



The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A.,
Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

BOT Special Financial Meeting MINUTES December 16, 2023

Time: 11:00 am EDT, 10:00 am CT, 8:00 am PT, 1 am Darwin (AU) (1-hour only)

1) Opening Matters

- a) Check-Ins/Sobriety Statements - Hernan V. (CA), Suzanne D. (TX), ~~Juanita J. (DC), Sam E. (NJ), Phoenix G. (TX)~~, Rick B. (FL), Chris D. (CA), Jack F. (AUS). [Five]
- 2) **BOT Preamble** - *Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition oriented fellowship based on the model pioneered by Alcoholics Anonymous. The only qualification for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. S.L.A.A. is supported entirely through contributions of its membership and is free to all who need it. The BOT is a business meeting. We are the business arm of our recovery organization. Respecting the Second Tradition, we need to put individual feelings aside when we work for the BOT and focus on what serves the Fellowship best. This is a job. We are trusted servants. We abuse that trust when we do not act professionally in discharging the business of the Fellowship.* – (Member with the third-most seniority on the BOT) – **Read.**

Start Recording (*9) – Done.

3) Assign roles

- a) Facilitator – **Suzanne D.**
- b) Record Keeper – Rick B.
- c) Timekeeper – Chris D.
- d) Spiritual Reminder – **All**
- e) Revised Budget for 2023-2023 review and approve. – **Hernan V.**
 - a. The BFC chair gave a screen shared presentation on the 2023-2024 Budget.
 - a. There was a mathematical error, the BFC approved the correction unanimously, and is being re-presented to the Board.
 - b. There is only a \$5k budget for Trustee travel to the ABM.
 - c. Review
 - d. Has the BFC thought about any savings that the Fellowship can do to in this Fiscal Year (FY)?
 - a. Not yet.
 - e. **Point of Inquiry (POI):** Do we have a quorum with only five (5) Trustees present?
 - a. Yes. (a majority of the Board members elected/appointed).

- f. **Motion** (Chris D./Suzanne D.): Approve the Revised Budget approved by the BFC and presented by Hernan V.
- a. **Vote:** 5-0-0, **Unanimous.**
- f) Year-end (Q4) Financial statements review and approve. – **Hernan V.**
- a. Looking at these statements to verify that they are accurate and reflect the finances of the Fellowship.
- b. Review of Actual vs. Budget excel sheet:
- (a) Discussed this briefly at the Board meeting last week.
- (b) The Fellowship is where it is because of the over-run costs of the ABM, the unexpected shrinkage, and the under performance of Contributions.
- (c) The Book-keeper mentioned that the shrinkage issue showed up because they were not being ported by past book-keepers. (The shrink is a paper loss and not an actual loss of physical inventory).
- (d) Phoenix G. showed up at this point to keep us with a Quorum.
- (i) Total number of Trustees is now six (6) at 26 minutes in.
- (e) The BOT's ABM housing was high because of the Board Technology Committee's Test Weekend (their travel and their housing – paid).
- (f) Juanita J. arrived here bringing our number to seven (7) now.
- (g) The ABM food expense was also high because of increases and inflation.
- (h) **POI:** When the Technology Director left, the responsibility was addressed by office staff and the IT person. Did we save money because of that?
- (i) Had to pay them their severance of 60 more days (under account #62780 – webmaster services).
- (ii) The IT guy is getting paid extra for the extra work they are doing. (Being billed hourly under account #62760).
- (iii) Consider sending out a letter that we will be more financially savvy.
- c. Mentioned the General Ledger.
- d. Shared the Balance Sheet via screen share.
- e. POI: Total Equity/Liability means what?
- (a) Everything that the Fellowship owns minus owed. Positive is what you want.
- f. **Motion (Hernan V./Rick B.):** To approve the Fellowship Income Statement and the Actuals from the Balance Sheet that will be used by the auditor for our IRS Form 990.
- g. **Vote:** 6-0-1, **Approved.**
- h. Everything below – **Tabled.**
- g) Requested to have board committee and liaison reports submitted to the dropbox by November 19th. Also, requested to send copies of each to the Executive Director. – **Suzanne D.**

Stop Recording (*9)

Check-outs: Hernan V., Juanita J., Suzanne D., ~~Sam E.~~, Phoenix G., Rick B., Jack F., Chris D.

Closing Prayer:

Higher Power- make me worthy to serve You through this Fellowship and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Help me to be generous with my time and effort, to give without counting the cost, to give back wholly for what I have so freely received without looking for any reward, other than that of knowing I have done your will. Through my service, may I give hope and peace to those who still suffer. – Phoenix G.

Meeting Schedule for Conference Year 2023-2024 (All 3 hours)

09 Sept 23 – Regular	14 Oct 23 – Interim	11 Nov 23 – Regular
09 Dec 23 – Interim 16 Dec 23 – Special Budget Meet	13 Jan 24 – Regular	10 Feb 24 – Interim
09 Mar 24 - Regular	13 Apr 24 – Interim	11 May 24 – Regular
08 Jun 24 – Interim	13 Jul 24 – Regular	F2F (TBD) Aug 2024