

District 1 Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2010

7:00pm - Opened with the Serenity Prayer

In Attendance: Mark B., Jay R., Anne G., Marilyn B., Martha K., Joe H., Sandy K., Nancy L., John J., Jimmy G., Peggy R., Donald M., Debbie B., & J.J.

Last month minutes were read, changes made and approved

DCM Report: - J.J.

- J.J. and Jay attended the Area 29 Assembly on December 12, 2009:
 - Budget vote – passed
 - Grapevine to develop stories from remote communities – passed
 - Area 29 Informational video redo using new materials – passed
 - Review all pamphlets, possibly renew – not passed
 - Webmaster 2 year rotation to be changed to a 4 year rotation – not passed
 - The 2010 state convention is on track
 - The mini conference will be April 9-11, 2010 @ the Clarion in OC Maryland
 - New address to mail contributions to Maryland General Service:
 - MGS, PO Box 701, New Market, MD 21774

Treasurers Report - Peggy

11/17/09-1/18/10

District One Trust Fund

- Beginning balance: \$1691.43
- Group Donations: \$90
- St.Paul's Episcopal Church (rent): -\$90
- Website Fee: -29.97
- Ending Balance: \$1661.46

Accounting for International Convention Monies

- Beginning balance: \$1565
- Deposit: \$6015
- expenditures: -\$2897
- Ending Balance: \$4683

Committee Reports

Public Information Committee – Jay R.

- P.I. Kit has been received, will review and report at next meeting.
- Nancy L. has left cards on the fifth floor of Calvert Memorial Hospital. Will try to leave more in other areas of the hospital as permitted.

Corrections Institutions – Donald R.

- April J. (443-532-7916) is now the leader responsible for taking women meetings into the jails.
 - More women are needed. Please call April J. if interested.
- Donald R (410-394-3797) remains the leader for the men.
- At this time, literature cannot be brought into the Calvert County Detention Center.
- Carol Porto's Wednesday meeting Group schedule was distributed; Sunday @ 8:30am (Peggy), Wednesday @ 8:30pm (Donald R).
- J.J. requested a list of male volunteers willing to go into the jails – Donald to send.
- Question was brought up; Because literature can no longer be brought into the jails, can Intergroup money be distributed to other areas, (i.e. for profit institutions)? Ann G. suggested that this question be taken back to the intergroup.
- J.J. reported that Carol Porto is requesting a contact list of names/numbers to call in the event that a group does not show up. – no resolution at this time.

Events Committee – Martha K.

- International Committee: 21 people are registered, 28 flying as a group on South West Airline. A deposit has been made on the hotel, all rooms have received confirmations. Final payment is due on May 4th, 2010.
- Suzi G. has resigned from her position as Events Committee Chair. It was voted and accepted that Martha K. and Debbie B. will now co-chair this committee.
- Martha K. will begin work on the relationship workshop; it was suggested to be in April 2010.
- Debbie B will begin work on the MGS Area 29 Assembly or Committee to be hosted this year.

Intergroup Liaison – SMIA – Jay R.

- 1,000 Where and When's have been printed, are available. Continue to have faulty information. PI is researching.
- LifeLine – when submitting information or changes (to Sam T) include your contact information.
- Men and women's C&I are doing well. Anyone interested in taking a meeting into So. MD pre-release unit in Charles County contact Wally (301-751-6187).
- P&I had no report from Calvert, St.Mary's. Charles County has put W&W into hotels/motels
- Gratitude Celebration Committee will meet after next month's SMIA meeting. (2/15/2010). Help is needed for planning Jay R (410-474-2626)
- Serenity Brunch will be held @ Lenny's, California MD on April 3, 2010. Tickets are \$15 for buffet, 50/50 raffle. Need volunteers for Calvert County. Cindy (301-904-9374)
- 2010 Intergroup Picnic – no report to date.
- SOMD AA 800 number is now in the "Yellow Book"
- Web committee presented information for new SMIA website that was approved. Chair is Jay R (410-474-2626). Need 2 additional committee members from St. Mary's and Charles County.
- A new handicap ramp was build for access to SMIA at its current locations; exploration of new locations has ceased.
- A new women's meeting has started in St. Mary's County at the Church of the Ascension, Thursdays at 12 noon, Step Meeting.

