

District 36 Committee Meeting

P.O. Box 1334, California, MD 20619

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I. Call To Order

Date: September 10, 2024

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

Officers in Attendance:

District Chair Member (DCM)	Melissa W.
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 and New GSRs in Attendance:

Denis B., Kathy B. (Emotional Sobriety GSR), Jeanette W. (O.D.A.A.T. GSR)

Roll Call:

Almost Normal Group	<i>Joyce S.</i>	Leonardtwn Group	
Basic Text	<i>Duke R.</i>	Lexington Park Big Book	
Battled & Rattled	<i>Rick K. (Alt.)</i>	Lexington Park Step Sisters	<i>Laura P.</i>
Beginners @ Noon		Living Sober Meeting	
Blue Top at Noon		Monday Nite Group	
Charlotte Hall	<i>Justin C.</i>	Monday NiteTraditions	<i>Ole Willy</i>
Clean Air Group		More Will Be Revealed	<i>Michelle T.</i>
Drunks "R" Us		Never Too Late	<i>Frank P.</i>
Early Bird Group	<i>Rev M.</i>	Not Quite Right	
Early Risers	<i>Lynne B.</i>	O.D.A.A.T. Woman's Meeting	<i>Jeanette W.</i>
Emotional Sobriety	<i>Kathy B.</i>	Patuxent River Group	
Helping Others	<i>Kris F.</i>	Poplar Hill Group	
Hollywood Group		Rocky Roads	<i>Buddy F.</i>
Kingston Creek Group	<i>John W.</i>	Southern Maryland Big Book	
K.I.S.S. Group		There Is A Solution	
Laurel Grove Group	<i>Troy T.</i>	We Were Drunks	
Leonardtwn Big Book		What's the Point	

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- OCW Newsletter
 - <https://www.marylandaa.org/ocw>
 - Released quarterly (Winter, Spring, Summer Fall) to carry the message of A.A. to Area 29
 - Area 29 is looking for ideas and feedback to achieve greater distribution (i.e. reduce size, less pictures, format, etc.)
- Inactive Districts within Area 29
 - Through the “Adopted a District” initiative, fellow districts helped inactive establish a presence within the Area.
 - All Area 29 Districts currently have representation and are “active” within the A.A. Fellowship
- Plain Language Big Book (PLBB)
 - The PLBB (Item B-90) will be available for sale November 01, 2024, for \$11.00 from the A.A. Online Bookstore or our very own SMIA Bookstall.
 - A.A. Online Bookstore: <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/>
 - SMIA Bookstall: <http://somidintergroup.org/bookstall.html>
- 2025 A.A. International Convention
 - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
 - Vancouver Convention Centre - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 - July 3-6, 2025
 - <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>

Alt. DCM Opening Remarks: [Michele H.]

- Michele has questions for learning and fact finding. Please don't take these personal.

Secretary's Report: [Ray C.]

- The *Revised* (r01) August 2024 Secretary's Report was published to the website and distributed via email.
 - A motion and a second was proposed to accept the revised report.
 - The motion was voted on and PASSED.
- The District Roster was passed to update contact information for the Groups and Committees

Treasurer's Report: [Keith T.]

- The August 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.

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Committee Reports:

- Archives: [Buddy F.]
 - Shared Historical Records that were obtained during his explorations.
 - SMIA Meeting List (circa 1977) indicating twelve (Qty. 12) meetings within the District.
 - Article on Maryland A.A. History discussing Leonardtown as the first established meeting in St. Mary's County.
- Corrections: [Buddy F. for Kim K. / Kim S.]
 - Currently no meetings in the Corrections Departments.
- Grapevine. [Rick K.]
 - Check out the Grapevine Magazine, App, and Podcast. Outstanding articles and subscriptions make great gifts, especially for sponsees!!!
- Newcomer Packets: [Kaki B.]
 - Qty. 50 packets provided for distribution.
 - Supplies are good.
- Public Information / Cooperating with Professional Communities (PI/CPC): [Buddy F.]
 - All racks have been inventoried and updated.
 - **NEED** new PI/PCP Committee Chair.
 - District 36 to host a table at the St. Mary's County Health Fair.
 - Friday, October 11, 2024 – 9:00 am - 3:30pm
 - University of Maryland Southern Maryland
44219 Airport Road, California, MD 20619
 - <https://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/Aging/HealthFair/>
- Southern Maryland Intergroup Association (SMIA): [Joanie B.]
 - Not Present / No Report
- Special Events: [Pat S.] d36.events4fun@gmail.com
 - Briefed the *Event Committee Report – September 2024* (handout) providing an overview of the Outdoor Movie Night, Game Night, Camping Trip, and Bonfire & Chili Cookoff events.
 - Camping trip has been CANCELED due to lack of registration/participation by required cut-off date.
 - Flyer distributed and posted on website for upcoming Bonfire & Chili Cookoff Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

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- Treatment Centers: [Rob M. / Kathy I.]
 - Men: Speakers spots remain filled. “You” are responsible to find your replacement if you are unable to make your commitment.
 - Women: Not Present / No Report.
- Webmaster & Zoom Account Report: [Joyce S. / Justin C.] district36mdaa@gmail.com
 - Need to obtain Zoom Account information from Kathy I. to updated 2 Factory Authentication security check.
 - Website is up and running. All Minutes and Flyers have been published.
- Where & When's: [Rev M.]
 - Qty. 80 provided for distribution.

