

District 1 Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2024 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance: Daniel S, Lorraine J, Peggy R (via phone), John B, Kenny G, Gene C. Jake R, Jerry C, Jamie R, David Y, John O'G, Mary Jo G, Brian B.

Brian B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary/Minutes: **Motion** and **second** to approve September 16, 2024 minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Concept – Brian B read Concept 2.

Treasurers Report Beginning balance \$2,135.70; Contributions = \$187.50; Expenses (Bank Service Fee, Website Fee, PI-Literature Rack, USPS Reimbursement for Picnic Costs) = \$166.73; Ending balance = \$2,156.47. **Motion** and **second** to approve Treasurer's Report, all in favor.

DCM Report: Brian participated in the Area Assembly via ZOOM. They conducted an area inventory and discussed questions like, 1) How well do we carry the message? 2) Why do people attend one area assembly and then never return?

Alternate DCM Report: Nothing to add.

SMIA Liaison: Lorraine shared a few highlights:

- Gratitude Dinner is on for November 16th. Tickets are around if you know who to call— Bobby U in Solomons, Jaimie R and Mike S in North Beach, Buddy F, SMIA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Need Chair.

Bridging the Gap: Chair Dave Y reported no one has reached out for assistance.

Events: **Jerry C** proposed a budget of Porta-Potty \$150; Chips, Soda, Water \$100; Miscellaneous not to exceed \$250 for a total of \$400. No one raised any objections to the proposed budget.

Grapevine Committee – John B ordered the workbook and will review it prior to the November meeting.

Institutions – Riley F was not present. No report.

Public Information Committee – Kenny G met with Lisa the Branch Manager at Fairview. There is not a dedicated AA literature rack there, but Kenny was given prime “real estate” in their built in rack. There is still a lot of traffic with the rack at the Health Department's Main Office and he was asked to provide a literature rack for the downstairs area at the Substance Abuse Office on Stafford Road. Still exploring options for Calvert Health Emergency Room. Lorraine noted that Substance Abuse has offices in North Beach and Lusby. Kenny will check with them to see if they are interested.

Web Committee – Bill L. – Total visits up 42% from previous report. District 1 is doing better at submitting their anniversary information. Needs District 1's September minutes.

Corrections –Nine men taking in meetings. Daniel has set up a schedule. Sara S is handling the women’s meetings. All is going well.

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

Old Business

We still need to elect an Alt DCM. Optimally, the person in that position transitions into DCM position after a year.

The following committee budgets were approved:

- PI - \$200 for additional literature racks
- DCM/Alt DCM - \$200 for travel to area assemblies and conferences
- Events – Lorraine will email Jerry the figures from last year’s New Year’s Eve event.
- Bridging the Gap – No budget requested.
- Grapevine – No additional budget requested beyond the annual Grapevine subscription.

New Business

Brian reminded the group that we do not meet in December.

GROUP REPORTS:

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

Awakenings – Wil W not present – Lorraine reported that the meeting is well attended.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR. No report. Meeting is struggling, with some meetings cancelled. Jaimie will research.

Bedouin Group – Gene C – Going well.

Cove Point – Brian B reported attendance is up with new people holding service positions.

Daily Reflections – Karl K not present. Daniel attended on Thursday, reported 20+ people.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R reported attendance of 10-15, still very few women.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group – Is now exclusively online.

Grapevine – John B – In-person attendance is still low, online attendance steady at 3-4.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR. No report.

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

Happy Hour – John O reported 10-15 attending. Need an SMIA rep. Still very few women.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR. No report.

Living Sober Group – Needs GSR. Someone present noted there were 10-12 in attendance at the Wednesday meeting.

Lusby Big Book – Needs GSR. No report.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Meeting outside with bonfires and grilling. Needs Where & Whens.

North Beach Group – Jaime R reported average attendance of 18-22.

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

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo reported average attendance of 10-12.

Sober by the Bay – Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Solomons- Dave Y reported attendance is up, but they had anniversaries three weeks in a row.

Harmony Group – Shawn H not present. No report.

Today Group – Needs GSR – Someone present reported it appears to be doing well. Typically more women than men in attendance.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Needs GSR. Someone present reported that meeting seems to be doing well. Dennis G will celebrate 30 years on November 9th.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting is Monday, November 18th. No meeting in December.