

Families Anonymous
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 20, 2023

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Call to Order:** 12:01 pm EDT, by Maria S, Chair
- 2. Roll Call:** by Jan B.

<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	E	E
Ann P	BMAL	P	W
Bob S	BMAL	P	W
Chris Y	BMAL	P	W
Chris Z	BMAL	P	W
Guy B	BMAL	P	E
Helen L	BMAL	P	L
Jeff S	BMAL	P	L
Mike B	BMAL	P	N
Sarah T	BMAL	P	N
Christina B	BMAL	P	E

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:

- Bob moved to accept the Agenda, Chris Y 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 March 2023 WSB Minutes:

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

6. Chair's Report:

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

7. Treasurer's Report:

- Cindy provided the monthly financial reports for April 2023 as part of her monthly report.
- There were no other comments or questions concerning the Treasurer's Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee

SC-1 Public Information
SC-2 WSO
SC-3 Literature
SC-4 Serenity Messenger Newsletter
SC-5 Bylaws, Parliamentary
SC-6 International Groups
SC-7 Budget Committee
SC-8 Sponsorship
SC-9 Group Outreach
SC-10 Financial Oversight
SC-11 Technology
SC-12 Long Range Planning

Chair

Jeff S
Maria S
Ann P
Robert S
Barbara S
Helen L
Cindy C
Helen L
Marcia C
Chris Z
Chris Y
Mike B

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee

AH-1 Convention Liaison
AH-2 Intergroup Support & Development

Chair

Barbara S
TBD

AH-3 Document Review
AH-4 Education
AH-5 Literature Access Initiative

Ann P
Marcia C
Maria S

- Other than the information provided in the monthly Board Reports, there were no additional updates from the Committee Chairs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

TABLED ITEMS:

1. Update on audio book version of TABW; results of survey (Maria S):

Survey Results: 196 respondents total, a good number. Of that total, 50% replied they would not be interested in an audio version and 32% replied maybe. So unless the RNIB is willing to create a free version for charity, the WSB will not pursue this venture. Guy will find out from Clive (who took over as UK FA chair) where things stand with the RNIB.

2. Vignettes Project (Sarah T, Jeff S):

Sarah has identified all the best clips of Mike and has gone through all the enabling literature to pick out blurbs for the pilot. She also has a budget prepared for the pilot. Jeff sent out, as part of his Board Report, a You Tube clip of a very low budget production a friend of his made for a class. He thinks we might consider using this for our vignettes, and asked for feedback via email. Sarah will send out a budget for the pilot, once funding is available, producing the pilot should be quick.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final Preparation for Annual Business Meeting (June 10th, 2 PM)

All WSB members are requested to attend.
Committee chairs have 2 options for slide presentations: either present your own slides yourself or Maria can imbed your slides in her presentation and then you or someone on your committee can present them. Let Maria know your preference this week while she is working on the State of the Fellowship presentation.

2. Motion LC-1 (May 2023)

Motion: The Literature Committee moves that the WSB approve the new booklet #2003-4 *Hostility to Understanding: #4 in the Helping Series*. (Pending input from Sarah by May 27th)

Rationale:

- This *fourth* booklet in the *Helping Series* has been created by the Literature Committee to supplement FA's *Helping* reading.
- Its appearance—its “pocket-size” format (4.25” x 5.5”) and its cover design—matches the other four booklets and identifies it as part of the Helping Series.

Feasibility:

- The WSB has already had an opportunity to review and make comments on this piece.
- Any comments offered by board members were considered prior to submitting this motion.

Implementation:

Upon completion of the above, the Literature Committee shall:

- proof and polish this piece, as appropriate, in preparation for printing
- coordinate with the treasurer regarding printing this piece
- monitor the printing of this job
- add this piece to the literature catalog
- ask the WSO to send a scan of the front cover to the website manager for uploading to the e-store
- prepare a “Spotlight on Literature” article for the *Serenity Messenger* highlighting this piece and the entire Helping Series

Motion made by Ann, seconded by Bob, voted on and unanimously approved.

3. Motion: Approval of Italian By-Laws and Articles of Association

The WSB all had a chance to review the Italian By-Laws and Articles of Association. Any questions were discussed and resolved.

Thank you to Ann for providing literature on anonymity among other topics to the Italian Board which helped them feel comfortable to move forward.

Motion made by Marcia, seconded by Helen, unanimously approved.

4. Motion LAI (May 2023): Approval of E-Resources

The LAI sent out 13 new e-documents to the Board for review after sending them to the LC first. After a bit of back and forth with the LC prior to the board meeting, there remains one unresolved term in the Behavioral Health Professionals pamphlet. The word 'addicts' is used intentionally by the LAI in order to not dilute the message, whereas the LC prefers the term 'persons with addictions' in order to not stigmatize or define a person by their addiction. The WSB discussed this at length and in the end the majority voted to change the word 'addicts' to 'persons with addictions'. All are in agreement that the e-resources are powerful and kudos go to Cindy and the LAI for all the time and effort put into these documents. Sarah later suggested adding a pamphlet for Life Coaches.

CLOSING

1. Announcements/items forgotten to mention:

Chris Y: Update from Tech Committee, there have been requests from the Fellowship to make shopping on the website easier, and one thing has been changed where one can now put items in the cart and continue shopping. For other changes we may need to upgrade the system and Chris Y will speak with Brian this week about what that entails.

2. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Y, seconded by Helen, voted on and adjourned
(1:26 pm EST).

3. Closed with the Serenity Prayer