

## **District 1 Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2023 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**Attendance:** Sara S, Daniel S, Lorraine J, Jaime R, Kenny G, Allan C, Karl K, Bryan D, Donald ?, Fulton P, Jake R, Chloe A.

Daniel opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

**Minutes:** Brian pointed out that last names should not be included in the minutes because they are posted to the Internet.

Lorraine motioned, Jaime seconded to forego the use of last names on any documents that will be posted to the Internet, all in favor.

Jaime motioned, Jamie seconded to approve July 17, 2023 minutes with last initial only, all in favor.

**Concept** – Chloe read concept 1

**Treasurers Report** Sara read report provided by Peggy R. Balance in checking account after expenses is \$1,646.19 Lorraine motioned, John seconded to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted.

**DCM Report:** Daniel S. – Nothing new to report at this time.

**Alternate DCM Report:** Called into the Area Assembly on Saturday. Observed that there were GSRs from Calvert in attendance that have never attended the District meetings. For those interested in the 2025 International AA Convention in Vancouver, Canada, there will be a virtual option. Those with criminal records may face challenges getting into Canada.

**SMIA Liaison:** Jaime reported that the Lifeline is still looking for contributions—stories, jokes, etc. Submission deadline is the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month. Where & When edits need to be submitted to Pat ASAP. The Archives Committee is looking for group histories. There are plans for a Serenity Breakfast in May of 2024. Gratitude Dinner is scheduled for November 11, 2023. Buddy could use more volunteers. Two changes to bylaws received final approval. There was a second reading on the third section that will be voted on in September.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibility Committee** –No report.

**Bridging the Gap** – Sara shared an email from Meghan at Avenues asking for donations of Big Books. Group discussed the various options but opted to research the matter before making a decision. Lorraine reported that she gave Danielle M 30 hard back Big Books in late April because she needed to use the District's Treatment funding from SMIA before the end of their fiscal year. The new fiscal year began May 1<sup>st</sup>. Lorraine will confirm the amount of funding available from the SMIA allotments.

**Events** – Mia F.- via email. If there is going to be a Halloween Dance, she needs a commitment from volunteers in advance. Sara will touch base with Mia and ask 1) What is she looking for with regard to volunteers; 2) Can the District afford to hold both a Halloween and a New Year's Eve dance? 3) If only one, which one? Those in attendance agreed the New Year's Even dance was the priority.

Next event will be the Halloween Party. Mia will present a proposed budget at the August meeting.

**Grapevine Committee** – Needs chair

**Institutions** – Mark B. No report.

**Public Information Committee** – Lorraine J had nothing new to report

**Web Committee** – Bill L. – emailed a report.

**Corrections** –Lorraine reminded everyone that the Detention Center will host 2 more orientations in August and then no more until February. Orientations are every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Work Release Center. Bring a valid ID. No one on parole or supervised probation and no one with active court cases is eligible to bring meetings to the Detention Center. Cannot have been incarcerated in the last 3 years.

**Workshops** – Needs Chair

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** –

Follow up with Mia about upcoming events – Halloween and New Year’s dances.

Follow up on donations of Big Books to Avenues.

**Group Reports:**

Brian explained to process for new GSRs to register with New York.

231 Group- Kenny G. – Tuesday and Friday meetings are going well. Need an SMIA rep. Kenny will remain GSR for now.

Awakenings – Lisa T. No report.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Chloe A. – Lots of anniversaries in August and September. Dana has volunteered to make sure they are submitted to SMIA for inclusion in the online calendar.

Cove Point – Brian B. – Not present, no report.

Daily Reflections – Karl K – new GSR. Reported an average of 10-15 attendees.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R. – Nothing new to report.

Do Drop-In Women’s Group - Carole W – Not present, no report.

Grapevine – John B. – Not present, no report.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR – No report.

Happy Destiny - Needs GSR – No report.

Happy Hour – Needs GSR – No report.

Huntingtown Noon Group –Still need to check to see if this meeting is still active.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR- No report.

Living Sober Group – Roger M – Not present, no report.

Lusby Big Book – Fulton P – new GSR reported average attendance of 10-15 with a lot of new people.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Needs GSR. Lorraine still needs to reach out to Rick H.

North Beach Group – Jaime R. – Nothing new to report.

Prince Frederick Big Book – Allan C. – Nothing new to report, holding steady with a half-dozen attendees.

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Judy S. – Not present, no report.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR

Solomons- Dave Y not present but emailed that all is going well.

Sunderland at Harmony Group – Bill L – refer to emailed a report.

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Today Group – Needs GSR

We Wuz Wurz Group – Needs GSR.

Meeting closed with prayer.