

District 36 Committee Meeting

P.O. Box 1334, California, MD 20619

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I. Call To Order

Date: August 13, 2024

Location: Hollywood Rescue Squad
43256 Rescue Lane
Hollywood, MD 20636

Officers in Attendance:

District Chair Member (DCM)	Melissa W (virtual)
Alternate District Chair Member (Alt. DCM)	Michele H.
Secretary	Ray C.
Treasure	Keith T.

Meeting was opened at 18:30 with the Serenity Prayer

Visitors in Attendance: Brian O., Kim H, Troy T., Mark T., Carol G.

Roll Call:

Almost Normal Group	Joyce S.	Leonardtwn Group	Mary F.
Basic Text	Duke R.	Lexington Park Big Book	
Battled & Rattled	Rick K. (Alt.)	Lexington Park Step-Sisters	Laura P.
Beginners at Noon		Living Sober Meeting	
Blue Top at Noon		Monday Nite Group	
Charlotte Hall	Rob M.	Monday NiteTraditions	Michele H.
Clean Air Group		More Will Be Revealed	Michelle T.
Drunks "R" Us		Never Too Late	Ray C.
Early Bird Group	Rev M.	Not Quite Right	
Early Risers	Mary Jo G. (Alt.)	O.D.A.A.T. Woman's Meeting	
Emotional Sobriety	Mary Jo G.	Patuxent River Group	George B.
Helping Others	Brian O. (Alt.)	Poplar Hill Group	Pete D. (Alt.)
Hollywood Group		Rocky Roads	
Kingston Creek Group	John W.	Southern Maryland Big Book	CLOSED
K.I.S.S. Group		There Is A Solution	Billy B.
Laurel Grove Group	Troy T.	We Were Drunks	
Leonardtwn Big Book		What's the Point	

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II. Announcements

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- Area 29 Business Meeting August 17, 2024 – 9:00am - 3:00pm
Severna Park United Methodist Church
731 Benfield Road
Severna Park, MD 21146
 - Lunch will be provided at a donation of \$8.00 per person.Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990240795?pwd=dzd4Ym84anNINnA4Z2ZoMW1WUEJYZz09>
Meeting ID: 899 9024 0795
Passcode: 519577

- District 36 Game Night August 24, 2024 – 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Leonardtown Knights of Columbus Hall
41695 Fenwick St.
Leonardtown, MD 20650

- District 36 Committee Meeting September 10, 2024 – 6:30pm - 8:00pm
(2nd Tuesday) Hollywood Rescue Squad
23469 Rescue Ln
Hollywood, MD 20636

- District 36 Camping Trip September 13 - 15, 2024
Navy Recreation Center, Solomons
d36.events4fun@gmail.com

- SMIA Meeting September 14, 2024 – 10:00am - 12:00pm
(2nd Saturday) Immaculate Conception Church
28297 Old Village Rd
Mechanicsville, MD 20659
 - Bookstall Open: 9:00am – 10:00am
 - Zoom: [meeting link](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87243163741?pwd=UktoZW11eDZnWnRMbXFDRVh6dVpDQT09>

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- Area 29 GSR Meeting (2nd Saturday) September 14, 2024 – 10:00am - 1:00pm
Severna Park United Methodist
731 Benfield Rd
Severna Park, MD 21143
- Open to anyone wanting to know what a GSR does and how you can help your Home Group and the still suffering alcoholic.
- Zoom: 818 6222 7157 / Password: (no password)

DCM Opening Remarks and Report: *[Melissa W.]*

- Please welcome and thank the following District members:
Michelle B. – Alt. DCM
Joanie B. – SMIA Committee Chair
Buddy F. / Kim H. – PI/CPC Committee Chairs
Troy T. – GSR, Laurel Grove
Kris F. – GSR, Helping Others
Jeanette W. – GSR, O.D.A.A.T.

Alt. DCM Report: *[Michele H.]*

- Nothing to report

Secretary's Report: *[Ray C.]*

- The July 2024 Secretary's Report was distributed via email.
 - A motion and a second was proposed to accept the revised report.
 - The motion was voted on and PASSED.

Treasurer's Report: *[Keith T.]*

- The July 2024 Treasurer's Report was read.
 - A motion and a second was proposed to accept the report as read.
 - The motion was voted on and PASSED.

Committee Reports:

- Archives: *[Melissa W. for Buddy F.]*
 - Buddy has found some historical documents on District 36 and will share with the group next month.
- Corrections: *[Kim K. / Kim S.]*
 - Not Present / No Report

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- Grapevine. [Rick K]
 - The District provided Grapevine materials to a hospitalized member who was very appreciative.
 - Working with DCM on hosting a Grapevine Article Writing Seminar later this year (~Oct). More to come.
- Newcomer Packets: [Kaki B.]
 - 50 packets provided.
 - Supplies are good.
- Public Information / Cooperating with Professional Communities (PI/CPC): [Melissa W. for Buddy F. / Kim H]
 - Buddy F. and Kim H. have stepped up to take over the committee
 - Buddy is identifying and inventorying all racks within the District.
- Southern Maryland Intergroup Association (SMIA): [Joanie B.]
 - Not Present / No Report
- Special Events: [Melissa W. for Pat S.]
 - Game Night and Ice Cream Social on August 24th. Flyer has been published and distributed.
 - Camping Trip scheduled for September 13-15th. Flyer has been published and distributed.
- Treatment Centers: [Rob M. / Kathy I.]
 - Men's: Coverage remains steady, and all spots are filled.
 - Woman's: Not Present / No Report
- Webmaster & Zoom Account Report: [Joyce S. / Justin C.]
 - Website is up and running: www.district36mdaa.org
 - Address has been updated and corrected on SMIA website and Life-Line (".org", not ".com")
- Where & When's: [Rev M.]
 - Brought usual amount for distribution.
 - Provided 100 copies for PI/CPC racks (Ray C. will provide to Buddy F.)

