

Families Anonymous
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 16, 2022

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order: 12:04 pm EDT, by Maria S, Chair

2. Roll Call: by Jan B, Recording Secretary

<u>Name</u>	<u>WSB Role</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Monthly Report</u>
Maria S	Chair	P	W
Marcia C	Vice Chair	P	L
Cindy C	Treasurer	P	L
Jan B	Secretary	P	L
Barbara S	BMAL	P	L
Ann P	BMAL	P	W
Bob S	BMAL	P	W
Chris Y	BMAL	P	L
Chris Z	BMAL	P	N
Clive W	BMAL	E	E
Helen L	BMAL	A	N
Jeff S	BMAL	P	L
Mike B	BMAL	A	N
Sara T	BMAL	A	N

Attendance Key: P=Present, A=Absent, E=Excused, LOA=Leave of Absence

Monthly Report Key: W= Submitted by deadline, L=Submitted after deadline,
N=No report submitted, E=Excused for extenuating circumstances, LOA
= Leave of Absence

3. Acceptance of Published Agenda:

- Marcia moved to accept the Agenda, Cindy seconded, voted on and accepted.

4. Tradition One:

- Read by Bob S *“Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends on unity.”*

5. Approval of June 2022 WSB Minutes:

- Jan moved to accept the June WSB Minutes, Ann seconded, voted on and approved. Jan to distribute.

6. Chair's Report:

- There were no comments or questions concerning the Chair's Report.

7. Treasurer's Report:

- There were no comments or questions concerning the Treasurer's Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
SC-1 Public Information	Jeff S
SC-2 WSO	Maria S
SC-3 Literature	Ann P
SC-4 Serenity Messenger Newsletter	Robert S
SC-5 Bylaws, Parliamentary	Barbara S
SC-6 International Groups	Helen L
SC-7 Budget Committee	Cindy C
SC-8 Sponsorship	Helen L
SC-9 Group Outreach	Marcia C
SC-10 Financial Oversight	Chris Z
SC-11 Technology	Chris Y

- **SC-11 Technology**
 - Ann brought up
 - a question to Chris Y from the Literature committee members: Has there been an improvement made yet on the website when searching for literature? The feedback is that it is hard to find things and when searching, the search only goes to the e-store not to the free downloads. Chris said that he can go back to Brian with specific problems to fix that are consistently problematic for members. Cindy and Chris will look into making sure the free downloads are tagged as Marcia stated that there is a way to tag every page. Ann will go back to the committee to ask for specifics and get back to Chris.
- Other than the information provided in the monthly Board Reports, there were no additional updates from the Committee Chairs.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
AH-1 Convention Liaison	Barbara S
AH-2 Intergroup Support & Development	TBD
AH-3 Document Review	Ann P
AH-4 Long Range Planning	Mike B
AH-5 Revenue Growth Task Force	Cindy C
AH-6 Education	Marcia C

- **AH-1 Convention Liaison**
 - Barbara asked Cindy for a Convention numbers update. Cindy stated that there are 60 registrants as of today. They have raised \$2,000 so far. Both numbers are as expected at this point. All the speakers are set and the committee is in the promotional phase at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Status of calls to Group Secretaries by US WSB members:

- Maria opened discussion with announcing that the Education Committee will be holding 2 sessions in response to the feedback from the calls: September 24th will be on running hybrid meetings and October 29th on raising awareness of FA. Both will be recorded and available on the Website for future learning.
- Marcia stated that many groups have reported losing members as a result of the back and forth of formats, eg. virtual, hybrid, face to face.
- Cindy reported that many secretaries were happy to be contacted, they felt this has been missing for awhile and they are glad to have a person to contact when needed.
- Chris Y had 3 main pieces of input: First, the running of a hybrid meeting from the tech side is difficult and it will be good to address this at the Education Committee session on September 24th. Second, some groups are struggling because the groups are divided, members either wanting to remain on zoom only or members only wanting face to face meetings. Lastly, he found that 5-6 secretaries did not respond at all, despite his best efforts.
- Marcia and Jeff agreed that secretaries not responding is not unusual. Jeff has some suggestions for making the hybrid sessions work better both visually and auditory-wise. Marcia and Maria will make sure to include these ideas in the hybrid session.
- Marcia asked Jeff if the Education Committee sessions are posted on the Facebook page, which he will do. This led to a discussion of whether FA using social media will be questioned by some of FA's long time members, since it did not used to be acceptable. Maria pointed out that Jeff has been mindful of the Traditions in his setting up and maintenance of the FB page. Marcia suggested

putting out a message to groups about the current thinking of the use of social media to raise awareness of FA. Maria will include a discussion of this in the recorded section of the Raising Awareness session on October 29th.

TABLED ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION LC-1 The Literature Committee moves that the WSB approve the attached revision of #1029 *Tough Love – For Whom?*

Rationale:

- The Literature Committee determined that revision of this piece was required.
- Inventory of this piece was low, and this revision was undertaken in a timely manner.
- Because of the need to replenish the WSO's low inventory and prevent an out-of-stock situation, interim approval by the WSB was requested and received prior to this July 2022 WSB meeting. This Motion LC-1 is being made to memorialize the WSB's approval.

Feasibility:

- The WSB has already had an opportunity to review and make comments on the revised piece.
- Any comments offered by board members were considered prior to creating the attached revision.
- The final PDF is attached to this motion.

Implementation:

- This revision is being printed.
 - **Motion made by Ann, seconded by Bob, voted on and approved.**

MOTION LC-2 (July 2022) Motion: The Literature Committee moves that the WSB approve the attached revision of #2003-3 *Contempt to Respect: #3 in the Helping Series*.

Rationale:

- The Literature Committee determined that revision of this piece was required.
- Inventory of this piece was low, and this revision was undertaken in a timely manner.

Feasibility:

- The WSB has already had an opportunity to review and make comments on the revised piece.
- Any comments offered by board members were considered prior to creating the attached revision.
- The final PDF is attached to this motion.

Implementation:

- The Literature Committee will proof and polish this piece, as appropriate, before sending it to the printer.
- The Literature Committee will ask the treasurer for a purchase order, send a press-quality PDF to the printer, and monitor the production of this job.
- **Motion made by Ann, seconded by Chris, voted on and approved.**

MOTION LC-3 (July 2022) Motion: The Literature Committee moves that the WSB approve the attached revision of #1025 *Gifts of the Spirit*.

Rationale:

- The Literature Committee determined that revision of this piece was required.
- Inventory of this piece was getting low, and this revision was undertaken in a timely manner.

Feasibility:

- The WSB has already had an opportunity to review and make comments on the revised piece.
- Any comments offered by board members were considered prior to creating the attached revision.
- The final PDF is attached to this motion.

Implementation:

- The Literature Committee will proof and polish this piece, as appropriate, before sending it to the printer.
- The Literature Committee will ask for the treasurer for a purchase order, send a press-quality PDF to the printer, and monitor the production of this job.
- **Motion made by Ann, seconded by Barbara, voted on and approved.**

CLOSING

1. Announcements and Other Items:

- Bob announced that the period for opposition to the trademarks has passed and there was no opposition. Therefore, we should be seeing approval of the trademarks with in the next few months, depending on the speed of the Trademark office.

2. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Jan, seconded by Marcia, voted on and passed (12:47 pm EDT).

3. Closed with the Serenity Prayer