

District 1 Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2023 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance: Sara S., Chloe A., Daniel S., Lorraine J., Joseph B., Brian B., John B., Jaime R., Jake R.

* Daniel S. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes: May minutes approved

Concept – Chloe read concept 11

Treasurers Report - None

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

Alternate DCM Report: Corrected misinformation about the 5th Edition of the Big Book—first 164 pages will remain intact—only stories will be updated. There is a “Plain Language” version in the works but that will be an alternative version not a replacement for the traditional volume.

SMIA Liaison: Jamie R. – shared statistics provided by Buddy the SMIA chair: average age of AA members is 52 and average length of sobriety is 22 years. SMIA is looking for volunteers to help with the Gratitude Dinner and to help plan the 2024 Serenity Breakfast which is typically held in May. They do need to find a venue for that event. Pillars of AA Workshop will be held on Sat July 15 at Immaculate Conception Church. Flyers were provided.

Jaime reported on the proposed changes to the SMIA Buy-laws. Read current and proposed language for two sections that passed the first reading at the June 10th SMIA meeting:

Section 7.3.5 - Current Language May 16, 2022 SMIA Bylaws Revision

7.3.5 FINANCE – The Treasurer shall serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee which shall consist of three (3) members, two (2) of whom shall not be current officers of the Corporation. This Committee shall have the authority to incur any essential immediate expenditure not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). All such expenditures shall be reported to the membership at the next meeting.

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Section 8.7 - Current Language May 16, 2022 SMIA Bylaws Revision

8.7 In the event that SMIA funds are greater than the Prudent Reserve, and there are no special projects or planned equipment purchases requiring savings, all funds in excess of the Prudent Reserve shall be sent monthly to World Services and Maryland General Services on a 60/40 percent basis after a vote of the membership.

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8.7 All funds in excess of the Prudent Reserve and funds required for special projects, annual events or planned equipment purchases shall be sent bi-annually to World Services and Maryland General Services on a 60/40 percent basis after a vote of the membership at the April and October SMIA meetings which coincides with the beginning and mid-year mark of the organization’s Fiscal Year.

Reported that there was lengthy discussion about Section 7.5 and action on that section was deferred till the July meeting.

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Lorraine added that Pat is already preparing for the next printing of the Where & When and reminded Brian to send him the edits he has compiled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee – Needs chair. Joe B expressed an interest in serving in this capacity and Sara provided information on the position.

Bridging the Gap – David Y. – Not present, no report provided.

Events – Mia F.- via phone. Provided information on what time to show up for the District Picnic. Asked for approval to place a \$229 order from Nick’s. Might be able to get a cheaper price elsewhere, but historically, the District has supported local businesses. The group approved the purchase.

Mia will need a check from Peggy. Lorraine offered to go by Peggy’s house and pick up the check if needed. There will be indoor activities (card games and such) along with corn hole and bunco (?). There will be a 50-50 raffle this year.

The plan is for the District to host both a Halloween and a New Year’s Eve party.

Grapevine Committee – Need chair

Institutions – Mark B. – Not present. Still need more volunteers for the Monday and Thursday Avenues meetings.

Public Information Committee – Lorraine J. – Needs to do more footwork. Found a list of locations previously served and will follow up with them. Jaime is providing a lot of support in the north part of the county.

Web Committee – Bill L. – emailed his report.

05/15/23 – 06/19/23

Total Visits 884– Up 46.35% from previous reporting period

Most Frequently visited pages Home Page, Resources Page, Meetings Page, Calendar Page, On-Line Meetings Page

Referring Pages Direct Entry, Other Sites, Google, DuckDuckGo, Yahoo

Top 10 Visitor Locations Maryland, Virginia, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, DC, Oregon, Washington, and unknown origin.

Browsers Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Edge, Mobile (variety)

District 1 Where & When PDF was updated to reflect Summer Edition.

Corrections – Daniel S. – Lorraine reported that Jay plans to have two orientations a year—August and March. Need to recruit as many volunteers as possible, especially women, for the August orientation. Lorraine will follow up to get a firm date.

Workshops – Needs Chair

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Group Reports:

231 Group- Kenny G. – No report.

Awakenings – No report.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Chloe A. – Nothing new to report except that Bedouin remains awesome.

Cove Point – Brian B. – Nothing new to report

Daily Reflections - Donald R. – Not present—no report.

Daily Reprieve Group – Joseph B. – Group is doing well with good attendance.

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

Grapevine – John B. – Group is doing well—good attendance and still offering virtual option.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR – Bill L emailed report. Average attendance has increased to about 15. Matt C celebrated 4 years on June 7.

Happy Destiny - Needs GSR. Brian reported group still needs support but is no longer talking about shutting down.

Happy Hour – Meeting is well attended. They might be interested in having a GSR. Daniel will revisit this with them.

Huntingtown Noon Group – Needs GSR – Need to check to see if this meeting is still active.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR

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

Lusby Group - Donald R. - Not present, no report.

Monday Night Men’s Meeting – Needs GSR

North Beach Group – Jaime R. – Meetings are going well. Will be electing new service positions this Thursday.

Prince Frederick Big Book – Allan C. – Not present, no report.

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

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR

Solomons- Brian B reported the meeting is going strong with consistently good attendance.

Sunderland at Harmony Group – Bill L. emailed his report. All positions are filled. Average attendance; 10 on Monday and 15 on Thursday. Needs support.

Sunderland Group - Bill L. – Not present. See attached report

Today Group – Needs GSR

We Wuz Wurz Group – Needs GSR – Brian reported – Doing fine

Meeting closed with prayer.