

**Families Anonymous
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 16, 2020**

INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order: 2:05 EDT, by Barbara, Chair

2. Roll Call: 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
Cindy C	Treasurer	P	W
Christy R	Secretary	P	W
Alan B	BMAL	P	W
Ann P	BMAL	P	L
Bev B	BMAL	A	N
Bob S	BMAL	P	W
David M	BMAL	P	W
Donna D	BMAL	P	W
George R	BMAL	P	W
Hank H	BMAL	A	N
Helen L	BMAL	P	W
Jeff S	BMAL	P	N
Marc B	BMAL	P	W
Marcia C	BMAL	P	W
Odalys A	BMAL	A	N
Vince M	BMAL	P	L

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:

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

4. Tradition One:

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

5. Approval of April 2020 WSB Minutes:

- Ann moved to accept, Alan seconded, voted on and approved. Christy to distribute.

6. Chair's Report:

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

7. Treasurer's Report:

- Cindy provided the financial reports, as part of her monthly report, for the end of Fiscal year April 30,2020.
- The Profit & Loss vs. Budget for the month and year to date show that literature sales and donations are behind budget. The cost of sales is also low. Total expenses are on track with the budget. The issue is revenue (donations and Lit sales). There is a net loss of \$29,000.
- 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

Alan B
Maria S
Ann P
Bob S
George R
Vince M
Cindy C
Helen L
Donna D
David M
George R

- **See Monthly Reports from Chair of each Committee**

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
AH-2 Convention Liaison	Barbara S
AH-3 Intergroup Support & Development	Marc B
AH-4 Document Review	Ann P
AH-5 Long Range Planning	Marc B
AH-6 Revenue Growth Task Force	Bob S

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Discussion Immediately Ensued after reporting of Net Loss Fiscal Budget:

- **Ideas to Grow Membership & Grow Membership:**
 - Jeff-** Suggested we need to reach out to Newcomers, send messages to groups about how to make materials and literature accessible/ how to get stuff to all during shut down without F2F Meetings going on.
 - Barbara-** Meeting format can be accessed on website (free download).
 - Bob-** Provide a list of virtual meetings (should give guidance) utilize website for Literature and Donations.
 - Donna-** Check MWW (Meeting without Walls) format. Also, suggestion to Groups/Individuals to make Individual weekly, monthly, yearly donations.
- **Concerns about Online Meetings Format:**

It has been suggested that the format for non-F2F (Zoom and Go to Meetings) be revised, using the F2F format with adjustments. Possibly noting somewhere in format about What you Can Do on the Website: order Literature on, free printable downloads, as well as making (needed) Donations. All agreed that the Format should be revised for non-F2F Zoom/Go to Meetings.

 - Jeff-** suggested an email blast, with attached revised format when completed.
 - Ann-** asked the format be sent to Literature Committee for review first.
 - Barb-** declared this be a priority to be worked on.
- **Create List of What Groups have transitioned to Zoom/Go to Meeting:**
 - Bob-** requested that Group#, Location, Day, Time, Group Secretary contact information, log in info(?) be sent to him, so he can compile a list.

Marc- expressed concerns about security, it would not be ‘best practice’ to publish log in information.

George- agreed to all information, with the exception of log in, to avoid the possibility of any Group problems (non FA members gaining access).

Ann- pointed out that we should be careful of any changes to the website/ meeting locator.

- **New Concept/ Virtual Meetings:**

Donna- suggested we make contact with Group Secretaries and set up and invite them to Go to Meeting, to discuss how they’re doing, helping with setting up and organizing a virtual meeting, if not doing that yet and what format to use (providing resources and assistance to groups).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bengali Translations (India violating policy)

- **Vince:** stated Bengali had contacted the him about getting help with translations, but then translated on their own. When they were contacted to follow up, said they had already published them. Concerned whether copies should be seized until approved.
- **Ann:** stated, proper procedure was not followed. Translations should not be used without permission/approval.
- **Vince/Bob:** had sent an email and met with silence, will do friendly follow-up.

2. Concerns about when things ‘Open up’, Protocol for Resuming F2F Meetings

- **Alan:** wonders how do groups know, when to go back to F2F, when is it time? If they do some might not feel comfortable.
- **Marc:** maybe they should consider/plan to do virtual as well as, F2F. Check with what Governor states and evaluate local guidelines. (there are some that may not want to continue virtual).
- **George:** stated Re: Traditions – Board should not suggest when or how to resume F2F.

TABLED ITEMS: None

CLOSING

1. Announcements and Other Items:

- Barb/Donna/Nicole: Noted a limited number of groups have registered. 100 groups have not registered yet (it goes back a year) but 81 have registered. Donna and Marcia will make calls to Group Secretaries. There is not a cut-off date for ABM registry.

2. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was made by Alan seconded by David voted on and passed (3:40 pm EDT).

3. Closed with the ‘Serenity Prayer’.