

**Families Anonymous
Final Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 19, 2024**

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order: 12:02 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
Chris Y	Vice Chair	P	W
Cindy C	Treasurer	P	W
Jan B	Secretary	P	W
Greg C	BMAL	P	W
Bob S	BMAL	P	W
Chris Z	BMAL	E	W
Guy B	BMAL	P	W
Helen L	BMAL	P	N
Lori H	BMAL	P	W
Cristina B	BMAL	LOA	LOA

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:

- Maria moved to accept the Agenda, Guy seconded, voted on and accepted.

4. Tradition One:

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

5. Approval of September 2024 WSB Minutes: Jan

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

6. Chair's Report: Maria S

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

7. Treasurer's Report: Cindy C

- Cindy provided the monthly financial reports for September 2024 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

TBD
Maria S
Maria S
Robert S
Maria S (ad interim)
Helen L
Cindy C
Helen L
Chris Z
Chris Z
Chris Y
Greg C

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee

AH-1 Convention Liaison
AH-2 Intergroup Support & Development
AH-3 Document Review
AH-4 Education
AH-5 Literature Access Initiative

Chair

Cindy C
TBD
TBD
Maria S
Maria S

Maria acknowledged Greg for all the work he put in to help Chris Z with the GO committee.

- There were no other comments or questions regarding the committee reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

TABLED ITEMS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of the Dashboard (Cindy C)

- **Fellowship Growth:**

- There were 0 new groups started this month, but in October got a Facebook like from Piraeus, Greece, where 2 new groups started in June. Facebook has reach!
- There were 2 Starter Kits sent out to the groups in Nashville, TN and Antigo, WI.
- No groups closed down this month.

- **Awareness & Outreach:**

Social media: Still picking up new followers, still posting daily, alternating between Facebook and Instagram.

Vignettes: Had 652 views of Don't Do It Alone on YouTube and 5 potential participants for new video projects. Sarah is in early phase of reaching out to the 5 participants.

ISSUU stats: 35 countries are accessing the e-resources via ISSUU, added Japan and Kenya this month

- **Literature and Events:**

New publication this month: 7008E - Email Templates, another e-Resource to help Spread the Word.

Serenity Messenger, Fall 2024 edition was published 9/25 and we have had 105 views as of 10/16. The Spotlight highlighted the new piece on humility, #1038, and since have sold 20 copies.

Convention: Chicagoland Regional Convention will be held on November 2nd this year.

2025 UK Convention - April 5-7 will be held in Birmingham, UK and the 2025 World Service Convention will be held in Chicago, IL.

Education: Spread the Word Session scheduled for October 26th.

-Future Ideas: Social Media, New Groups, Sponsorship

- **Group Support:**

San Diego, CA: Julie Z from Northfield, IL group is interested in starting a new group in San Diego where she spends much of her time. On Oct. 3rd Cindy, Greg and Julie met on Zoom to provide resources and encouragement.

Hendersonville, NC: A starter kit was sent in June to Cynthia V. She asked for a Zoom call which was scheduled for 9/30 but had to be postponed due to Hurricane Helene.

Mulkiteo, WA: Oct 1 GO received email from Angella S, Greg responded Oct 3 with resources and encouragement, awaiting response.

Vanceburg, KY: Oct 15 Tammy sent email to FA, Oct 16 Greg responded with information and encouragement, awaiting response.

The following are contacts that were in the GO mailbox that Greg went through and called back. Greg will reach out to them again.

Philadelphia, PA: In May Eva sent an email to GO expressing interest in starting a meeting. Oct 3 Greg inquired if there is still interest, awaiting response.

Homer, AK: July 21 Roy W sent email to GO expressing interest in starting a meeting. Oct 3 Greg inquired if there is still interest, awaiting response.

Greg cleared 500+ old/irrelevant emails from GO mailbox and will monitor the mailbox closely from now on.

- **New Niche FA Groups:**

Siblings Group Meeting: Will meet online first Thursday of each month; launches Nov 7. An email will go out to the Fellowship to announce this new group.

Parents of Adolescents Group Meeting: Will meet online the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month; launches Dec 8. An email will go out to the Fellowship to announce this new group as well. Lori has a list of topics and is looking for people to lead the first few meetings. She is concerned about how to use TABW if some group members do not own it. Maria said she will help by sharing the link to purchase TABW and putting the readings up in chat until everyone has their own.

Bereavement Group Meeting: Meets online the last Sunday of each month; group has grown to 32 members on the email list.

