

**Families Anonymous  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 15, 2022**

**INTRODUCTION**

**1. Call to Order:** 12:00pm 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	W
Cindy C	Treasurer	P	W
Jan B	Secretary	P	W
Barbara S	BMAL	P	W
Ann P	BMAL	P	W
Bob S	BMAL	P	W
Chris Y	BMAL	P	W
Chris Z	BMAL	P	W
Clive W	BMAL	E	E
Helen L	BMAL	A	N
Jeff S	BMAL	E	W
Mike B	BMAL	E	E
Sarah T	BMAL	P	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:**

- Barbara moved to accept the Agenda, Bob seconded, voted on and accepted.

**4. Tradition One:**

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

**5. Approval of September 2022 WSB Minutes:**

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

**6. Chair's Report:**

- Maria added to her report that for Nicole and Angel’s reviews, Maria will send feedback forms to the same Board members to whom she sent them for the last reviews. All mentioned Board members were in agreement.
- There were no other comments or questions concerning the Chair’s Report.

**7. Treasurer's Report:**

- Cindy provided the September monthly financial reports, as part of her monthly report.
- There were no other 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-12 Long Range Planning	Mike B

- 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  
AH-4 Education  
AH-5 Literature Access Initiative

Ann P  
Marcia C  
Maria S

AH-1 Convention Liaison - Barbara has not been able to reach the Louisville group that had expressed interest in hosting a convention. However, she did speak to Matt from the Chicago Intergroup who expressed interest and excitement in the Intergroup hosting a virtual convention next year. He will consult with Cindy, present the idea of hosting a virtual convention and splitting any profit with the WSB to the Intergroup, and revert to Barbara with a decision.

AH-5 Literature Access Initiative – Maria sent out an email yesterday to the WSB describing the outcome of the first meeting of this initiative. Cindy had taken a free download piece, *Are You At Wit's End?* and had developed a sample of what an electronic version could look like, using ISSUU. Cindy: The idea is to first take literature that is free to download in order to increase awareness of and grow the FA fellowship. Electronic versions of FA literature are a way of getting material to a younger population via social media of all sorts, as well as an answer to dwindling literature sales. Since Covid, many groups are no longer meeting in person and may continue in this fashion. Down the road, electronic literature sales will be added to our offerings and the hope is that they will up sales. Chris Y: Another benefit of electronic literature is to make the FA website more findable by joining things up on a common platform. Marcia stated that the sample was impressive. Ann asked if any piece formatted like this could be uploaded to and viewed on our website, and the answer is yes. Also the photos of people on the piece are not FA members but are stock photos that can be used for this purpose. The LAI will present a motion at November's WSB meeting delineating next steps.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**TABLED ITEMS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. MOTION LC-1 (October 2022)**

- **Motion:** The Literature Committee moves that the WSB approve the revision of #7003 *Families Anonymous—For Me?*
- **Rationale:** The Literature Committee determined that revision of this piece was required in order for the text to be consistent with current terminology used in the medical and psychological communities, pursuant to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5)*.
- **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:**  
Upon approval of this motion, the Literature Committee will:
  - proof and polish this piece, as appropriate, so it is ready for printing when warranted by inventory level
  - send a PDF of this revision to the website manager for uploading to the Free Downloads page of the website to replace the file that is currently there
  - translate this revision into Spanish to replace the translation that is currently in the literature catalog
  - send a PDF of the new Spanish translation to the website manager for uploading to the Free Downloads page of the website
- **Motion made by Ann, seconded by Barbara, voted on and approved.**

### **2. MOTION LC-2 (October 2022)**

- **Motion:** The Literature Committee moves that the WSB approve the #5015 *Meeting Location Signs*.
- **Rationale:** This new literature piece was created, in response to a group's request, to provide signage that groups can post to direct attendees to their meetings.
- **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.
- **Implementation:** Upon approval of this motion, the Literature Committee will:

- send a PDF of this new piece to the website manager for uploading to the Free Downloads page of the website
- prepare a “Spotlight on Literature” article for the *Serenity Messenger* announcing the creation of this new piece
- **Motion made by Ann, seconded by Marcia, voted on and approved.**

**3. November Calls from WSB Members to Group Secretaries:**

Maria will first get a current list of all groups and then divide up calls among all of the WSB, trying to give the same group secretaries to the same WSB members that they called last go around. Maria will then send to the WSB an email draft to send out prior to placing the calls, and a suggested script for the calls based on the following suggestions: Cindy will send out a list of recent donations and big purchases so that we can thank the secretaries directly. Bob suggested to ask for convention feedback. Marcia asked that the group secretaries make sure to let the WSO know if their format has changed (from in-person to virtual/hybrid, or back to in-person) and suggested that we not bog them down with too much info/questions. Chris Y thinks we should ask if the secretaries think the groups will ever go back to face to face meetings and how they would like to have literature get to their groups?

**CLOSING**

**1. Announcements and Other Items:**

- Bob announced that the Certificate of Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation has been sent off to the California Secretary of State and we are just waiting for confirmation that it was received.
- Sarah is putting together a short vignette to show the WSB. Looking forward to seeing it.

**2. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Z, seconded by Ann, voted on and passed (12:44 pm EDT).

**3. Closed with the Serenity Prayer**