

Families Anonymous
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 20, 2025

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order: 12:06 pm ET, by Maria S, Former Chair

2. Roll Call: Jan B

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

- Maria moved to accept the Agenda, Lori 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 August, 2025 WSB Minutes

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

6. Treasurer'Report: Geri N

- Geri provided the monthly financial reports for August, 2025 as part of her monthly report.
- There were no comments or questions regarding 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
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:

-In August FA received a new recurring donation.

-This month there will be two Education sessions: the first from the UK, “Addicts Share” and the second is “Raising a Wild Child” about concurrent mental health problems. Judy must postpone the Codependency session due to health problems.

-Works in Progress:

FA Guidebook

Learning Library

Member Stories Book

Contacting treatment centers to request that they list FA as a resource on their websites.

Website reconstruction — early stages

Zoom Subscription renewals — need to renew by 9/30/25.

2. MOTION LC-1 (September 2025) Maria:

Motion: The Literature Committee (LC) proposes that the WSB approve the discontinuation of printing #2010 *About Drug Abuse*. Our suggestion is to sell out the current inventory and, upon its depletion, discontinue the printed publication.

Rationale / Background / Feasibility:

- Sales of the bookmark #2010 About Drug Abuse have been low; 31 pieces were sold in FY 2024-2025.
- It is felt that bookmarks are becoming less popular over time.
- The updated, current reading, *About Substance Use Disorder*, is available as a free download, and is included as one of the required readings in the Suggested Meeting Format.

Cost: There is no cost associated with the discontinuation of printing.

Implementation: Upon approval of this motion, the LC will:

- Notify Angel, WSO Manager of this.
- Sell out the current inventory of the old *About Drug Abuse* and, when it's gone, discontinue the printed piece.
- Once the inventory is depleted, it will be removed from Quick Books and the e-store.

Maria made motion, Karin seconded, voted on and unanimously approved.

3. MOTION LC-2 (September 2025) (Maria)

Motion: The Literature Committee (LC) moves that the WSB approve the updated version of PPG04- International Policy.

Rationale / Background / Feasibility:

- We recently received a request from India to translate documents into Assamese, one of their 22 official languages.
- In order to accommodate the future translations into other official languages within the same country, the publication section of PPG-04 *International Policy* dealing with the assigning of catalog numbers needs to be amended as follows (new text in red font).

“The translation must carry a catalog number consisting of the English-language catalog number immediately followed by a period and then the two-digit ISO-3166 country code (**uppercase letters**) of the translating country. **If necessary to differentiate the translated language from other languages spoken within that country, the foregoing shall be followed immediately by a period and then the three-digit ISO 639.2 language code (lowercase letters).**”

- A copy of the amended International Policy was sent to the WSB members for their review.

Cost: There is no cost associated with the updating of the policy.

Implementation: Upon approval of this motion, the LC will:

- Send the updated policy to Nicole for filing, and for posting on the website.

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

4. Virtual Meeting Group Outreach Committee (VMGOC) Karin:

The committee of 6 plans to attend the 38 virtual meeting that were not visited last spring as well as revisit those groups that were struggling. There will be a script that will highlight the following: niche groups, learning library, discounted Zoom subscription and resources that are available on the website. Also Karin is considering including website reconstruction and FA's financial issues.

Suggestions made: let them know how to sign up for the mass email (click on About Us on the website) and put future education sessions on the website under Events, not just recordings of past sessions. The Education Committee with email Cindy with a reminder to promote those events on the website.

CLOSING

1. Announcements / items forgotten to mention:

Gerri asked Chris about upgrading Angel's computer from Windows 10 to 11.

Chris said that they will have to decide if the upgrade is worth it since there will be a huge learning curve and it will cost some amount to transfer all her files. She can continue to use Quickbooks on Windows 10. Will continue discussion offline.

Paul thanked WSB for the beautiful notice about "Addicts Share", Cindy wants to encourage everyone to join if possible and Maria thanked Paul for informing us about it.

2. Adjournment: Maria moved to adjourn, Judy seconded, voted on and approved. Adjourned at 12:35 pm ET.

3. Closed with Serenity Prayer

Attachment A

DASHBOARD



Spread the Word!

Share FA with someone today.

AUGUST 2025 STATISTICS

FELLOWSHIP GROWTH



New Groups
0

New Recurring Donation
1 \$25/month

Starter Kits
0

Closed
0

AWARENESS & OUTREACH



Facebook Stats
• 2,285 Reached*
• 646 Interactions*
• 1,483 Followers*
Posting content every day - alternating between Facebook & Instagram
*Past 28 days (approximately June)

Instagram Stats
• 143 Reached~
• 144 Interactions~
• 250 Followers~
Posting content every day - alternating between Facebook & Instagram
~Past 30 days (approximately June)

Vignettes Project
• 874 Views on YouTube

LITERATURE & EVENTS



New Publications

FA Niche Groups

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

Education Sessions

- UK FA Speaker - Sep 26
- "Raising a Wild Child" (Concurrent Mental Health Disorders) - Sep 27
- Codependency - Oct 12
- Social Media - TBD


Note: Stats are for August 2025 unless otherwise noted.



WORK IN PROGRESS



NEW PROJECTS

- 1 **FA GUIDEBOOK**
- 2 **LEARNING LIBRARY**
(Online Subscription) 
- 3 **MEMBER STORIES BOOK**
- 4 **TREATMENT CENTER OUTREACH**
- 5 **WEBSITE RECONSTRUCTION**
- 6 **ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS**
(50% Discount available through WSO)