

District 1 Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2024 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance: Daniel S, Lorraine J, Peggy R (via phone), John B, Kenny G, Shawn H, Gene C. Jake R, Jerry C, Wil W, Jamie R, David Y,

Daniel S opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary/Minutes: **Motion** and **second** to approve August 19, 2024 minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Concept – John B read Concept 1.

Treasurers Report Peggy shared information on the Treasurer's Report for period ending 9/16/24. The beginning balance was \$2,761.70. Contributions of \$80, Expenses of 706.16 including an additional \$481.32 for the picnic. Current available balance is \$2,135.70. **Motion** and **second** to approve Treasurer's Report, all in favor.

DCM Report: there was no Area Assembly this month. Brian attended the monthly DCM meeting. We discussed the area newsletter and ideas on how to improve distribution. The newsletter is available at marylandaa.org.

Reminded group we need to vote on committee budgets for next year at the October meeting. Committee chairs, please put together a simple budget. Brian provided a sample budget for the DCM:

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| • Travel to Area meetings. | \$200 |
| • Travel to NERASSA (Virtual in 2025) | \$150 |
| • Printing expenses-newsletters/flyers | \$50 |
| | Total \$400 |

We also need a new alternate DCM. Please pass the word around to your groups.

Alternate DCM Report: Nothing to add.

SMIA Liaison: Jamie shared the following items from the SMIA meeting:

- Plain language Big Book will be available in November
- A new informational video for young people is available at AA.org
- The Publication Box 459 is now available online only
- There are several trustee positions open at GSO - CLASS A and class B positions
- Area 29 has launched an initiative called adopt a district which is meant to assist/mentor disconnected AA Districts about procedures and best practices. Many of the Districts needing support are on the eastern shore.
- Registration for the 2025 International Convention in Toronto is open. Expecting 50,000 people. Lorraine noted that on one Facebook group, people are already posting that they are having trouble finding lodging.
- Online Intergroup International Convention is the weekend of October 25-27.
<https://aa-intergroup.org/1st-oiaa-online-international-convention/>

- NARASSA NE region assembly will be held virtually in February 21-23, 2025.
<https://area45snjaa.org/neraasa-2025/>
- Additional CARC Meetings will be held in the near future.
- Area assembly on Oct 19th in Anne Arundel county. Area Assembly: Area Inventory, Host District: District 33, Severna Park United Methodist Church, 731 Benfield Rd., Severna Park, MD
- PICPC info sheets were distributed. The sheets are meant for doctors to reference about local AA info.
- Received Contributions for the month were \$988.00
- Anniversary information for Lifeline must be submitted by the 27th of the month for the following month. They can always looking for submissions about service and “What Works for Me.”
- They need a chair for the Nov. 16th Gratitude Dinner or they will not have one.
- Also need a chair for next year’s picnic.
- Pat S volunteered to chair the Serenity Breakfast and requested that Buddy reserve Immaculate Conception for a date in early May.
- There are 3 boxes of Where and Whens remaining. Need 3-4 weeks lead time to order.
- Voted to discontinue practice of reading minutes at each meeting. Minutes are readily available on line. It is up to the SMIA officers and reps to read them prior to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Need Chair.

Bridging the Gap: Chair Dave Y reported he is not being asked to do much and believes that Avenues Alumni Chair is handling many of the BTG tasks.

Events: Jerry C has been reimbursed for his picnic expenses. Suggested having a bonfire/chili cook-off event in lieu of a Halloween party. Possible dates November 9th or 16th. Jake R’s offered to host. He has a large fire pit.

Grapevine Committee – John B is talking up the Grapevine at all the meetings he attends.

Institutions – Riley F was not present. But all seems to be going well.

Public Information Committee – Kenny G reported Health Department rack is getting a lot of action—he refills it every two weeks. He visited the Southern Branch of the Library and noted that one of our two racks is half full of Public Transportation bus schedules. He is still trying to get permission to set up one in the ER.

Web Committee – Bill L. – Total visits down 22% from previous report. Noted that District 1 or SMIA are not responsible for the accuracy of online or physical meeting info. This is the responsibility of the groups that provide the information.

Corrections –Some new volunteers recruited out of the August orientations. All is going well.

Workshops – No change will continue to support SMIA’s efforts.

Old Business

We need to elect an Alt DCM in October.

We still need to research the protocols for rotation.

There was some discussion about committee budgets.

New Business

None

GROUP REPORTS:

231 Group- Kenny G – Averaging about 12 attendees. Still need an SMIA rep.

Awakenings – Wil W – Well attended. Need a coffee maker for the Friday meeting.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR. No report

Bedouin Group – Gene C – Going well.

Cove Point – Brian B not present – Emailed to say group is doing well.

Daily Reflections – Karl K not present. No report

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R reported average attendance of 8-15, but very few women.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group – Carol will contact D1 Secretary about serving as GSR.

Grapevine – John B – In-person attendance is low, online attendance is consistent at 3-4. No rotation of leadership.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR. No report.

Happy Destiny - Needs GSR. Per Brian this group needs support.

Happy Hour – John O not present– Daniel reported attendance is good, but there are very few women.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR. No report.

Living Sober Group – Needs GSR. No report.

Lusby Big Book – Needs GSR. No report.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Needs GSR. No report.

North Beach Group – Jaime R all positions filled. They have 4 celebrations on the calendar.

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

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo interested in serving as GSR. She did email the Secretary.

Sober by the Bay – Changed meeting time to 5:00 p.m.

Solomons- Dave Y reported attendance is down. May be because it is running up against a 7:00 p.m. meeting in Mechanicsville.

Harmony Group – Shawn H – Going well.

Today Group – Needs GSR – No report.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Needs GSR. No report.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting is Monday, October 21st.