

District 1 Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2026

Attendance: (In Person) David Y, Daniel S, Jerry C, Kenny G, John O’G, Lorraine J, Peggy K

(Remotely): Carol W, Kevin L, Martha K, Mary Jo G, Peggy R, Roy B

Guests (via ZOOM): Kathi K, Gabe, Alene, Maryland Deaf Access Committee (MDAC); Bradley, ASL Interpreter

David Y opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: Kenny G read Concept 11.

Secretary’s Report/Minutes: **Lorraine J.** asked for a motion to approve the August meeting minutes.

Motion and **second** to approve August 17, 2026, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: **Peggy** shared the Treasurer’s report for period 8/18/26 to 9/21/26 which shows a beginning balance of \$1,650.20; \$29 in contributions/credits from We Wuz Wurz/Monday Men’s/Happy Destiny; Expenses (bank fees/website) \$29.92; and an ending balance of \$1,649.28.

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

DCM Report: **David Y** asked if GSRs were receiving information/emails from Area 29 and stated that if they were, he had nothing further to add.

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

Alternate DCM Report: Not present, no report.

SMIA Liaison Report: SMIA still needs a Telephone Chair. The May 2026 edition of the Lifeline features an article about the responsibilities of the phone chair. Daniel S expressed an interest in this position and will follow up with Melissa.

The subcommittee developing recommended guidelines for future SMIA event planning and fundraising will meet virtually on: September 26 and October 24 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. For details and the ZOOM meeting link refer to the flyer on the SMIA Website “Announcements & Events” tab (<https://www.somdintergroup.org/announce.html>) or contact John W @ 760-622-4792.

SMIA voted to cancel the 2026 Gratitude Dinner because no one stepped up to chair. There will be an article in the October 2026 edition of the Lifeline about this.

District 1’s Bookstall budget balances are: PI/PCP \$188.00 which reflect a recent \$42.84 purchase of pamphlets for District 1’s PI racks; Corrections & Treatment \$1.00. Lorraine purchased 16 Big Books to use as giveaways at Avenues.

The deadline for Lifeline submissions is always the 27th of the month for the following month.

Maryland Deaf Access Committee – (Kathi, Gabe, Alene)

Three MDAC members joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss providing an ASL-interpreted AA meeting in Calvert County. They were accompanied by a Calvert County resident seeking an accessible, in-person AA meeting with an ASL interpreter.

MDAC advised that an ASL interpreter would cost approximately: **\$500/month for one weekly meeting or \$300/month for two meetings per month.** One possible funding approach discussed was for 20 District 1 groups to contribute \$25 per month. MDAC offered to assist with technology and logistics if a hybrid meeting is pursued and advised they are working to identify qualified interpreters in the area.

MDAC encouraged District 1 groups to consider funding and identifying a potential host group. The committee indicated that the person needing access should have input in "choosing a meeting they can consistently attend." MDAC invited District 1 members to its monthly business meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Needs a chair.

Bridging the Gap (BTG): Wil W not present, no report.

Events: Because there were so many donated items, total cost was \$150 less than last year. Only available date for the Fall Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, November 21st. We need to make a decision if that will work or if it is too close to Thanksgiving and the New Year's Eve party. Diana M is on board to coordinate decorations for the New Year's Eve party.

Grapevine Committee: Lorraine J reported that the October *Grapevine* will feature articles on "Loneliness."

Institutions: Kevin L/Peggy K – Both reported that meetings are being covered. Lorraine advised Kevin that she did purchase 16 Big Books and encouraged him to connect with Peggy so he would have some to distribute at the men's meetings.

Public Information Committee: Kenny G continues to make regular rounds and monitor the racks in the various Behavioral Health offices, Project ECHO and local library branches.

Web Committee: Bill L reported: Total visits 1536 since August 17, 2026, up 11%. Bill's written report containing additional detail was distributed via email.

Corrections: Chloe reported all is going well with the women's meetings. Daniel reported that we are still participating in the men's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), which meets every other Friday at 6 p.m. with another session beginning in a couple of weeks.

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

Old Business:

1. Brian reminded group that his term as Alternate DCM ends in October and encouraged those present to convey that message to their groups.

New Business:

1. None.

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.

Awakenings (Wil W): Not present, no report.

Beach Beacon: Needs GSR

Bedouin Group (Chloe A): Lorraine J reported all 4 meetings are doing well.

Cove Point (Brian B): Lorraine attended on Friday and meeting was well attended.

Daily Reflections: Needs GSR

Daily Reprieve Group (Jerry C): Averaging 10-12 core attendees.

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

Grapevine (John B): Lorraine reported that attendance has dropped again. Group needs support. The meeting has been cancelled on at least two occasions.

Grateful Alive Group: Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny (Ken S): Not present, no report.

Happy Hour (Daniel S): Group is doing well.

Harmony Group: Needs GSR.

Keeping It Green: Needs GSR.

Living Sober (Danielle M): Not present, no report.

Lusby Big Book: Needs GSR.

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

North Beach Group: Needs GSR.

Prince Frederick Big Book (Allan C): Lorraine reported this group needs support.

Saturday Morning Breakfast (Mary Jo G): Doing well, averaging 10 attendees.

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

Today Group (Danielle M): Not present, no report.

We Wuz Wurz Group (Lorraine J): Attended on Saturday and the meeting was well attended.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.