying to recruit GSRs because we might get more participation
- Martha K suggested we look into a better speaker system so online participants can hear what's being said.

GROUP REPORTS

231 Group – Kenny G – Going well, averaging about a dozen attendees. Need an SMIA rep.

Awakenings – Wil W – Going well. Needs an SMIA rep.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Gene C – Meetings well attended. Group conscience scheduled for next week.

Beyond Sobriety Group (Online Only) – Danielle B. Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Women's meeting with 4-8 attendees. Reading "Emotional Sobriety II"

Cove Point – Brian B. – Going well. Actually have a treasurer for the first time in years.

Daily Reflections – Needs GSR.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R. Averaging 10-12 attendees, could use some support from women. Mike O who lives down Sollers Wharf Road needs rides.

Do Drop-In Women's Group (Online Only) – Carol W. - Big book study. Going well, averaging 7-8 attendees

Grapevine – John B. – Averaging 6 in person, 6 online. Could use some in-person support.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny – Needs GSR.

Happy Hour – John O – Could use support from women. Had trouble getting leaders so now reading from How Bill Sees It.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober Group – Needs GSR.

Lusby Big Book – Needs GSR.

Monday Night Men's Meeting – Needs GSR

North Beach Group – Jaime R. – Going well. Holding elections next month. Information on their annual picnic will be available in the near future.

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

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo – Meeting continues to grow. Anniversary this weekend so expecting a crowd.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR.

Solomons - Needs GSR

Harmony Group – Shawn H Going Well.

Today Group – Lauren O – Going well, averaging 20-25 attendees.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Needs GSR.

Closing Prayer