2. WSO Zoom Account (Greg):

Update: The WSB has been talking for awhile about switching to Zoom from GoTo Meeting, but were waiting for the GoTo subscription to end next summer. We found a company, Tech Soup, that if we join for \$18, we get each Zoom account for half price since we are a non-profit. So Maria, who has a private zoom account for which she pays \$160 and whose subscription ends the end of this month, has decided to cancel that private account and donate the \$160 to FA to get 2 zoom accounts through Tech Soup. One account Maria will hold onto since she runs 10+ online meetings. The other account will be offered to groups that need help holding virtual meetings, and any other meetings that need Zoom. They can all use the same account as long as their meetings do not take place at the same time. Other new groups, if needed, could purchase an additional \$80 Zoom account, several groups could share one account. Greg will manage the accounts.

3. LAI Motion: Approval of #8003-E *New Group Starter Kit* (Maria):

Motion: The Literature Access Initiative moves that the WSB approve #8003-E *New Group Starter Kit*.

Rationale:

- Growing the fellowship is an area of focus for the World Service Board.
- This document will facilitate and simplify the start-up of new groups, both for the WSO employees and for new group members.

Feasibility:

- This e-document includes information provided in #8004 *Starting a New FA Group*, as well as links to the documents listed in #8003 *Starter Kit*.
- This document was reviewed by the LC and feedback was incorporated.
- The WSB is being provided a copy of this document on October 16 for their review.

Implementation:

- Upon WSB approval of this motion, the Literature Access Committee will undertake the following actions:
 - Upload the document to ISSUU for electronic publication.
 - Add the document to the FA website under E-Resources.
 - Create an announcement for the *Serenity Messenger*, Social Media, and an email blast.
 - Debrief WSO Employees (Angel & Nicole) on the availability of this resource and work with them to transition to the new group start-up process.

Cost: There is no cost associated with this motion.

Maria recognized Cindy who did a tremendous amount of work and created a great working document. This will facilitate new groups starting and will save Angel a lot of work as well. Maria will work with Angel to transition to this new document. It is very impressive and will make it easier to start new groups.

Maria made the motion, Bob seconded, voted on and approved unanimously.

4. Giving Tuesday/Year End Matching program for 2024 (Cindy):

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and is an opportunity to key into people's year end giving. If the board agrees to voluntarily donate to this, Cindy would announce to the Fellowship that the Board is offering a matching program. WSB would need to notify Cindy by November 15th what each of us

want to donate so that she can get the announcement out in time. WSB and all donations from the Fellowship, would need to be made by December 31st.

Cindy made the motion to go forward with a board matching program, Jan seconded, voted on and approved unanimously.

5. Motion: Move that the Families Anonymous World Service Board (WSB) Treasurer reinvest \$75,000.00 in an FDIC-insured 3-Month Certificate of Deposit (CD) with Chase Bank. (Cindy):

MOTION: Move that Families Anonymous World Service Board (WSB) Treasurer reinvest \$75,000.00 in an FDIC-insured 3-Month Certificate of Deposit (CD) with Chase Bank.

RATIONALE: Rates of return for CDs are currently higher than the rate earned from the fellowship's Savings account. The fellowship could earn more interest income while keeping funds fully insured by the FDIC.

The fellowship's projected cash needs over the time period of a 3-month CD allow for this investment.

The interest rate as of October 16, 2024, for a 3-month \$75,000.00 CD is 3.75% Annual Percentage Yield (APY). Note: rates are updated daily. At a 3.75% rate, the fellowship would earn approximately \$700 during the 3-month period of the CD. In comparison, the Savings account earns approximately \$24 annually.

IMPLEMENTATION: On approval, the Treasurer is authorized to reinvest \$75,000.00 into a 3-month Certificate of Deposit with Chase Bank when the two existing CDs totaling \$90,000 mature on October 25, 2024.

COST: None

Cindy made the motion, Greg seconded, voted on and approved unanimously.

CLOSING

1. Announcements/items forgotten to mention:

Jan will be absent from next month's meeting, so Maria graciously agreed to take minutes.

Bob and Chris Y are working on an email blast to send to the Fellowship regarding needing more board members.

Helen was happy to see her FA family today as she has been going through a lot at home. We all wish her well.

2. Adjournment: Maria moved to adjourn, Helen seconded, voted on and approved. Adjourned at 12:38 pm ET.

3. Closed with Serenity Prayer