District 1 Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2026

Attendance: (In Person) Danielle M, David Y, Daniel S, Jamie R, Kenny G, John B, John O'G, Lorraine J, Mary Jo G, Mike A, Peggy K, Wil W.

(Remotely): Carol W, Chloe D, Kevin L, Martha K, Peggy R.

Guests Tom R, Area 29 Public Information Chair.

David Y opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: Kenny G read Concept 12.

Secretary's Report/Minutes: Lorraine J. asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2026, meeting minutes.

Motion and **second** to approve September 21, 2026, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: **Peggy** shared the Treasurer's report for period 9/22/26 to 10/19/26 which shows a beginning balance of $1,649.28; no contributions/credits; Expenses: (bank fees/website $29.92, Summer picnic costs $272.37; PO Box rental $94.00) for a total of $396.29 and an ending balance of $1,252.99.

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

DCM Report: David Y attended the first portion of the Area meeting and reported that Alcoholics Anonymous Area 29 (Maryland General Service) elects its Area Officers (including the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer) every 2 years, in October during the odd-numbered year of the panel rotation (ex: October 2027 for Panel 76). Elections are conducted via AA's traditional Third Legacy Procedure at the Fall Area Assembly. For the Regional Trustee / Trustee-at-Large Candidates that rotate (every 4 years), nominations takes place at the Fall Area Assembly of the year *prior* to rotation. David lost his ZOOM connection and was unable to participate in the afternoon session. The District approved *'The Miracle of We'* as Area 29's proposed theme submission for the future AA General Service Conference. David also shared copies of the Group Inventory questions used during the afternoon session of the Area meeting. (These are also available on the Area 29 website.)

David reminded GSRs to check their email. He forwards emails from Area 29 to provide updated information. Full Area 29 reports are always available at: https://www.marylandaa.org/.

Alternate DCM Report: Not present, no report.

SMIA Liaison Report: No one present attended the SMIA meeting, no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Needs a chair.

Bridging the Gap (BTG): Wil W no activity to report.

Events: The District 1 Chili Cook-Off and Bonfire is scheduled for November 21st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Flyer is ready and posted on SMIA website. Please help spread the word.

Grapevine Committee: John B reported that the November *Grapevine* will feature articles on "*AA Members and Mental Health*." Individuals are encouraged to subscribe to help Grapevine stay afloat financially.

Institutions: Kevin L/Peggy K – Both reported that meetings are being covered although Peggy has had some trouble getting coverage for the women's meetings.

Public Information Committee: Tom R, Area 29 PI Chair, attended a Service Workshop in Washington County. He noted that Kelly C puts out quarterly update from the General Service Office. Check for it on AA.org. He also noted that there are new PSA videos available on the GSO YouTube page, "Sobriety and AA" and the service piece "Get in the Car." There is also a new page, "Young & Sober in AA." He invited those present to check out the monthly PI meeting, held on the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. (https://www.marylandaa.org/events).

Web Committee: Bill L reported: Total visits 1475 since September 21, 2026, down 3%. Bill's written report containing additional detail was distributed via email. The report notes the Bedouin's women's meeting time change from 7:00 to 6:00 p.m. Anniversary submissions have increased—13 for September, October and November.

Corrections: Chloe/Daniel reported they have sufficient volunteers to cover the twice monthly meetings. Daniel noted that the men continue to participate in the men's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), every other Friday at 6 p.m. They expect the next orientation will take place in the spring, likely in March.

Workshops: District 1 will continue to support SMIA and other regional efforts.

Old Business:

1. David reminded group that Brian's term as Alternate DCM ends this month and encouraged those present to convey that message to their groups. Required activities include participating in monthly area meetings (which are also open to GSRs). The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. In the morning, they cover topics requiring a vote, and in the afternoon other topics relevant to Area 29 are discussed.

New Business:

1. Jamie noted that the Sober by the Bay meeting has been "suspended" for several months. Bill L has asked if it can be deleted from the meeting listings, however, Mike S has indicated an interest in reviving it.
2. Daniel has been in regular contact with a gentleman from Lusby who is deaf. The gentleman attended Happy Hour in person on September 26, with an ASL interpreter participating virtually at no cost to him. Daniel reported that the gentleman also participates in online meetings.

GROUP REPORTS

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

231 Group (Kenny G): Group is doing well, averaging 10-15 attendees.

Awakenings (Wil W): Group is doing well, averaging 22-25 attendees.

Beach Beacon: Needs GSR

Bedouin Group (Lorraine J): All 4 meetings are doing well, will check on time change for Thursday night women's group to see if it is a permanent change.

Cove Point (Brian B): Not present, no report.

Daily Reflections: Needs GSR

Daily Reprieve Group (Jerry C): Not present, no report.

Do Drop-In Women's Group (Carol W): Online meeting is doing well.

Grapevine (John B): Group has about 6 core members and an average of 1-2 online participants.

Grateful Alive Group: Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny (Ken S): Not present, no report. Lorraine will check with Ken on his status as GSR.

Happy Hour (Daniel S): Group is doing well, averaging 10-12 attendees.

Harmony Group: Needs GSR.

Keeping It Green: Needs GSR.

Living Sober (Danielle M): Group is doing well, averaging 10 attendees on Wednesday and 5-6 on Saturdays.

Lusby Big Book: Needs GSR.

Monday Night Men's Meeting (Ken S): Not present, no report.

North Beach Group (Jamie R): Attendance is trending up. Announced 55th Group Anniversary celebration on November 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Prince Frederick Big Book (Allan C): Not present, no report.

Saturday Morning Breakfast (Mary Jo G): Doing well, 20-25 attendees.

Solomons: (Roy B): Doing well, averaging 25-30 attendees.

Today Group (Danielle M): Doing well with good attendance and regular online participants.

We Wuz Wurz Group (Lorraine J): Going well with consistently good attendance.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.