GSR Reports:

- Almost Normal Group: [Joyce S.]
 - One anniversary this month; Tony N. celebrated 41 yrs. on 05 Sep. Averaging 25-30 members weekly with 30-40 in attendance for celebrations. Meeting is doing Very Well.
- Basic Text: [Duke R.]
 - Doing Good, averaging 20-25 members. Read 2 pages from the Big Book and discuss around the room. Starting the Dr. Opinion this week. Upcoming Anniversary: Buddy F., 12 yrs. on 12 Sep.
- Battled & Rattled: [Rick K. (Alt.)]
 - Consistently having 8-10 members. No fixed topic, but always good discussion.
- Charlotte Hall: [Justin C.]
 - Averaging 20 plus each week. Open Meeting, Thursdays at 7pm across from the Veteran's Home.
- Early Bird Group: [Rev M.]
 - Nothing to report.
- Early Risers: [Lynne B.]
 - Averaging 10 members in person and 3-4 via Zoom each week using the District Zoom Account. Upcoming Anniversary: Lynne B., 9 yrs. on 21 Sep.
- Emotional Sobriety: [Mary Jo G.]
 - Kathy B. is now the registered GSR for Emotional Sobriety. Woman Preferred meeting that meets Tuesday nights. Averaging 6-10 members.

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- Helping Others: [*Kris F.*]
 - Averaging 20 plus in attendance with Qty. 14 Home Group members. New speakers every week and consistent Group Consciences.
- Kingston Creek Group: [*John W.*]
 - Upcoming Anniversary: Kelly B. 11 yrs. on 21 Sep. Closed meeting at 10am Saturdays. Reads and discusses a Grapevine Article. Averaging 12 plus weekly.
- Laurel Grove Group: [*Troy T.*]
 - Meets on Tuesday's and Saturday's at 6:30pm at Mt. Zion Church. Tuesday is 12 & 12 discussion and Saturday is Speaker format. Averaging 25-30 on Tuesday and 25 plus on Saturday. In the black.
- Lexington Park Step-Sisters: [*Laura P.*]
 - Hybrid meeting on Wednesdays at noon. New meeting format: Week 1 – Step of the Month, Week 2 – Big Book, Week 3 – Speaker, Week 4 – Tradition of the Month, Week 5 – open choice/topic decided by the chairperson.
- Monday Nite Traditions: [*Ole Willy*]
 - Holding steady. Step / Tradition format. Good participation.
- More Will Be Revealed: [*Michelle T.*]
 - Averaging 15-20 members with new faces. Upcoming Anniversary: Mike B., 4 yrs. on 30 Sep.
- Never Too Late: [*Frank P.*]
 - Averaging 30 plus each week. Open meeting, Beginner format discussing Steps 1-3. Upcoming Anniversaries: Melissa W., 5 yrs. on 29 Sep and Glen G., 2 yrs. on 06 Oct.
- O.D.A.A.T. Woman's Meeting: [*Jeanette W.*]
 - Averaging 15 in attendance each week with large amount of Home Group members. Had recent Group Consciences to rotate Service Positions and updated meeting format to A.A. Literature discussion topics.
- Rocky Roads: [*Buddy F.*]
 - Nursing Home allowing meetings again and had 6 members last week [clapping]. FREE Coffee!!!

III. Old Business

- Events Committee Breaking 4th Tradition
 - Question of Events Committee Breaking 4th Tradition by hosting events on Saturday evenings.

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- Discussion
 - [Pat. S.] How does this affect A.A. as a whole?
 - [Michele H.] Some group(s) will be impacted not matter what day the event is held.
 - [Melissa W.] Your group should be able to proceed and survive if “you” were to miss a meeting every now and then.
 - [Pat S.] The committee put a lot of consideration into the planning of events to include cost, weather, season/time of year, temperature, families with children, etc. Not one person or group was singled out.
 - [Ole Willy] Don't events benefit ALL Southern Maryland A.A.?
 - Discussion concluded and decision was made that Events Committee was NOT in violation of the 4th Tradition.
- District has too many conflicting Anniversaries/Celebrations.
 - No discussion, refer to dialog of from previous topic.

IV. New Business

- District 36 Where & When's (W&W)
 - Does the District need its own Where & When vs. the tri-county one that SMIA distributes?
 - Discussion
 - [John W.] The District W&Ws are a good way of passing contact information
 - [??] How often is the SMIA W&W printed?
 - [Pat S.] The SMIA W&W is updated / printed once a year.
 - [Michele H.] The SMIA W&W does provide Quick Response Codes (QR Code / qrc) linking you to the A.A. website and the Meeting Guide App and which are updated and kept current.
 - [Melissa W.] Does the District W&W duplicate efforts of the SMIA W&W?
 - [??] Could the money used for District W&Ws be used elsewhere?
 - Discussion Tabled to next meeting to gather additional information.
 - How many W&Ws does SMIA print?
 - How much does District 36 spend on W&W each year?
 - How much would it cost/impact SMIA to distribute their W&W among the District instead?
- Events Hosted by Home Groups
 - Something to Think About: What if Home Groups signed up to host one event each year? It could be an event of their choosing. They would be responsible for coordination and planning.



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V. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting was concluded at 20:05 with the *Lord's Prayer*