

Families Anonymous
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 19, 2025

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order: 12:02 pm EDT, by Maria S, Chair - Welcome to Paul W who will be replacing Guy B as UK Rep.

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	N
Guy B	BMAL	P	W
Helen L	BMAL	E	N
Lori H	BMAL	E	E
Judy B	BMAL	P	W
Paul W	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:

- Maria moved to accept the Agenda, Cindy 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, 2025 WSB Minutes

- Jan moved to accept the March, 2025 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 March, 2025 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

Cindy C (Board Liaison)
Maria S
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Robert S
Maria S (ad interim)
Helen L
Cindy C
Lori H
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
Greg C
Jan B
Maria S
Maria S

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**TABLED ITEMS: NONE****NEW BUSINESS:****1. Review of the Dashboard (Cindy C) (See Attachment A).**

Growth: 2 new groups this month, in Jupiter, FL and the Teens Online Niche group.

4 starter kits purchased.

1 group closed this month. This was in Chicago, IL.

Awareness & Outreach: Facebook, Instagram interactions and Video views continue to grow. Users are enjoying the posts and some groups are using them as meeting topics.

Literature: No new literature in March.

Events: 2025 Conventions: UK April 11-13, Guy and Paul commented that the UK convention was emotional and moving, especially the presentation by one of the Bereavement group members, the “jewel in the UK FA crown”!

WS Convention in Chicago suburb of Oakbrook, July 25 - 27. Planning is on track, moving nicely forward.

Niche Groups: All three original groups going well. New Teen group and S.O./ Spouse (SOS) groups have launched. Judy reported that the SOS group was small but a nice group and hopes that it will grow with time. The Teen group launched but no teens participated. Greg said that Kaitlyn, the leader has a great attitude and will continue to promote the group.

Education: Future offerings: Sponsorship scheduled for April 26, 2025, Co-Dependency and Concurrent Mental Health Disorders.

Virtual Meeting Outreach: 8 board members and volunteers from the Fellowship are attending Virtual Meetings and sharing WSB resources to those groups. 31 of 85 groups have been attended so far. Groups expressing appreciation that the WSB is reaching out. Greg noted that the board members and volunteers are learning a lot about what is going on in the Fellowship, for instance, he learned that Winnipeg has an intergroup!

****Judy** noted that the Parents of Adolescents group had a problem using the Zoom login last week and asked if there was a way to have dedicated Zoom rooms for each group. Maria said there would be some issues with that, but will look into it as it is getting hard to manage as is. Greg will open a new Zoom account to be used for the Teen Meeting and will update the promotion for it as well as the web site.

2. MOTION: Approval of PPG-17 *WSB Member Responsibilities & Guidelines* (Maria)

Motion: Move that the WSB approve the updated version of PPG-17 *WSB Member Responsibilities & Guidelines*

Rationale: This policy was due for review. .

Feasibility: The updated document was sent to the WSB for review on March 23, 2025. In Addition to updating the review dates, it included the following substantive changes:

- Added #5010 *FA's Twelve Traditions in Action* to the list of reading material for new board members
- Added a statement that non-board members may chair a committee, provided a board member serves as board liaison.
- Modifies Appendix 1 (which has excerpts from #5006 *A Look Inside the FA Fellowship*) to reflect the current version of #5006 (which was updated in 2024).
- Updated Appendix 2 to reflect that we now use Zoom instead of GoToMeeting.
- Updated Appendix 3 (example of board report) to more accurately reflect recent board reports.

The deadline for providing feedback was April 12. No additional changes were suggested.

Implementation: Once approved, the WSO Chair will provide the WSO DMC with:

- A Word file (with the updated information) to serve as the Golden Master
- A pdf file (with the updated information) for filing on the website.

Cost: There is no cost associated with this motion.

Motion made by Maria, Chris Y seconded, voted on and approved unanimously.

3. MOTION: Motion to Approve update of PPG-04 *International Policy* (Jan)

Motion: Move that the WSB approve the updated version of PPG-04 *International Policy*.

Rationale: This policy was due for review. The document was updated to reflect the current mode of operation.

Feasibility: The document, with updated review dates, was sent to the WSB for review on April 14, 2025. No additional changes were suggested.

Implementation: Once approved, the Document Review Chair will provide the WSO DMC with:

- A Word file (with the updated review dates) to serve as the Golden Master.

- A pdf file (with the updated review dates) for filing on the website.

Cost: There is no cost associated with this motion.

Motion made by Jan, Judy seconded, voted on and approved unanimously.

4. MOTION: Motion to Approve update of PPG-13 *Literature Committee Operating Procedures* (Jan)

Motion: Move that the WSB approve the updated version of PPG-12 *Literature Committee Operating Procedures*.

Rationale: This policy was due for review. No substantive changes were needed.

Feasibility: The document, with updated review dates, was sent to the WSB for review on February 20, 2025. No additional changes were suggested.

Implementation: Once approved, the WSO Chair will provide the WSO DMC with:

- A Word file (with the updated review dates) to serve as the Golden Master.

- A pdf file (with the updated review dates) for filing on the website.

Cost: There is no cost associated with this motion.

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

5. May Mailing to Group Secretaries and Annual Business Meeting Preparation (Maria):

The 2025 ABM will be held on June 7 between the hours of 2 - 4 PM Eastern Time. Maria plans to send out ABM information, election details and voting instructions to group secretaries by May 1st. She will encourage voting by email and Bob agreed to accept the emails again this year. Cindy will add a blurb about the WS Convention in Chicago as well.

Maria asked the committee chairs to again give a short presentation on the work of the committee over the year. Chairs please send an outline to Maria who will incorporate it into a Power Point presentation.

CLOSING

1. Announcements / items forgotten to mention: None

2. Adjournment: Maria moved to adjourn, Judy seconded, voted on and approved. Adjourned at 12:34 pm ET.

3. Closed with Serenity Prayer

Attachment A

