

Families Anonymous
Preliminary Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Aug 15, 2026

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order: 12:00 pm ET, by Greg C

2. Roll Call: Julia C

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

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 C

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

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

5. Approval of July, 2026 WSB Minutes

- Greg moved to accept the July 2026 WSB minutes, Judy seconded, voted on and approved. Greg to distribute.

6. Chair's Report: Greg C.

1. Literature Sales Update (Rewards of Recovery, Last Chance Sale) Greg graphed out literature sales per quarterly revenue schedule. Sales have declined. Last two quarters have picked up. Rewards of Recovery sold 144 copies between May-June. Last chance sale for titles going out of print.
2. FA World Service Office lease which terminates January 27, 2027
989 rentable square feet. \$1487 per month. Chicagoland rents 15% of \$15k yearly rent. Options would include storage unit; significant savings but no store front. Current Office Manager works in the office a couple days a week. Try to get a reduction of rent in the market. Greg's recommendation is to stay in the office. Up for discussion, not necessarily up for vote. \$10k profit of literature sales compared to \$14k rent. Cooperate with other organizations to share rent/space. Share our existing space. Regis offices where you pay monthly fee. Greg will come back to Sept board meeting with some more thoughts.
3. David M, Estate - \$25,000 donation – TKU sent to widow and TKU paragraph in the monthly Chair letter.
4. UK National Service Board Gibraltar Group issue...Sha to speak on the issue. More research is needed regarding policy and procedures of FA; what is our authority to do something about breaking policy? WSB has limited authority to decertify a group. Once a group is established, there is no language that talks about decertifying. Groups are autonomous, and infractions would have been large enough to impact the FA brand. Gibraltar group is registered with WSB and Spanish Board.

7. Treasurer's Report: Greg C – No Questions

8. MOTION – Geri N.

MOTION - TREASURER 1 (August 2026)

Motion: The Treasurer moves that the Families Anonymous World Service Board (WSB) approve

Greg Charleston (replacing Maria Smith) as the registered agent for Families Anonymous.

RATIONALE: Required by State of Illinois

IMPLEMENTATION: On approval, the Treasurer will file with the Illinois Secretary of State.

COST: None

Geri N moved to accept the motion. Karin seconded. Unanimous vote.
Motion accepted.

9. MOTION – Geri N.

MOTION - TREASURER 2 (August 2026)

Motion: The Treasurer moves that the Families Anonymous World Service Board (WSB) approve the investment of \$50,000 in a Chase CD. Length not to exceed 6 months.

RATIONALE: To earn interest income on cash in excess of near-term liquidity requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION: On approval, the Treasurer will acquire a CD from Chase Bank.

COST: None

Geri N moved to accept the motion. Bob seconded. Unanimous vote.
Motion accepted.

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

Chair

Cindy C
Greg C
TBD

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. Discussion – Literature Committee Recommendations

Offer certain titles that we are longer printing as Print-on-Demand – Example #5010 Twelve Traditions in Action.

Third party vendor Lulu.com

Geri clicked on the link and had a question about how the link works.

Cindy is concerned about conflict with the Learning Library.

Maria stated Print on demand allows hard copy for easy availability.

Greg asked about the e-store.

Karin asked about set up fees and payouts?

Maria: There is no set up fees and no minimum, however, nothing has been set up

Greg: Pairing down, literature sales haven't been that great. A lot of effort for little return.

Julia: Personal account with print-on-demand. Revenue is low and there's a payment threshold.

Maria: Lulu is more generous with their splits.

Maria: The primary objective is not to make money; it's to provide a hard copy to those members / groups who would prefer that.

Greg: Use it as a pilot. Not excited about it as a practice but understands that POD is an interesting service we could try.

Bob: Little to no effort for providing a service to our members.

Greg: Take a vote to treat as a pilot to see how it works.

Maria made a motion to use LULU.com as a pilot Print On Demand service. Geri N seconded the motion. Unanimous. Motion approved.

2. Discussion: The LC recommends placing #2012 "Letting Go...Letting Grow" as a free download on the website as a bookmark.

Greg: Bookmark collection, which has sold out.

Cindy: Bookmarks were all combined into one collection. Sold a lot of collections

Greg: Bookmarks are selling. Wants to make a recommendation for reprint bookmark collection, featuring Letting Go...Letting Grow

Cindy: Bookmarks are being purchased in bulk with other options and passing them out for newcomers.

Conclusion: Hold off on offering Letting Go...Letting Grow” as a free download. Include in the next Bookmark Collection and reprint.

3. Discussion – Potential New Niche Groups

a. Grandparents-Maria

Register group...Zoom meeting only. Last Wednesday of each month at 7pm ET; Draft announcement. Greg will include in his Chair email. Social media, announce in Serenity Messenger

b. Estranged Family Members – Karin

Estrangement is a big problem in our country. Keep with the twelve step guidelines related to addiction. Daytime meeting, 1x month, still thinking things through. Delicate area and much needed.

c. Gamblers Family and Friends – Greg

Trying to line up a meeting with potential group leader. Possible look up Gamblers Anonymous.

CLOSING

1. Announcements / items forgotten to mention:

2. Adjournment: Karin motioned for adjournment. Bob seconded. Adjourned at 1:15pm ET.

3. Close with Serenity Prayer.