

## **District 1 Meeting Minutes**

**November 16, 2009**

**7:02pm - Opened with the Serenity Prayer**

**In Attendance:** Debbie B, J.J., Jay R, Bill R, Donald R, Peg R, Joe H, Martha K.

Last month minutes were read, changes made and approved

Reminder: No meeting in December

### **DCM Report: - J.J.**

- New comer packets are now available for distribution; 10 per group.
- The jail committee supplied JJ with Big Books and pamphlets that were distributed to the women's jail.
- From previously sent e-mail:
  - Deadline for the suggestions for the Theme, Presentation and Workshop Topics for the 2011 General Service Conference is December 18, 2009. If anyone would like to make suggestions, please forward to Tom Revelle (Panel 58 Area 29 Delegate) [TRevelle@sha.state.md.us](mailto:TRevelle@sha.state.md.us) or present your ideas under New Business at the December 12 Area Assembly. Suggestions will be forwarded to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O.

### **Treasurers Report - Peggy**

*10/20/09-11/16/09*

District One Trust Fund

- Beginning balance - \$1825.43
- Group Donations - \$0
- St.Paul's Episcopal Church (rent) - \$90
- U.S. Postal Service PO Box Rental for 1 year - \$44
- Balance - \$1691.43

Accounting for International Convention Monies

- Beginning balance - \$ 1565
- deposit - \$1080
- Balance - \$2645

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Public Information Committee – Bill R.**

- Jay R is now the Alternate for the Public Information Committee.
- AA business size cards are on order. It was discussed and it was suggested that these cards be made available to Project Echo. As follow up from the last meeting; Nancy L. had volunteered to investigate the ability to leave the cards at various areas at Calvert Memorial Hospital. Nancy L was not present – results pending.

- Last meeting, it was brought to the groups attention that one member encountered a visitor who reported much difficulty in finding a meeting in the area. There is currently no intergroup phone number listed on the AA website or in the phone book. As one possible solution to making meeting/time information more available, It was suggested and agreed upon that Bill R. and Fred W. will put together a list of the area lawyers and send a letter with “Where and When’s”.

#### **Corrections Institutions – Donald R.**

- Changes have been made in the Jail’s substance abuse program; the hours are 7pm to 8pm and are strictly enforced. Also, instead of the previously provided I.D.’s, approved leaders are asked to show their Driver’s License for entrance into the facility. Also, two meetings in two rooms have been canceled.
- As discussed in the last meeting, Sherry M. had volunteered to take over the task of leader for the women’s meetings in the jails. To date this responsibility has not been realized. Currently, there are approximately seven to eight females approved for entrance into the jail to lead meetings; this will remain on hold until a leader assumes responsibility.
- Male meetings in the jails are reported to have good involvement and attendance. Currently there are approximately twenty men approved to lead these meetings.

#### **Events Committee – Martha K.**

Martha: International Committee – a check for \$1,400 was sent to the hotels for housing as deposit (\$100/room x 14 rooms). The balance will be due approximately 75 days before the conference date. The airfare is still being researched. In December, Southwest Airlines posts fares for July 2010; Martha will continue to monitor for the best available airfare.

*Suzie G: not present*

#### **Intergroup Liaison – SMIA – Jay R.**

- A committee has been formed for the Gratitude Celebration and Serenity Lunch (SMIA). Please note the changes in the names of these events. No dates have been established. Jay will provide contact information for those interested in joining.
- SMIA Picnic 2010 contact for interest in volunteering is Jeanine W. – contact information pending.
- Nancy L. is now managing the book stall; needs a helper. Please call Ann G 410-326-3632 if interested.
- The budget for Public Information is \$100; Jay has ordered a Public Information Kit.
- The intergroup reports an adequate supply of Where and When’s. See Jay for more information.
- It was reported that there have been a total of 49 calls to the intergroup; the question was asked as to how those callers knew the phone number. It was reported that both the WAIA and Red House have the number.
- It is the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of LifeLine; Sam T needs election results.
- Gently used Grapevines have been donated to the Charles County Jails. Always welcome. They want to start a 1pm meeting on Thursdays.

- SMIA requesting a representative for public information; Jay R has volunteers and will provide a group report.
- The intergroup is seeking a better location. Current location is not handicap accessible. Will need to be affordable and have enough space for three filing cabinets of literature. Suggestion welcome.
- Groups can now order a case (20) of Big Books for \$120 (\$6/book) which is at a discounted per book rate and no shipping.

### Web Committee

None present

### **GROUP REPORTS**

Prince Frederick Beginners – Jay R.

All remains the same

Solomon's Group – Bill R.

Two new comers, all else remains the same

Lusby Big Book – Donald R.

Seven home group members, all positions filled, three new attendees.

Grapevine – Fred

Attendance is lower than normal, all service positions filled, all else remains the same.

North Beach Group – Joe H.

Service positions are due for rotations in December (change every 6 months). Attendance is up. Group Anniversary went well; approximately 100 people in attendance.

Happy Destiny – Martha K.

Attendance is down, need support. Chair position is open; currently activating.

Do Drop In - Martha K.

Attendance is up, all positions filled

NRL – Debbie

Attendance remains low at 18 to 19. Monty took over treasurer's position for next 2 years. Intergroup Liaison position now open & recruiting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Visitors find it hard to find AA in the county:** Bill R. and Fred W. have agreed to compile a list of Calvert County lawyers and a letter including "Where and When's" will be mailed to each. Also, AA business size cards are on order and will be made available to Project Echo and Calvert Memorial Hospital; feedback from Nancy L is pending.
- **Officer Rotation Manual:** Development of an Officer Rotation Manual was tabled until after the holidays. Officers are asked to make a few notes in regard to their job and its responsibilities.

- **December District Meeting:** It was agreed that there will be no District Meeting in December.
- **Workshops:** It was agreed that there will be no workshops before the holidays. After the holidays, a relationship workshop will be investigated in further detail.
- **New Years Eve Party:** It was reported that Cove Point is having a New Years Eve Party. This will be held on December 31, 2009 at the CRE Community Center. More information pending and will be added to website once available.
- **Southern Maryland Roundup:** several are interested in participating. Update; Looking into September or October, Sandy Beach as a speaker, are checking with Area to offset funding. Ann G will be invited to join this District 1 meeting in January.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Review of Web Committee:** The group decided that a review of the Web Committees representation needs to be evaluated. This will be done at January's meeting.
- **Officer Rotation Manual:** Development of an Officer Rotation Manual to be discussed after the holidays.
- **Workshops:** Potential Relationship Workshop to be discussed after the holidays.

8:08pm - Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

*Happy Holiday's to You All!!!!*