

Families Anonymous
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 16, 2019

INTRODUCTION

1. **Call to Order:** 2:22 EDT, by Barbara, Chair
2. **Roll Call:** by Christy, Secretary

<u>Name</u>	<u>WSB Role</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Monthly Report</u>
Barbara S	Chair	P	W
Maria S	Vice Chair	P	W
John S	Treasurer	P	W
Christy R	Secretary	P	L
Alan B	BMAL	P	W
Ann P	BMAL	P	W
Bev B	BMAL	A	N
Bob S	BMAL	P	W
Donna D	BMAL	P	W
George R	BMAL	P	W
Hank H	BMAL	P	W
Helen L	BMAL	P	L
Jeff S	BMAL	A	N
Marc B	BMAL	P	W
Marcia C	BMAL	P	W
Odalys A	BMAL	A	N
Vince M	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

3. Acceptance of Published Agenda:

- Donna moved to accept the Agenda, Vince seconded, voted on and accepted.

4. Tradition One:

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

5. Approval of September 2019 WSB Minutes:

- Save for January 2020 meeting. Maria and Ann have submitted some changes/corrections to be made. Christy will make changes and send out new version for approval.

6. Chair's Report:

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

7. Treasurer's Report:

- John provided the financial reports for September/October 2019. These were forwarded to the Board by John 11/15/19, provided in excel and pdf format.
- John noted he had spent several (1- 2) hour training sessions with David (former treasurer). He reported they were attempting to solve inconsistencies within our numbers.
- John reported that he had multiple conversations with Angel about issues with authorize.net and QuickBooks Record deposits numbers not aligning. She indicated that she had reached out to Hank several times to no avail. This problem complicates our financial records on QuickBooks during reconciliation; since the numbers aren't matching up properly.
- There were no other comments or questions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee

SC-1 Public Information
SC-2 WSO
SC-3 Literature
SC-4 Twelve Step Rag 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

Chair

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- **SC-1 Public Information:**

- o Alan spoke about the WGN interview; was very pleased with the outcome. Donna had listened to it and 'loved it'. John mentioned a few people in his home group had heard it.
- o Alan will continue to concentrate on national shows/non-political, to possibly have them do another FA interview.

SC-2 WSO:

Maria asked for approval to purchase holiday gift cards for WSO staff the first week of December. Everyone was in agreement, approved.

- SC-4 Twelve Step Rag Newsletter:

- o Bob shared two items not in his report. (1) The RAG issue, draft due 11/7 was received from Elizabeth. Ann has some changes and will submit. Ann suggested another draft to be reviewed/edited before it goes to press. (2) Bob reported that Elizabeth had expressed interest in two different publishing software application options, to be used for the newsletter. One is Adobe and the other Quark Xpress. Ann then asked if Bob knew if the license on either of these two could be used by multiple users, e.g. the Literature Committee, as well as Elizabeth the present Editor. Bob said he would check. George then said he'd check on prices and would check on Tech Soup.

- SC-6 International Groups:

- o Helen thanked Barb and Donna for speaking at the Greece Convention, remotely, what they shared.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee

Chair

AH-1 Convention Liaison

Barbara S

AH-2 Intergroup Support & Development

Marc B

AH-3 Document Review

Ann P

AH-4 Long Range Planning

Marc B

AH-5 Revenue Growth Task Force

Bob S

AH-6 New Website

George

• AH-1 Convention Liaison:

- Barbara has sent out an email Blast about a group(s) to step up and volunteer for the 2020 Convention, she intends to re-send the last one! Barbara asked for suggestions about what to do if we do not have a Convention. Could we have an ABM somewhere? Ann suggested that maybe have it somewhere relevant, like near the WSO. Some concern about the By-Laws stating that a ABM must be done in May or June, George will check. Someone asked if we could do a mass webinar. Go to Meeting yearly license allows us 25 participants. There was a concern as to who 'needs' to attend, Chair and delegates, all four Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and how many BMAL do we need? More follow in the upcoming months when we know if there won't be a Convention.

• AH-6 New Website:

- George reported that the new website went Live November 11, 2019. MaxxP implemented and doing well. There has been some order processing glitches, some couldn't be tried without a credit card. He gave a 'heads up' that he is

hoping to have a quote soon, to have himself, Hank, Nicole and Angel trained, using Go to Meeting it is a 3-6 hour training about 'how to order, the process has changed. Regarding the website George said 'feedback welcome'. Donna said Wonderful Job

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion-Development and Maintenance of a Comprehensive Credential List introduced (October 2019) Maria S.

- Motion/Rationale/Implementation/Cost/ see October2019 Minutes. A discussion had ensued and agreed that Maria should begin development of the list. She will be sending it out to the WSB for review and suggestions, to revise as needed until accepted.
- Motion Made October 19, 2019: by Maria S. to begin development of above mentioned list, seconded by Bob and approved by all.
- Maria had sent out Version 3, November 15,2019. After a discussion of changes and revision, it was decided that the WSB will take the time to read this version and send input to Maria. This Motion for final approval of completed development will be 'Tabled' and be put on the Agenda for the January 2020 WSB Meeting for Approval.

2. Discussion Ensued regarding name change of the newsletter from the 12 Step RAG to Serenity Messenger (Bob S).

- At October 2019 meeting it was approved by attending members of the WSB after much consideration, to go ahead with the name change to *Serenity Messenger*. This is very exciting, since it is the first name change since the newsletter originated. It was still uncertain whether to keep the original sub-titles or change them, as well. There was much discussion about the work this will cause: for instance on the new website there are many references to the RAG, in the By-Laws (whether there and our other literature to use a generic word, such as 'newsletter' instead of the new name so that by chance a change is ever made again, it won't be as difficult), where ever the name is mentioned in our pieces of FA Literature, whether it be free downloads, printed 'for sale' literature and TABW/Today a Better Way. There is also concerns as to how this will all happen, the inconsistencies until all is transitioned. And, also how to inform the fellowship. We then Voted again, on acceptance of the new name *Serenity Messenger*, all present board members in favor, with the exception of Ann.
- Bob noted he is working on an editor's note to put in the newsletter regarding the change coming, possibly mentioning how this transition will take place. Many board members have offered to help with the transition.

Barbara mentioned we will not re-do already printed items, but as we re-print we will have already prepared, what/where the changes are needed.

CLOSING

- 1. Announcements and Other Items:** None
- 2. Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn was made by Bob seconded by Maria, voted on and passed (3:43 pm EDT).
- 3. Closed with the Serenity Prayer**