Funeral Consumers Alliance of Western PA
Annual Meeting
10/24/26 DRAFT

Attendance: Stephen Christian-Michaels, Andrea Christian-Michaels, Susan Jones, Terra Treasure, Beverly Bronder, Virginia Suplee, Annalise Mangone, Virginia McAnnly, Rob de Cortie, Judy Schryer, Mary Ann Packy

1. **Call to order** **Stephen Christian-Michaels**
   Stephen Christian-Michaels called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

2. **Secretary's report, Oct 2025 Annual Minutes, corrections/approval** **Andrea Christian-Michaels**
   Motion to approve the minutes of last year's annual meeting was made by Terra Treasure. Second of the motion was made by Susan Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's report** **Beverly Bronder for Tom Stackrow**

The Year-to-Date summary September 30, 2026, shows the following Actual:

Revenue	$1,269	Last year it was $2,515
Expenses	$3.336	
Deficit	$2,069	Last year it was $902

The Available Funds balance is $9,137.70. Last year it was $9,850
We also expect to raise additional revenue through the Giving Tuesday fundraising in December, but we are $2,000 in deficit.

Based on a reduction of our FCA National dues forecast and our increased use of internet communications, my preliminary estimate indicates that our expenses in 2027 can be reduced by $1,000. My forecast for 2027 income will depend heavily on our success generating donations in the fourth quarter of 2026. Regardless of my revenue prediction, we will have sufficient funds to meet our commitments in 2027.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report including the Year-to-Date Statement was made by Virginia Suplee. The second of the motion was made by Judy Schryer. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Presidents Report – Review of the Past Year** **Stephen Christian-Michaels**
   a. Two funeral homes decided not to participate. One funeral home was dropped for not responding. We currently 18 have participating funeral homes

   b. We sent out the updated Participating Funeral Homes Price List. Several enhancements were made:
      i. Funeral homes were grouped by region
      ii. Web sites of the funeral homes were added funeral
      iii. On-site or off-site crematory locations were added
      iv. Additional charges, if any, for transportation to off-site crematories and whether the funeral home offers a discount to FCAWP members were added.

   c. Membership statistics
      i. Active members 1,084
      ii. Inactive members 818
      iii. Deceased members 1,315
      iv. New Members In 2025 3

v. New members in 2026 5

d. Accomplishments
   i. 2026-27 Price List sent to members
   ii. Pay Pal payment system added to the web page
   iii. Developed a brochure for FCAWP
   iv. Switched to Google for Nonprofits reducing our costs
      1. Google Voice replaced our T-Mobile account
      2. FCAWP Google Drive now houses our electronic records, formerly on personal drives
      3. Moved email system to Google using existing FCAWP domain
      4. Each board member has a FCAWP email address
   v. Presentations increased (2 at OSHER CMU and one at Longwood at Oakmont
   vi. Articles have been posted to the webpage throughout the year
   vii. Pamphlets developed by FCA National were downloadable via our web site
   viii. Participated in our 2nd Pittsburgh Gives Big
   ix. We distributed our Fall Newsletter via email to 340 members with donation materials
   x. Planned broadcast of annual meeting via Google Meet so more members could attend. Unfortunately, we experienced technical difficulties, and this did not happen.
   xi. FCAWP became a supporting member of the Pittsburgh Death Community, which is made up of grief therapist, death doulas, hospice workers and some staff who work at funeral homes. This partnership will facilitate:
      1. Cross organization board member representation
      2. Cross organization advertising
      3. Cross organization website links
      4. Cross organization events (Death Café, Funeral Planning Seminars)

      We have attended several Death Café meetings, acting as co-facilitator and distributing our brochures at said meetings.
   xii. Last year, 2025. ended the year in the black

5. **Future Plans** **Stephen Christan-Michaels**
   a. Recruit more volunteers for funeral planning seminars, funeral home price list canvasing
   b. Increase the # of email news updates between newsletters
   c. Pittsburgh Gives – promote December fundraiser to help us end the year in the black
   d. Attend the National Conference of Funeral Consumers Alliance

6. Election of Officers **Stephen Christian-Michaels**
   a. Larry Comden resigned his position as trustee due to health reasons.

   b. Virginia Suplee was nominated as a new trustee
      i. She lives here in East Liberty. She worked for Community Care Behavioral Health.
      ii. CCBH is the Medicaid behavioral health managed care company for Allegheny Co.
      iii. She worked in the Community Relations Department, which will be an asset for us.

   c. There were no additional nominations from the floor for new board trustees.

   d. The Slate of Trustees
      i. Susan Jones, 2nd term
      ii. Andrea Christian-Michaels, 2nd term
      iii. Stephen Christian-Michaels, 2nd term
      iv. Bev Bronder, 2nd term
      v. Tom Stackrow, 2nd term
      vi. Virginia Suplee, 1st term

e. The vote was unanimous! The members attending approved the slate of Trustees. Welcome and thank you Virginia. We look forward to your presence on board.

f. The Slate of Officers

i.	Stephen Christian-Michaels	President
ii.	Susan Jones	Vice President
iii.	Tom Stackrow	Treasurer
iv.	Andrea Christian-Michaels	Secretary

g. Vote of the slate of Officers for 2026 was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

7. Adjournment **Stephen Christian-Michaels**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

8. Presentation of Twelve Myths of the Funeral Industry **Stephen Christian-Michaels**

Meeting concluded.