

## District 1 Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2025 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Attendance:** Allan C, Brian B, Gene C, Jake R, James W, John B, John O'G, Kenny G, Lauren O, Lorraine J, Mary Jo G, Shawn H and Wil W.

**Brian B** opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Secretary/Minutes:** **Motion** and **second** to approve January 20, 2025 minutes as submitted, all in favor.

**Concept:** Kenny G read Concept 5.

**Treasurers Report:** Beginning balance \$1,466.59; Contributions/Credits = \$578.80; Expenses (bank fees, PI pamphlet order, website fee) = \$117.85; Ending balance = \$1,927.54. **Motion** and **second** to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted, all in favor.

**DCM Report:** Attended first portion of the Area Committee meeting on Saturday. Conference Agenda Review Committee (CARC) sessions coming up, with first meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Our district is in CARC 2. CARCs review and provide feedback on proposed agenda items for upcoming regional/ national AA conferences, ensuring that the topics discussed align with AA principles/traditions before they are presented at the conference. Any AA member can attend.

Plain Language Big Book – First printing of 70k copies sold out in 17 days, with 24,000 backorders. For the second printing of 100k, there are 40,000 left in inventory.

Looking for military veteran AA members to participate in interview project. Veterans of US or Canadian Armed Forces interested in sharing their experience go to [militaryoutreach@aa.org](mailto:militaryoutreach@aa.org).

**Alternate DCM Report:** Not present, no report.

### **SMIA Liaison:**

- District 1 has \$375 remaining in its Corrections & Treatment bookstall budget. Allocation resets on May 1<sup>st</sup>. All of the Public Information funds have been expended.
- Need Chair for Gratitude Dinner (November 2025).
- Serenity Breakfast, April 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD. Pat S is chairing the event. Tickets are available for \$20 each. No flyer at this point. Need volunteers for set up and clean up. To find out about volunteering or to donate money for scholarships, contact Pat S at 301-481-2090.
- Trying to identify a suitable location for the SMIA picnic. Buddy F is chair. Reserved Hallowing Point, but after touring the site, Buddy wants to look for something with more amenities.
- SMIA Bookstall has Plain Language Big Books—limit of one copy per order.
- SMIA is down to the last 30 Where & Whens. Plan to begin printing twice a year. If there are any changes or corrections, submit them through the SMIA website immediately.
- SMIA needs to elect a new chair and secretary in March (chair preferably from Charles County). It is a 2-year commitment and candidates must have 2 years of sobriety. Nominee must be at March meeting to be voted in. If no one from Charles steps up, the chair can be from another county.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibility Committee:** Need Chair.

**Bridging the Gap:** Chair Dave Y Not present, no report.

**Events:** Jerry C not present, no report. John B asked secretary to verify that Jerry is on the distribution list for meeting reminders. Gene C said he believes Jerry is planning something for the spring.

Brian noted that St. Mary’s is holding events on a regular basis, including an upcoming No Talent Show. Information/flyers for these events are on the SMIA website and in the Lifeline.

**Grapevine Committee** – John B had Grapevines available at the meeting.

**Institutions** – Riley F is no longer serving as Institutions Chair. (Merciless) Mike S is handling these responsibilities.

**Public Information Committee** – Kenny G is still getting the word out in new and creative ways. Talked about two new pamphlets, “The G-O-D Word” and “AA for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues.” Believes they contain a useful information and will be well received in the community.

**Web Committee** – Total visits down 6%. Anniversaries are falling off again. Group discussed this and those present were asked to encourage groups to be more consistent with submitting anniversaries to SMIA’s online calendar.

Beach Beacon On-Line name was changed to Beacon of Hope and the meeting formats were changed to Monday – Steps and Traditions, Wednesday – Big Book, and Friday – Daily Reflections. The Harmony Group meeting time will change to 7:00 PM on Monday and Thursday effective 3/3/25

**Corrections** – All is going well. Expect orientation in March.

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

**Old Business**

- Still need an Alternate DCM who will become DCM in October. Need to adhere to the “spirit of rotation.”
- Historical documents at Peggy’s have been dispositioned.

**New Business**

- None

**For the Good of the Order**

- Feb 23 – Allan C 31 yrs., Dave K 17 yrs., Dave G 1 yr., Prince Frederick Big Book
- Feb 28, Brian B 18 yrs., Cove Point
- March 21, Kenny G 9 yrs., 231
- March 23, Lorraine J 45 yrs., Danny L 9 yrs., Gene C 8 yrs., Bedouin

**GROUP REPORTS:**

231 Group- Kenny G – Doing well, averaging 12 attendees, still need an SMIA rep.

Awakenings – Doing well, anywhere from 10 to 25 attendees.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR.

Bedouin Group – Gene C reported group is doing well with consistently good attendance.

Cove Point – Brian B reported doing well, averaging 25 attendees with a lot of residents of the Lusby sober houses attending. A good meeting for those who want to interact with newbies.

Daily Reflections – Karl K not present. No report.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R reported solid attendance, all positions filled.

Do Drop-In Women's Group – Needs GSR.

Grapevine – John B – Core group of 8 attending along with several online participants.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny - Needs GSR.

Happy Hour – John O reported average 7-9 attendees. Open discussion meeting. Since they've had issues with no-show speakers, they now read a page from As Bill Sees It and discuss.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober Group – Danielle M not present. No report.

Lusby Big Book – Needs GSR.

Monday Night Men's Meeting – Needs GSR.

North Beach Group – Jaime R not present. No report.

Prince Frederick Big Book – Allan C reported hanging in with average of 5-6 attendees. Three anniversaries on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo reported founding member Bob Evans passed away. Meeting is doing well, attendance is growing—had to add a table. Need an SMIA rep.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR.

Solomons- Dave Y not present. Those who have attended reported group is doing well, averaging 20-30 attendees.

Sunderland at Harmony Group – Shawn H reported all is going well.

Today Group – Lauren O reported group is doing well, averaging 20-25 in-person attendees along with a few online participants.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Brian reported a good turnout at last Saturday's meeting.

Meeting closed with prayer.

**Next meeting** is Monday, March 17, 2025.