

District 1 Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2025 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance:

In Person Lorraine J, David Y, Gene C, Jake R, John O'G, Kenny G, Kevin L, Lauren O.

Via ZOOM: : Bill L, Brian B, Daniel S, Danielle B, Martha K, Peggy R.

David Y opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: **Kenny G** read Concept 1.

Secretary's Report/Minutes: **Motion** and **second** to approve September 15, 2025, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: **Peggy R** shared the report for period 9/16 to 10/20/25 which shows a beginning balance of \$1,312.76; Contributions/Credits of \$284.21; Expenses (bank/website) \$26.77; and an ending balance of \$1,570.20.

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

DCM Report: **Brian B** reported via email that this is the end of his term as DCM. He will continue to serve as alternate DCM until next October.

Brian attended the first 3 hours of the October 18 Area Meeting. If you're a registered GSR you should have received the delegate report. Not a whole lot going on. The CARC process will be starting soon.

Area elections were held:

- New area delegate is Lori McP. after one round of voting
- Alternate delegate is Joe R. After 4 rounds of voting, Joe was drawn from a hat
- Area Chair is Kathleen W. Only candidate, unanimous vote
- Secretary is Marne B
- Treasurer is Linda J

Brian did not return to the meeting after lunch. Full reports/transcripts of area meetings are always available at: <https://www.marylandaa.org/>.

Alternate DCM Report: Position vacant, no report.

SMIA Liaison Report: **Lorraine J** reported:

Current supply of Where & Whens is exhausted. SMIA will print more soon, but they need to decide on a quantity. Contributions have been low for the past six months so the printing costs will push the SMIA budget into a deficit. There were a total of 22 calls to the hotline: Calvert 4; Charles 7; St. Mary's 2; Non-Specified 9. Phone chair is always looking for volunteers to answer these calls. They still need a Chair for the Serenity Breakfast. District 36 Chili Cookoff had to be rescheduled and is now being held the same night as the District 1 event. There are currently 135 meetings in the service area; 126 in-person, 6 hybrid, 8 online only.

Michelle H reported on the Gratitude Dinner. Very few tickets are available at this point. The menu has been finalized. There will be four themed baskets (Coffee, Sweets, Game Night, Sour Dough Bread Kit) along with the 50/50 raffle. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. They will need a lot of help with clean up.

Motion and **second** for District 1 to make a \$100 contribution to SMIA, all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Dave Y

- Dropped of Large Print Big Books and pamphlets at two assisted living facilities (Caribbean Breeze in Owings and Assisted Living at Yellow Bank in Dunkirk).
- Brandi T provided a box of literature for use with accessibility efforts.

Bridging the Gap: Chair Dave Y – Reached out to an individual from Cambridge Maryland, gave him a ride to a meeting and provided general assistance with reentry.

Events: Jerry C not present. Jake R reported on his behalf that everything is good to go for the Chili Cookoff. There are 5-6 individuals signed up to bring chili. Jerry is authorized to spend roughly the same amount as last year.

Grapevine Committee: John B - Not present, no report.

Institutions: David Y/Peggy K – Men's groups are well covered. Peggy could use additional volunteers for the Women's meeting. They are both always looking for folks for a back-up list for last-minute cancellations and months when there is a fifth week.

Public Information Committee: Kenny G reported all Substance Abuse locations and northern library branches are well stocked. He will visit the Southern Library branch and Project ECHO this week.

Web Committee: Bill L – is officially operating from Crab Orchard. Total visits 483 since last month, down 16%. WRT anniversaries, all Calvert County areas are doing well. Bill reminded the group they should never open emails that appear to come from IONOS (our domain host). These are phishing attempts.

Corrections: No report.

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

Old Business:

1. DCM still needed – David Y is willing to serve as DCM, but he needs others to step into the three positions where he is currently serving: Accessibilities Chair, Bridging the Gap Chair, and Institutions (Avenues) Chair. Kevin L is interested in serving as Institutions Chair and stayed after the regular meeting to talk with Dave about what is involved. Because Brian will continue to serve as Alternate DCM, further action was deferred until the November meeting.

New Business:

1. None.

GROUP REPORTS

231 Group – Kenny G – Going well with 10-18 attendees. Need SMIA rep.

Awakenings – Kevin L – Averaging 22 attendees. Need SMIA rep.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Gene C – Going well, averaging 15-25 attendees.

Beyond Sobriety Group (Women's Meeting--Online Only) – Danielle B – Averaging 5-8 attendees. Began a new book, "Voices of Women in Sobriety." Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Cove Point – Brian B – Going well. Experienced a dip in attendance, but as of Wednesday, the attendance was back up.

Daily Reflections – Malinda - Not present, no report.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R – Averaging 8-12 attendees, predominantly men.

Do Drop-In Women's Group (Online Only) – Carol W - Averaging 5-8 attendees. Need SMIA rep.

Grapevine – John B – Not present, no report.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

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

Happy Hour – John O'G – Averaging 4-8 attendees, could use support. Need SMIA rep.

Harmony Group – Bill L – Attendance has dropped slightly, could use support. Bill L will be celebrating 15 years on Monday, November 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober– Danielle M – Unable to attend, but reported meeting is going well.

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 able to attend, reported via email average attendance of 4, could really use support.

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo – Excellent attendance with a lot of newcomers.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR.

Solomons – John O'G – Meetings have moved back to the downstairs room.

Today Group – Lauren O – Averaging 25-30 attendees with quite a few anniversaries in recent weeks.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Brian B – Going well.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.