

## **District 1 Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2026**

**Attendance:** (In Person) David Y, Brian B, Lorraine J, Chloe G, Jake R, John B, Kevin L, Mary Jo G, Peggy K, Wil W.

(Via ZOOM) Carol W, Kevin L, Peggy R,

**David Y** opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Concept:** Brian B read Concept 7.

**Secretary's Report/Minutes:** **Lorraine J. Motion** and **second** to approve April 20, 2026, minutes as submitted, all in favor. Shared flyers for 3 upcoming local events: 1) North Beach Group Annual Picnic, June 6, 3:00 to 6:00 pm; 2) SMIA Picnic, June 28, Noon to 4:00 pm; 3) District 36 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual No Talent Talent Show, July 18, 6:30 pm and for three upcoming conferences: 1) Sunlight of the Spirit, August 7-9, York, PA; 2) 2026 VAC Convention, August 14-16, Richmond, VA; 3) Sessions by the Sea, August 18-23, Ocean City, MD.

**Treasurers Report:** **Brian B** shared the Treasurer's report for period 4/21/26 to 5/18/26 which shows a beginning balance of \$1,634.84; One Contributions/Credits (Grapevine) \$48.00; Expenses (bank fees/website/Grapevine subscription) \$45.85 and (reimbursement to Lorraine J for supplies to create the gardening-themed gift bucket for the SMIA Serenity Breakfast) \$100.00; and an ending balance of \$1,533.99. Peggy did note that the website fees have increased from \$26.42 to \$42.85. Dave Y will contact Bill L about the increase.

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

**DCM Report:** **David Y** was unable to participate in the May Area 29 meeting on Saturday because it conflicted with the Serenity Breakfast. The updated Calvert W&W is posted to <https://www.calvertaa.org/>. The Serenity breakfast was attended by all three SOMD DCMs. District 1's donation for the basket raffle, a gardening-themed gift bucket, was a hit.

Full Area 29 reports are always available at: <https://www.marylandaa.org/>.

**Alternate DCM Report:** Brian B attempted to participate in the May Area 29 meeting, but the audio quality was very poor. The Fifth Edition of the Big Book is in the final stages of review. Among the 26 new stories 14 men, 11 women and one nonbinary member are represented. Stories include members who got sober online, drank abroad, are Hispanic, Black and Asian, have a mental illness, have slipped, got sober young, are transgender, nonbinary, gay and lesbian, have a military background, are agnostic and atheist, are retirement age and are engaged in AA service work. The story "Our Southern Friend" was removed. The word "Eskimo" was removed from the first 164 pages. While he has no objection to the change, Brian is curious about the process that was followed with regard to that change.

**SMIA Liaison Report:** SMIA still needs a Treasurer. The Chair, Todd, is serving as Interim Treasurer and is working with the outgoing Treasurer Bruce O to handle the financial tasks but that is not sustainable. Please think about anyone that might be a good fit for this position. Calvert County is next up in the rotation, but they voted to waive that requirement if there is a suitable candidate from another District. SMIA identified a local vendor that is able to produce the Where & Whens for a significantly lower price.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibility Committee:** Needs a chair.

**Bridging the Gap:** Wil W has registered with Area 29. He was unable to attend the May 8<sup>th</sup> workshop. He is getting familiar with the guidelines and developing a list of questions for the Area 29 BTG Chair.

**Events:** Jerry C was not present but the tentative date for the District 1 picnic, which will once again be held at Daniel S’s house is July 11. As agreed previously, coordinators hope to keep the costs in line with what has been spent on this event in previous years.

**Grapevine Committee:** John B reminded group that the Grapevine is AA’s meeting in print and is an excellent source of support and encouragement when in-person meetings aren’t an option. Theme for the June edition is “Young and Sober.”

**Institutions:** Kevin L/Peggy K – Peggy K reported that it remains challenging to find volunteers to cover the women’s meetings. Kevin L reported the men’s meetings are being covered. Clients really appreciate the literature giveaways. Lorraine J used the remaining bookstall allotment provided for Corrections/Institutions and Public Information. It resets this month. After discussion it was agreed to purchase full-sized Big Books as the abridged and compact version are small and can be difficult to read.

**Public Information Committee:** Kenny G not present, but is now retired and is able to devote more time to the effort.

**Web Committee:** Bill L reported: Total visits 1336 since April 20, 2026, up 2%. Newly formatted District 1 specific Where & When has been posted. Anniversary submissions since last report: Calvert-14 for May, June and July; compared to St. Mary’s-12; and Charles O. No meeting changes. Currently there are 50 meetings in Calvert (45 in-person, 5 online only), 1 suspended.

**Corrections:** Chloe/Jake reported women’/men’s meetings are being covered. Next round of orientations should be in the September/October timeframe. Chloe needs the Detention Center liaison’s contact info or to be added to the email distribution list. Asked Chloe to coordinate with Daniel to get a report on the men’s meetings if he is unable to attend.

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

**Old Business:**

1. The newly formatted District 1 Where & When is available to print. It was noted that the printer setting needs to be set to “portrait orientation/flip on the long edge”

**New Business:**

1. Brian reminded the group that his term as Alternate DCM expires in October.

**GROUP REPORTS**

**Reminder:** new GSRs should go to: marylandaa.org -> “Documents and Forms” -> GSR Change to register.

**231 Group** – John B reported that the Wednesday and Friday night meetings are well attended.

**Awakenings** – Will W – Going well, averaging 20-24 attendees.

**Beach Beacon** – Needs GSR

**Bedouin Group** – Chloe – all four meetings are doing well with 12-14 attending the Thursday night women’s meeting.

**Cove Point** – Brian B – Attendance is still down.

**Daily Reflections** – Needs GSR

**Daily Reprieve Group** – Jake R reported meeting is holding steady, averaging 8-12 attendees.

**Do Drop-In Women's Group** (Online Only) – averaging 4-6 regular attendees, group is discussing ways to increase participation including possible format changes.

**Grapevine** – John B reported that attendance has improved as a result of the appeal for support.

**Grateful Alive Group** - Needs GSR.

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

**Happy Hour** – John O'G – Meeting is holding steady.

**Harmony Group** – Needs GSR.

**Keeping It Green** - Needs GSR.

**Living Sober**– Danielle M – holding steady.

**Lusby Big Book** – Needs GSR.

**Monday Night Men's Meeting** – Ken S - Not present, no report.

**North Beach Group** – Jaimie R – attendance is good at most meetings and positions are filled.

**Prince Frederick Big Book** – Allan C – This group needs support.

**Saturday Morning Breakfast** – Mary Jo – Meeting is well attended. Several anniversaries coming up in May and June.

**Solomons** – New GSR not present, no report.

**Today Group** – Danielle M – Continuing their hybrid format, averaging 15-20 attendees weekly.

**We Wuz Wurz Group** – Brian B – meeting is doing well and is typically well attended.

**Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.**