Web Committee

None present

GROUP REPORTS

- **Prince Frederick Beginners** – Jay R.
 - All remains the same
- **NRL** – Debbie
 - Attendance Improving, 20 – 22 people at Saturday and Sunday meetings. Intergroup Liaison position now filled by Frank. GSR Alternative Position open.
- **Lusby Big Book** – Donald R.
 - Attendance is up, new people. Some open service positions.
- **We Wuz Wurz** – Peggy
 - New chair, attendance is up
- **Bedouin Group** – Jimmy G.
 - No change, all positions filled, Thanksgiving and Christmas Marathon went well.
- **Awakenings** – Nancy
 - All positions filled, Friday 12 noon meeting is now a “Living Sober” book meeting
- **Grapevine** – Mark B
 - No Changes
- **North Beach Group** – Joe H.
 - Service positions have rotated and all are filled for all 7 meetings.
- **Happy Destiny** – Martha K.
 - Lusby, Tuesday nights, attendance up, all positions filled.
- **Do Drop In** - Marilyn
 - Consistent, going well, all positions filled
- **231** – John
 - Attendance is good, all positions filled
- **Today Group** – Sandy
 - Doing good, one position open (coffee maker)
- **Sober by the Bay** – Joe H.
 - Due to a Church conflict, meetings will now be held at Union Church (Sat/12&12 and Sun/OD 6pm)

SOUTHERN MARYLAND ROUND-UP

Special Guest – Anne G. (410-326-3632)

Anne G was present to discuss the Southern Maryland Roundup that is proposed for March 2011. Anne G is the Committee Chair for this event/conference. She is here to encourage physical support from the county. The planning for this conference is in its very early stages;

Tentative Planning:

- Tickets \$30
- Sandy Beach is not available however, he connected Anne with Lee Yeldell, who is connected with the speaker circuit.
- Intergroup voted to use seed money so only physical support is needed
- Eight (8) speakers will be used = \$6,000
- Sound System provided by Lee Yeldell

- Solomon's Island Holiday Inn – March 18 – 20, 2011, Ballroom free with 500-600 reservations, 2nd Ballroom free for dinner event if 77 guests choose this option for dinner.
- "Woodstock AA" with speakers: Clancy, Bob D, Polly P, Bob B, Sharon B – covering the steps

Sub Committees Suggested:

Registration, Programs, Decorations, Speakers, Greeter, Banquet, Dance, Finance.
 Chairs will be needed for all committees; take to groups to find those interested.
 Anne G needs to report back to the Intergroup in March.
 Debbie B has volunteered to be the Chair of the Program/Flyer Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Review of Web Committee:** The group decided that a review of the Web Committees representation needs to be evaluated.
 - The decision was made to go to groups in search of a new Chair for the Web Committee (www.calvertaa.org). Position requires communication with webmaster and attendance of monthly District 1 meeting to report. If anyone is identified, they should come to the meeting in February.
- **Workshops:** Potential Relationship Workshop was tabled until January's meeting;
 - Martha K will begin research for this workshop. The month of April was suggested.
- **Officer Rotation Manual:** Development of an Officer Rotation Manual was tabled until next months meeting. Debbie has agreed to bring some information regarding this effort.
Officer Positions: DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Web Committee Liaison, SMI Liaison

NEW BUSINESS

- Question was brought up regarding **excess in literature** (no longer allowed to bring into jails), "Can Intergroup money be distributed to other areas, (i.e. for profit institutions)?
 - To be taken back to the Intergroup for decision.
- Martha K. will begin work on the **relationship workshop**; will update at next meeting.
- Review of **Web Committee Representation** – report opening to groups and seek a volunteer interested in attending District meeting every month and acting as a liaison between the webmaster and district. For further discussion at next meeting based on outcome.
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8:40pm - Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

