

**Families Anonymous**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**April 18, 2026**

**INTRODUCTION**

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

**2. Roll Call:** Jan B

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

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

**4. Tradition One Volunteer - Cindy:** *“Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends on unity.”*

## 5. Approval of March, 2026 WSB Minutes

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

## 6. Chair's Report: Greg

- **DISCUSSION- Continuation of discussion re new niche Moms group: Families Anonymous Group Autonomy**

*FA Traditions:*

*3. The only requirement for membership in Families Anonymous is a concern about the use of mind-altering substances or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend.*

*4. Each group is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or Families Anonymous as a whole. We cooperate with all other Twelve-Step programs.*

*5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the family member who still suffers.*

Greg spoke to an AA member about when a group is not run in the AA format: group autonomy is Tradition 3. So the question is how much influence or input can or should the WSB have with groups? Karin has had some discussions with the leader of this particular group and feels that some of the input has been accepted and some not. The group has had almost 20 members but at the most recent group the attendance was half of that. On the pro side, this meeting has a very nurturing, therapeutic feel. The con is that there is only one leader who picks all the readings. Bob: with no basic readings, no Twelve Step work, how is it an FA meeting? Need to hold a group conscience meeting. Chris: each group has its own character, need to let them sort it out themselves. Judy: ok with the wait and see approach for now. Jeff: in response to Lori stating that this leader will not agree to a group conscience, said this is not an option. Need to vote on procedures that insures that the group does not turn people off, and not run counter to the FA way. Bob: need seasoned members to attend in order to have group conscience since otherwise the new people will not know what they are missing. Greg: in conclusion, we all agree that a group conscience is needed and that it needs to come from within the group. Maria offered to attend the meetings and see if it is

possible to make some positive changes.

• **DISCUSSION – Annual Meeting – June 6 at 2 pm**

Asking all WSB members to please attend, Greg will prepare the presentation and will ask some of WSB to present. Since Greg will miss the next WSB, this will be done by email/phone.

**7. Treasurer’s Report: Geri**

- Geri provided the monthly financial reports for March, 2026 as part of her monthly report.
- There were no comments or questions regarding the treasurer’s report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Chair</u></b>
SC-1 Public Information	Jeff S
SC-2 WSO	Greg C
SC-3 Literature	Maria S
SC-4 Serenity Messenger Newsletter	Bob S
SC-5 Bylaws, Parliamentary	Maria S
SC-6 International Groups	Greg C
SC-7 Budget Committee	Geri N
SC-8 Sponsorship	Lori H
SC-9 Group Outreach	Karin H.S.
SC-10 Financial Oversight	Cindy C
SC-11 Technology	Chris Y
SC-12 Long Range Planning	Greg C

**AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Chair</u></b>
AH-1 Convention Liaison	Cindy C
AH-2 Intergroup Support & Development	Greg C
AH-3 Document Review	Jan B

AH-4 Education  
AH-5 Literature Access Initiative

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**TABLED ITEMS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **MOTION LC-1 (April 2026) Maria** – The Literature Committee (LC) moves that the WSB approve the cover design for #1041 *Rewards of Recovery*.

Thank you to Cindy for the designs.

**Maria moved to approve motion, Karin seconded, voted on and approved unanimously.**

2. **MOTION WSO-1 (April 2026) Motion:** The Chair moves to proceed with an employment offer to Jennifer M. for the role of Office Manager of the World Service Office. The offer will be for \$25/hour with the possibility of a raise after 6 months as the position evolves and Jennifer takes on growing roles. The role will start out as a part-time (approx. 24 hours per week) position.

The office manager position now requires higher tech competency.

Greg, Maria and Cindy interviewed Jennifer and all impressions were positive that she will be a good fit and a welcome addition to FA, with its growing and changing needs.

Chris added that possibly the computer of the office manager may need to be upgraded in order to install Windows 11.

**Greg moved to approve motion, Bob seconded, voted on and approved unanimously.**

## **CLOSING**

- 1. Announcements / items forgotten to mention: none**
  
- 2. Adjournment:** Greg moved to adjourn, Judy seconded, voted on and approved. Adjourned at 1:10 pm ET.
  
- 3. Closed with Serenity Prayer.**