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GSR Reports:

- Almost Normal Group: [Joyce S.]
 - Averaging 25-30 members. New topic every week. Upcoming Anniversary: 09/05 – Tony S., 41 yrs.
- Basic Text: [Duke R.]
 - Holding steady at 25-30 members. Reads and discusses 2 pages out of the Big Book every week. Just restarted and going through the Prefaces. Upcoming Anniversary: 09/29 – Paul B., 35 yrs. / 09/26 – Pete D., 6 yrs.
- Battled & Rattled: [Rick K. (Alt.)]
 - 8-10 member every week. Meets Wednesday nights with an Open Discussion format that is well received.
- Charlotte Hall: [Rob M.]
 - Averaging 20 - 25 members each week. Sean B. celebrated 6yrs. last month. Upcoming Anniversary: 08/22 – Mike H., 5 yrs.
- Early Bird Group: [Rev M.]
 - We've got a crowd. Events Committee keeps stepping on them.
- Early Risers: [Mary Jo G. (Alt.)]
 - Hybrid Big Book meeting. Going well.
- Emotional Sobriety: [Mary Jo G.]
 - Woman preferred meeting. Attendance fluctuates but is still a good meeting.
- Helping Others: [Brian O. (Alt.)]
 - Averages 20-30 members. Meets 11am on Saturday mornings in Leonardtown. Speaker picks topic format with great discussion.
- Kingston Creek Group: [John W.]
 - Meets 10am Saturday mornings at the Patuxent Presbyterian Church. Closed meeting discussing Grapevine article each week. ~~No upcoming anniversaries.~~ **Upcoming anniversaries: 09/05 – Clair T, 51 yrs.**
- Laurel Grove Group: [Troy T.]
 - Averaging 25-30 members. Meets Tuesday and Saturdays in Mechanicsville. Just rotated service positions.

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- Leonardtown Group: [Mary F.]
 - 10-15 members each week. Meets Fridays at 7pm and discusses A.A. approved Literature.
- Lexington Park Step Sisters: [Laura P.]
 - Meets Wednesdays at noon. New updated format: Week 1 – Step of the Month, Week 2 – Big Book Story, Week 3 – Speaker Meeting, Week 4 – Tradition of the Month.
- Monday Nite Traditions: [Michele H.]
 - Averaging 15-20 members. 12 & 12 Step/Tradition format.
- More Will Be Revealed: [Michelle T.]
 - Steady at 15-20 members. Pass the Basket Topic discussion.
- Never Too Late: [Ray C.]
 - Averaging 25-30 members. Lots of anniversaries in August (8 total). Upcoming Anniversary: 08/25 – Suzie L, 19 yrs. and Scott B., 2 yrs. / 09/01 – Frank P., 5 yrs. / 09/29 – Melissa W., 5yrs.
- Patuxent River Group: [George B.]
 - Meets Wednesdays at 8pm. Open Discussion meeting averaging 8-10 members.
- Poplar Hill Group: [Pete D. (Alt.)]
 - 15-17 members. Hybrid meeting and attendance is slightly down. No upcoming anniversaries.
- There Is A Solution: [Billy B.]
 - Averaging 8-15 members. Round Robin format and everyone has the opportunity to share. Currently 4 Home Group members.

III. Old Business

- Committee Service Positions
 - All service positions are currently filled
 - Alt. DCM: Michele H.
 - SMIA: Joanie B.
 - PI/CPC: Buddy F. and Kim H.

IV. New Business

- Expense Reports
 - [Rev M.] Can the Expense Reports be added to the website?

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Discussion:

[Rob M.] It is easy to do, just need to have them provided to the webmaster.

[Keith T.] What is the security and/or accessibility of the website?

[Rob M.] It is an open website with access to anyone on the web.

[Keith T.] Do the expenses really need to be open on the internet and anyone on the internet? Could this somehow breach anonymity?

- Discussion tabled to next meeting

○ Special Events Committee Breaking 4th Tradition

- [Rev M.] The Special Events is violating the 4th Tradition and diverting attendance from the Early Bird meeting.

Discussion:

[Dave H.] How many Special Events are planned each month?

[Ray C.] Averages 1 per month.

[Dave H.] Does an average of 1 event per month truly impact the monthly meeting (4 per month)!

[Ray C.] Are there any other Saturday meetings being impacted by the Special Events? None reported.

[Michele H.] The Events Calendar has been planned for the year and not all events are on Saturday evenings. Event planning took into consideration days, seasons, and weather.

[John W.] Saturday "IS" Saturday. People will do what they want to on the weekends.

[Keith T.] We will monitor the Special Events to insure they are not always on Saturdays.

[??] Maybe look at Sunday afternoons.

- Discussion tabled to next meeting

○ Number of Meetings in the District

- [Rev M.] There are too many meetings in the local area and people are stepping on each other's anniversaries.

Discussion:

[Duke R.] Its personal choice where an individual wants to attend.

[Ray C.] Isn't too many celebrations a "good" thing to have?

[Keith T.] People will just have to make a choice of which anniversary they want to attend.

[??] (to Rev) What's the solution then?

[Keith T.] This should be an SMIA concern

- Discussion tabled to next meeting



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V. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting was concluded at 19:17 with the *Lord's Prayer*