

District 1 Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2025 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Attendance:

In Person: Brian B, Lorraine J, Allan C, Daniel S, Danielle M, Jake R, Jerry C, John B, John O'G, Kenny G, Kevin L, Lauren O Mary Jo G, , Peggy K, Wil W.

Via ZOOM: : David Y, Martha K.

Brian B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept: **Kenny G** read Concept 2.

Secretary's Report/Minutes: **Motion** and **second** to approve October 20, 2025, minutes as submitted, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: **Brian B** shared the Treasurer's report for period 10/21 to 11/17/25 which shows a beginning balance of \$1,312.; Contributions/Credits of \$460.00; Expenses (bank/website/Post Office Box/SMIA) \$218.77; and an ending balance of \$1,811.43.

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

DCM Report: **Brian B** reported he did not attend Saturday's budget meeting. He also noted that publication of the fifth edition of the Big Book is still at least a year away.

Full reports/transcripts of area meetings are always available at: <https://www.marylandaa.org/>.

Alternate DCM Report: Position vacant, no report.

SMIA Liaison Report: **Lorraine J** reported: Current supply of Where & Whens is exhausted. SMIA voted to delay printing until the first of December because several North Beach meetings are in flux.

Gratitude Dinner appears to have been a success, but the accounting is not in. SMIA needs someone to Chair the Serenity Breakfast.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility Committee: Dave Y reported he dropped off additional pamphlets at some of the nursing homes he previously contacted.

Bridging the Gap: Chair Dave Y – No activity this month.

Events: **Jerry C** reported that the Chili Cookoff was a success. He noted that a theme ("A Night in Hollywood") has been chosen for the New Year's Eve event and that Diana M and Danielle M will be handling décor. The gymnasium at Crossroads Church has been reserved. He asked group to approve a similar budget as last year which he estimated to be about \$1800. Peggy R pointed out the District currently only has \$1,811.43 available.

Grapevine Committee: **John B** reported that theme of the December issue of the Grapevine will be "Sober Holidays in Remote Communities" and reminded everyone to check out the Grapevine's YouTube Channel and podcasts.

Institutions: **Kevin L/Peggy K** – Kevin L has taken over this position to allow David Y to step into the DCM position. Kevin needs someone to cover 2nd Mondays for the men's groups. Daniel S has agreed to cover Thanksgiving and Christmas Day for the men. Peggy could use additional volunteers for the Women's meetings. They both always need individuals to serve as back-up for last-minute cancellations and months when there is a fifth week.

Public Information Committee: Kenny G filled Project ECHO and Health Department racks and plans to check on other locations this week.

Web Committee: Bill L reported: Total visits 466 since last month, down 3%. North county anniversaries appear to be underreported. He made improvements to the email server and website to help prevent cyberthreats.

Corrections: Daniel S reported that Men's meetings are going well and believes the women's meetings are too. Expects the next orientation to be in February or March.

Workshops: Will continue to support SMIA and other regional efforts.

Old Business:

1. Dave Y accepted the nomination to serve as DCM. All present voted in favor. Kevin L will take over as Men's Institutions Chair. Accessibilities and Bridging the Gap Chair positions are now vacant.

New Business:

1. Dave Y learned that the church secretary was under the impression that the District meetings were being held downstairs. Brian will measure signal strength downstairs at the January meeting to see if it is feasible to relocate. Further action on this was deferred until then.
2. District 1 will not meet in December.

GROUP REPORTS

231 Group – Kenny G – Going well with 10-18 attendees. Need SMIA rep.

Awakenings – Will W – Averaging 22 attendees. Friday Plain Language Big Book study is going well.

Beach Beacon – Needs GSR

Bedouin Group – Lorraine J – Going well, averaging 15-25 attendees. Thursday evening women's meeting is off to a good start.

Beyond Sobriety Group (Women's Meeting--Online Only) – Danielle B – Not present, no report.

Cove Point – Brian B – Going well. Attendance is back up after a recent slump.

Daily Reflections – Malinda - Not present, no report.

Daily Reprieve Group – Jake R – Doing well. Jerry C will celebrate 4 years, Tom C 2 years on Dec. 11.

Do Drop-In Women's Group (Online Only) – Carol W – Not present, no report.

Grapevine – John B – Attendance is still light. Could use support.

Grateful Alive Group - Needs GSR.

Happy Destiny – Ken S - Not present, no report.

Happy Hour – John O'G – Averaging 7-9 attendees, could use support. Need SMIA rep.

Harmony Group – Needs GSR.

Keeping It Green - Needs GSR.

Living Sober– Danielle M – Meeting is going well. Need SMIA rep.

Lusby Big Book – Fulton – Not present, no report.

Monday Night Men's Meeting – Ken S - Not present, no report.

North Beach Group – Needs GSR.

Prince Frederick Big Book – Allan C – Attendance still light, could use support.

Saturday Morning Breakfast – Mary Jo – Bursting at the seams. Upcoming anniversaries: Nov 29-JD, 4 years; Dec 6-Luke R, 3 years; Dec 11-Brad H, 18 years.

Sober by the Bay – Needs GSR.

Solomons – John O'G – All positions filled. Need SMIA rep.

Today Group – Lauren O – Averaging 18-20 attendees. Need SMIA rep.

We Wuz Wurz Group – Brian B – Going well. Upcoming anniversaries: Dec 6 Peggy R, 39 years and Ken S, 14 years.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.