

District 1 Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2024 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

Brian B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary/Minutes: **Motion** and **second** to approve October 21, 2024 minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Concept – Mary Jo read Concept 3.

Treasurers Report Beginning balance \$2,156.47.70; Contributions = \$100.00; Expenses (Bank Service Fee, Website Fee = \$22.85; Ending balance = \$2,233.62.47. **Motion** and **second** to approve Treasurer's Report, all in favor.

DCM Report: Brian participated in the monthly DCM meeting with Area Delegate. Meeting included How To for PI and CPC Committees. Most of the items discussed Kenny is already doing.

Alternate DCM Report: Nothing to add.

SMIA Liaison:

- Jamie emailed report. Leading up to the Gratitude Dinner SMIA was facing about an \$1800 shortfall. Groups are encouraged to contribute. New Telephone Chair is Sheri.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Need Chair.

Bridging the Gap: Chair Dave Y reported email requests. The last meeting he took to Avenues, he did provide a client returning to Virginia with local contact information.

Events: **Jerry C** was not present. No final accounting for the bonfire. Need budget request for New Year's Eve. Lorraine will forward accounting sheet to group for action via email.

Grapevine Committee – John B received information for World Services. It is all in a digital format. He is still reviewing.

Institutions – Riley F feels it is important to seek clarification from Avenues management about expectations and protocols. Is it okay for speakers to give their phone numbers? How much time should speakers have? And other relevant concerns. Still having challenges finding women to make a regular commitment to bringing in meetings.

Public Information Committee – Kenny G has gotten the go-ahead to place literature racks at Substance Abuse has offices in Chesapeake Beach and Lusby. The racks have been ordered. Plans to do an inventory of books at the Calvert Library branches, ask about adding a Plain Language Big Book to the libraries catalog.

Web Committee – Bill L. – Total visits are down. He noted it is not SMIA’s responsibility to maintain the accuracy of the meeting information in the Where & When. Groups need to check and notify SMIA’s Where & When Chair when corrections are needed.

Corrections – 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.

New Business

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

GROUP REPORTS:

231 Group- Kenny G – Averaging about 12 attendees on Friday’s; 8-10 on Tuesdays. Still need an SMIA rep.

Awakenings – Meeting is well attended. All positions filled. Everything is going well.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR. No report. Awaiting results of Jaimie’s research.

Bedouin Group – Gene C – Going well with average attendance of 15-20.

Cove Point – Brian B reported attendance steady with about 10 home group members.

Daily Reflections – Karl K not present. No report.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R reported attendance of 8-15, all positions filled.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group – Needs GSR. Mary Jo attended—encouraged them to select a GSR.

Grapevine – John B – Online attendance steady at 3-4, average 5-10 in person.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR. No report. Meets Wednesdays, 7 pm, Huntingtown UMC.

Happy Destiny - Needs GSR. No report.

Happy Hour – John O reported average 5-10 attending. Have moved to the back (mirrored) room.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR. No report.

Living Sober Group – Needs GSR. Those who have attended report is seems to be doing well.

Lusby Big Book – Needs GSR. No report.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Needs GSR. Have heard it is going well.

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

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

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo reported meeting is well attended. Several anniversaries coming up.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR. No report.

Solomons- Dave Y reported average attendance of 30; meeting room is set up for church bazaar. Meeting in the upstairs room located straight ahead after entering.

Harmony Group – Shawn H reported all is going well.

Today Group – Needs GSR although Danielle M may be assuming that role. Good attendance. Started a new Grapevine book, “Fun in Sobriety.”

We Wuz Wurz Group – Needs GSR. Those who have attended report it is doing well.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting is Monday, January 20th. **No meeting in December.**