

Families Anonymous
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 21, 2025

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order: 12:01 pm ET, by Greg C, Chair

2. Roll Call: Jan B

<u>Name</u>	<u>WSB Role</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Monthly Report</u>
Greg C	Chair	P	W
Chris Y	Vice Chair	P	W
Geri N	Treasurer	P	E
Jan B	Secretary	P	W
Maria S	BMAL	P	W
Bob S	BMAL	P	W
Jeff S	BMAL	E	W
Paul W	BMAL	P	W
Claire S	BMAL	P	E
Lori H	BMAL	P	W
Judy B	BMAL	P	W
Karin H	BMAL	P	E
Cindy C	BMAL	P	W

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:

- Greg moved to accept the Agenda, Geri seconded, voted on and accepted.

4. Tradition One:

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

5. Approval of May, 2025 WSB Minutes

- Greg moved to accept the May, 2025 WSB minutes, Lori seconded, voted on and approved. Jan to distribute.

6. Chair's Report: Greg C

Greg said that he is honored to be WSB Chair and that he has been on the board for 1 year, so feels he has a lot to learn still. His focus for FA is to be there for people who need it. He has found FA life saving and wants to reach folks who do not know about FA but need it. He also thanked all the new board members for their service.

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

7. Treasurer's Report: Geri N/Cindy C

- Cindy and Geri provided the monthly financial reports for May, 2025 as part of their monthly report. Cindy is slowly bringing Geri up to speed in the Treasurer's role. Cindy reviewed the budget as an overview for the new board members. Basically, FA's income is from literature sales (30%) and donations, both individuals and groups (70%). Our expenses are very lean.
- Karin asked if FA can receive donations from foundations, which we can only if the foundation is of an FA member.
- Paul said that in the UK they have Gratitude Week when they raise monies, and asked if we do Gratitude Week in the US as well. Cindy replied that we use US events like Giving Tuesday and the end of the year matching.
- There were no other comments or questions concerning the Treasurer's Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: in flux at the moment

Committee

SC-1 Public Information
SC-2 WSO

Chair

Jeff S
Greg C

SC-3 Literature	Maria S (Board Liaison)
SC-4 Serenity Messenger Newsletter	Robert S
SC-5 Bylaws, Parliamentary	Maria S (ad interim)
SC-6 International Groups	TBD
SC-7 Budget Committee	Geri N
SC-8 Sponsorship	Lori H
SC-9 Group Outreach	Karin H
SC-10 Financial Oversight	Cindy C
SC-11 Technology	Chris Y
SC-12 Long Range Planning	Greg C

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
AH-1 Convention Liaison	Cindy C
AH-2 Intergroup Support & Development	Greg C
AH-3 Document Review	Jan B
AH-4 Education	Maria S
AH-5 Literature Access Initiative	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

- Cindy reviewed the information provided in the Dashboard. The following additional information was provided / points discussed:
 - Social Media interest continues to grow and the team has been putting up posts prior to the convention.
 - 54% of the virtual meetings have been visited by the Group Outreach team. Thanks to all the non-board member volunteers from the fellowship that made that happen. They will continue to visit more groups as time goes on.

2. FA Learning Update (Maria):

Maria is heading a team working on a subscription-based access to our FA literature, which was a response from our fellowship. It is set up as a learning module where you can access topics like when taking online classes. There are 3 pieces on the system already. Hopefully before the convention at the end of July, there will be enough finished to demonstrate to convention goers.

It will probably be an annual subscription to the electronic library of FA materials. Have not yet decided on a price. TABW and the 12 Step Workbook will not be included in the subscription.

The hope is that those who enjoy reading hard copies will continue to purchase them, and that we will get more international interest through the subscriptions since it is so pricey to mail literature overseas. There will be both English and Spanish versions so that can open up a whole new audience for us.

3. Virtual Meeting Group Outreach Report (Greg C):

Greg gave more details about the Virtual Meeting outreach in which 8 volunteers attended 46 meetings and then detailed their impressions in notes.

Some takeaways:

- Karin will be chairing the Group Outreach committee. She is open to ideas about how to support the groups that clearly are struggling with only 2-3 members.
- Most virtual groups meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, not enough available the rest of the week or during the daytime.
- Paul reported that the UK is having a Zoom meeting specifically for Newcomers to explain what happens at regular FA meetings. Lori told about the Newcomers meeting from Colts Neck and thinks it is a great idea to have a virtual meeting for Newcomers which can be smaller and more intimate.
- Cindy stated that we have an e-resource called *Welcome to Families Anonymous* (#7017E), and referred Paul to the website to see it.
- Chris stated that retaining people is also an issue to consider. Paul stated that retention is a problem all over the recovery world: only 3% seek, find and keep recovery.

4. Committee Assignments (Greg):

Greg will speak to all board members and by next month's meeting, should have a new list of committees.

CLOSING

1. Announcements / items forgotten to mention:

- Bob requested from all the new board members to write 'A Word from the Board' article for the Serenity Messenger.
- Greg: Claire had a good idea about getting the word out. She suggested to do outreach to treatment centers and ask them to link our website to their website. To be continued.

2. Adjournment: Karin moved to adjourn, Greg seconded, voted on and approved. Adjourned at 1:06 pm ET.

3. Closed with Serenity Prayer

Attachment A

DASHBOARD



Spread the Word!

Share FA with someone today.

MAY 2025 STATISTICS

FELLOWSHIP GROWTH



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- 2184: Springfield, MO

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AWARENESS & OUTREACH



Facebook Stats

- 3,893 Reached*
- 395 Interactions*
- 1,383 Followers*

Posting content every day
- alternating between
Facebook & Instagram

*Past 28 days
(approximately May)



Instagram Stats

- 119 Reached~
- 188 Interactions~
- 229 Followers~

Posting content every day
- alternating between
Facebook & Instagram

~Past 30 days
(approximately May)



- 783 Views on YouTube

Virtual Meetings Visits

46

85

LITERATURE & EVENTS



New Publications



Convention

- 2025 Convention - Jul 25-27
- Chicago (Oak Brook, IL)



FA Niche Groups

- Bereavement Support
- Parents of Adolescents
- Siblings
- SOS - Significant Others and Spouses
- Spanish Language
- Teens



Education Sessions

- Future Offerings:
 - Concurrent Mental Health Disorders - Sep 27
 - Codependency - TBD

Note: Stats are for May 2025 unless otherwise noted.



JULY 25-27, 2025
Families Anonymous
WORLD SERVICE *Chicago* 2025
CONVENTION

SUPPORT THE CONVENTION – 3 OPTIONS

1 ATTEND THE EVENT



Chicago Marriott Oakbrook
July 25-27, 2025



SCAN QR CODE
OR GO TO:

[GO.RALLYUP.COM/FACONVENTION](https://go.rallyup.com/faconvention)

2 BUY RAFFLE ENTRIES



Support FA and **win prizes!** The Prize Raffle is open to all – you need not be present to win. Entries are available **online**. Get yours today!

3 BID ON SILENT AUCTION



Support FA – the **Silent Auction** is open to all – you need not be present to win. Bidding is open **online**.

