

**Families Anonymous**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**June 17, 2023**

**INTRODUCTION**

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

**2. Roll Call:** by Jan B.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>WSB Role</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Report</u></b>
Maria S	Chair	P	W
Chris Y	Vice Chair	P	W
Cindy C	Treasurer	P	W
Jan B	Secretary	P	W
Ann P	BMAL	E	E
Bob S	BMAL	E	W
Chris Z	BMAL	P	W
Guy B	BMAL	E	E
Helen L	BMAL	P	N
Jeff S	BMAL	P	W
Mike B	BMAL	P	N
Sarah T	BMAL	P	N
Christina B	BMAL	E	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:**

- Chris Y moved to accept the Agenda, Helen seconded, voted on and accepted.

**4. Tradition One:**

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

## **5. Approval of May 2023 WSB Minutes:**

- Jan moved to accept the May WSB Minutes, Helen 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 May 2023 as part of her monthly report. She highlighted that we are on track to lose \$24,000 this year.
- 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  
AH-3 Document Review

### **Chair**

Barbara S  
TBD  
Ann P

- Chris Y highlighted that there are ongoing issues of people trying to hack into the FA website the they are aware of and are trying to remedy. He and Cindy are dealing with Brian/web support about this and there may be times when the website will need to be taken down to install plug-ins, etc. Have patience.
- Other than this and the information provided in the monthly Board Reports, there were no additional updates from the Committee Chairs.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Vignettes Project (Sarah and Jeff):**

- Sarah wonders if any funding has been found, She listened again to the original video recording and found a few new topic ideas that may be usable in there. She also has ideas on sound people who may be able to clean up the audio.
- Jeff stated that any of the recordings can be rerecorded easily and suggested using university students majoring in audio/visual degrees who can do what we need for little to no money, just for the experience.
- Maria asked BOD if anyone had found donors to the project and no one had. Jeff asked if an FA member's Foundation could donate money to FA, and Maria said she will look into the By-Laws about this. She will also ask how many people are on FA's Big List.
- Jeff will check with Al Anon to see if they have done a return on investment projection for their project, so that we would have an idea of the cost/benefit ratio for the vignettes. Thinks it will be hard to know what the impact will be.
- Maria suggested that we should ask the Group Secretaries to ask their new members how they heard of FA once the pilot is distributed, to see if it has had an impact.
- Chris Y said we can get analytics from the website, measure how much activity there is on the website, to study, but most importantly is to get the distribution of the vignette right.
- Sarah will send Maria the name of the FA member who volunteered to help with distribution of the vignettes so that the LAI can reach out to her to see if she can help with e-document distribution as well.
- Jeff and Sarah will write up a one page explanation of the project for WSB members to use when asking for donations of funds or in kind donations in response to a request from Chris Z.

## **TABLED ITEMS:**

1. **Update on audio book version of TABW): Tabled again since Guy is not present.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Quick Review of WSB Responsibilities - Tabled since new board members not present.**

Maria will send out a link to various documents on the website under WSB about the responsibilities of WSB members. Please review so we can discuss at the next meeting ideas of how to run the meeting and making our meetings more efficient, so that we are all on the same page.

2. **Debrief of ABM - Maria**

Maria brought up 2 points:

- Not surprisingly, there was not a big turnout.
- The key message was the need to raise awareness, grow the membership and the number of groups. This needs to be the focus of all committee chairs going forward.

3. **Review of Committee Assignments - Maria**

Maria will send out an updated committee assignment list. There are a few missing positions now due to the board turnover, for example, Parliamentarian and Convention Liaison (Barbara will be on the committee, but need a chair). Please review look at all the committee members, make sure it is accurate and send any changes or additions to Maria.

4. **WSB calls to group secretaries - Maria**

Coming up on time for our every six month call to group secretaries, will be done in July. Maria will again send out a script which will include mentioning:

1. All 14 e-documents being up on the website
2. The needs of the Vignettes project
3. July, 7th month/7th Tradition— time to donate e-blast.

Please send Maria any further ideas for the script.

## **CLOSING**

### **1. Announcements/items forgotten to mention:**

Chris Y will be recommending at next month's meeting that we spend \$25 extra per month to expand the memory and bandwidth for the website. He will make a motion at next month's meeting.

### **2. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Y, seconded by Cindy, voted on and adjourned (1:08 pm EST).

### **3. Closed with the Serenity Prayer**