

**Families Anonymous**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**August 16, 2025**

**INTRODUCTION**

**1. Call to Order:** 12:00 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	N
Chris Y	Vice Chair	E	W
Geri N	Treasurer	P	W
Jan B	Secretary	P	W
Maria S	BMAL	P	W
Bob S	BMAL	E	W
Jeff S	BMAL	P	W
Paul W	BMAL	E	E
Claire S	BMAL	P	L
Lori H	BMAL	E	W
Judy B	BMAL	P	W
Karin H	BMAL	E	W
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, 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 July, 2025 WSB Minutes

- Maria moved to accept the July, 2025 WSB minutes, Judy seconded, voted on and approved. Jan to distribute.

### • Chair's Report: Greg C

#### • Chair's monthly email

Greg sent out the 1st monthly email to the Big List. Going forward it will include updates of the WSB, and anything WSB wants to promote. So if committee chairs want anything included in the monthly emails, let Greg know.

#### • Website reconstruction

Greg knows a woman named Meredith who designs websites for companies. She has connections and can get FA a website reconstruction for free, essentially. Greg plans to send out a survey to the fellowship asking for input, then set up a small committee to see how we target the needs shown in the survey.

Meredith calls the reconstruction process, "Pick, Prune and Polish".

Jeff asked if we will stay on the same platform, WordPress, and Greg answered that there may be easier platforms to work with, but we'll have to see.

Maria stated that the FA Recovery Library is connected with WordPress, which we need to keep in mind.

Brian, FA's IT guy, will continue to be involved and we will coordinate with him.

## 7. Treasurer's Report: Geri N

- Geri provided the monthly financial reports for July, 2025 as part of her monthly report.

No questions but Greg stated that literature sales were better in July than in the past months, however they are still below budget. We will need to get more data but may need to be very careful about what we print. Maria wondered if no longer having Zelle as an option is causing an effect on donations. Cindy did not think so, other than recurring donations that we lost from people not signing up for a different way to make recurring donations as through PayPal. Geri said individual donations are way down, but Cindy reminded WSB that the bulk of donations come in at the end of the year.

### **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  
Greg C  
Maria S  
Bob S  
Maria S  
Greg C  
Geri N  
Lori H  
Karin H.S.  
Cindy C  
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**

- Cindy reviewed the information provided in the Dashboard. The following additional information was provided / points discussed:

One of the three groups that closed this past month was the phone meeting which probably did not lose members because they have moved to online meetings which are readily available now.

The niche group for Teens also folded as there was ever only one person who attended in all the months it existed.

The Convention was fantastic, and Chicagoland is estimating a \$500 surplus, which is great considering that they were concerned they would lose money due to the low registration. In the end there were 70 attendees, many fewer than the Chicagoland Intergroup convention got which was over a 100.

Greg and Cindy will do a post mortem discussion with the convention committee and come up with ideas for the future conventions.

Don't miss the next convention— it is very special meeting in person.

Geri suggested holding an online convention combined with in-state in-person gatherings in order to avoid the travel commitment and cost.

Cindy said they will gather all ideas and come up with a plan.

## **2. (Maria): The Literature Committee moves that the WSB approve the new literature piece #1040 *Families Can Dare to Dream Again* for publication.**

Maria had sent out the piece to the WSB for comments and did not receive any, so planned to go ahead with the motion, which includes the idea of publishing this new piece first on the digital library/FA Recovery Academy as a way to entice people to subscribe. Later it would be published in print as well.

Cindy took responsibility for not getting her feedback on the piece in time, but feels that the first 5 pages or so is too wordy and needs to be edited. She likes the meat of the piece and loves the title, but feels that it takes much too long to get there. Jeff agreed and said in general he thinks the literature needs to focus more on the message in order to be more impactful. Greg also feels it needs more editing and feels we have time since the digital library will not be ready for a couple months still. Maria will bring the feedback to the Literature Committee.

## **CLOSING**

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

Judy heard from Karin who had a family emergency which is why she did not attend the meeting.

### **2. Adjournment:** Greg moved to adjourn, Maria seconded, voted on and approved. Adjourned at 12:42pm ET.

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

# Attachment A

## DASHBOARD



# Spread the Word!

Share FA with someone today.



### FELLOWSHIP GROWTH



New Groups

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Starter Kits

1

Closed

3

- 2025 - Edinburg, IL
- 2076 - Phone Meeting
- 2189 - Sidney, OH

### AWARENESS & OUTREACH



Facebook Stats

- 3,607 Reached\*
- 482 Interactions\*
- 1,461 Followers\*

Posting content every day - alternating between Facebook & Instagram

\*Past 28 days (approximately June)



Instagram Stats

- 195 Reached~
- 140 Interactions~
- 240 Followers~

Posting content every day - alternating between Facebook & Instagram

~Past 30 days (approximately June)



Vignettes Project

- 859 Views on YouTube

### LITERATURE & EVENTS



New Publications

- Jul 9 - Serenity Messenger Newsletter - 109 Total Views in July



Convention

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

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

FA Niche Groups



Education Sessions

- Future Offerings:
  - Concurrent Mental Health Disorders - Sep 27
  - Codependency - Oct 12
  - Social Media - TBD

Note: Stats are for June 2025 unless otherwise noted.



JULY 25-27, 2025

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WORLD SERVICE

Chicago 2025

**CONVENTION**

## PRELIMINARY CONVENTION RESULTS

**1 REGISTRATIONS**



**\$16,361**

**2 DONATIONS**



**\$4,715**

**3 RAFFLE ENTRIES**



**\$2,108**

**4 PAY-IT-FORWARD**



**1,726**

**5 SILENT AUCTION**



**\$1,248**

**TOTAL RAISED: \$26,157**  
**ESTIMATED SURPLUS: \$500**

*\*Expenses are still being tabulated.*