

District 34
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021
Via ZOOM
Apex Masonic Lodge
408 E Williams Street
Apex, NC 27539

Members Present

DCM	Sue H
Alt. DCM	Craig H
Registrar	Glenn G
Treasurer	
Secretary	Sandy W
Web Master	

Group GSRs:

Apex		Lakeside	
Arch to Freedom		Last Call	
Basics for Beginners		Let Go, Let God	
Be Still Morning Meditation		Living Now	
Cary Twelve Step	Lee C	Log Cabin	
Cary Young People		Maynard Road Group	Eugene H.
Change Agents	Riggs, Charlie K. (Alt)	Morning Meditation	
Design for Living		New Freedom Group	
Early Birds		One Chapter at a Time	
Experience, Strength and Hope		One Day at a Time	
First One Hundred and Sixty Four		One More Chapter at a Time	
Fuquay-Varina		One Noon at a Time	Zany B. (Alt)
G2	Jasen H.	Promises of a New Beginning	
Garner Big Book	Paul S.	Sunday Morning Spirituality Group	
Gateway		There is a Solution	Brie G.
Green Level		West Cary Noon	Pete R., David (Alt.)
Greenwood Forest		Willow Springs	Mark S. (Alt)

		Step	
Holly Springs		Women's Steps to Serenity	Kristi S, (Alt)
Keep It Simple		Women's Paths to Serenity	Natalie M.

Call to Order

7:34 pm - Sue opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Readings

Long Form of Tradition 4 – Lee C
 District Purpose – Mark S

Introductions

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!
 Kristi S. Alt for Women's Step to Serenity
 Charlie K. Alt for Change Agents
 David Alt for West Cary Noon

Welcome Visitors!
 Troy M. (TIAS)

AA Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following AA Birthday Celebrants:

- Riggs – 8 years!!!!
- Craig – 25 years!!!

Birthday Envelopes are available from Intergroup or can be ordered from AA.org. They will be sent via mail.

Registrar Report

- **GSR and Alternate GSR Contact Information:**
 If you are a new GSR or Alternate GSR, or someone who has not received their GSR packet, please send your email or mailing address to Glenn - D34Registrar@gmail.com, if he does not always have it. You can choose to receive your GSR packet via email or the USPS.

Concept 4 and a Joke

Concept 4 – Pete R.
 < Concept 5 and a Joke in May: Eugene H. >

Secretary Report

Reviewed, Approved March 2021 Minutes
Motion to Accept by Mark S., Seconded by Paul S.
Passed with none opposed.

Treasurer Report

- Barbara was not able to attend because of a death in her family.
- Treasurer's report was sent out for March. Group contributions went up quite a bit this past month.
- Let Barbara know if you do not see your contributions recorded - d34treasurer@gmail.com.
- No comments or corrections made for the March Treasurer's report were received.
- Motion to accept the March 2021 report by Riggs. Seconded Mark S. Passed with no opposition.

Alt DCM Report

1. GSR School

There was a GSR School held on March 21st. Craig reported that we have had at least 1 person in attendance at each month's class, which makes it very successful & worthwhile. This month's GSR School will be held virtually on April 18th at 3:00 p.m.

The GSR School is held to help GSRs and Alternate GSRs become familiar with their mission as the Group Service Representative for their group. This is a very important job in AA because this is how your group makes its voice heard at the Area and GSO level of AA.

April's School will take place on Sunday, April 18th at 3:00 p.m. Look for the Zoom link in your email. You can also contact Craig H for the link. All are welcome! Craig: (747) 229-7302 or d34dcma@gmail.com.

DCM Report

1. GSO conference was held virtually. We expect a report from the Delegate.
2. The Spring Assembly will be held virtually on May 22nd. It is expected that this will be the last virtual event.
 - a. The documents for this assembly are up on the website: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/event/spring-assembly-2021/> User ID: 34 and password: notglumlot.
 - b. One thing that will be discussed is the proposal to Retain the Site Investigation Subcommittee as presently composed and configured, but change the subcommittee schedule to allow site recommendations for Winter and Summer Committee meetings to be made no later than 2 years prior to the year of the event. The intent is to be able to reserve a venue closer to the event when the event will be one of the smaller ones. They want to maintain the 2 year requirement for the large events, but want more flexibility with the smaller events.

3. 74th NC State convention is July 15-18th. This will probably be virtual because of the number of people who would most likely attend with concern about Covid restrictions and the hotel's reaction.
4. The Fall Assembly is at Lake Junaluska Nov 13-14th. The venue is a little bit of a distance, but is quite beautiful. They have fire pits which will make for phenomenal nighttime discussions. The main events will be on the north side of the lake near building 7. They have meal packages for those staying in this hotel. There is a walking path around the lake. Terrace Hotel is the recommended hotel because of its proximity to all events. You can reserve a room at <https://www.lakejunaluska.com/> using Event Name: NCGSCAA. Room and Meal rates are as follows:
 - Room rates - Terrace
 - Single/Double: \$146
 - Triple - \$166
 - Quad: \$186
 - Room rates - Lambuth
 - Single \$126
 - Double \$141
 - Quad \$156
 - 0 meals: \$0
 - 3 meals (Sat lunch, Sat dinner, Sun breakfast) \$41
 - 5 meals (Fri dinner, Sat breakfast lunch dinner, Sun breakfast) \$68
5. Sue is requesting that the GSRs and Alternate GSRs start thinking about when we would like to go back to in-person district meetings since more people are becoming more comfortable with in-person meetings. We would like to keep Zoom meetings going too so that those who are not comfortable coming in person can attend. So we will probably want to hold hybrid District meetings for a while.

Webmaster Report

- Webmaster not present.
- If there is someone who can help get information up on the website, let Sue know.

Old Business

- The District Surplus Policy was discussed a few weeks ago. The current policy is \$300 for a picnic and split the remainder to the Alcothon and Gratitude Dinner. Since we have a \$3061.68 surplus this year and this existing policy made for very extravagant events that would not really meet our intent of carrying the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic, we formed a committee to come up with another proposal.
- Proposed New Surplus Policy:
 - o If there is a surplus, up to \$500 will be spent on a district picnic.
 - o If surplus > \$500. Add an Alcothon for some other holiday, 4th of July, Thanksgiving or Cinco de Mayo were discussed. They are open to other suggestions. Up to a \$1000 budget. This would be under a trial run for 1 year to see how successful it is. NOTE: if this event is not held or the funds are

bookmarked for the following year's event (pre-funding), then this step is skipped and the monies roll to the next item. NOTE: This can be skipped, if on setting aside funds, the GSRs decide by a simple majority that they wish to skip it this year.

- Remaining monies. Add a scholarship fund for GSR/Alt room and board to attend an Area 51 Assembly. This would be intended for small groups that cannot afford to send their GSR to the Area 51 Assembly Meeting. This will be capped at the maximum amount left after reserving money for the mid-year alcothon. At this time it would be capped at \$1061.68.
- Distribute remaining funds to GSO.
- For an example of expenses current set aside for the DCM and Alt DCM to attend an assembly: Hotel \$230 (2 nights), Meals \$75 (2 days), Travel \$30. Total is \$335. At this rate, we could send a GSR from 5 groups and the total cost would be \$1675.
- The committee did discuss the proposal of distributing surplus money to Intergroup. It was decided that this would not be a good use of the surplus because of Intergroup's current situation. Currently they are losing \$918 / month but it will take more than a year to become a problem because of the amount of money they have on hand. It will become a problem if 2020 repeats in 2021. As a result of the discussion, it was concluded that Intergroup would not be the prudent place to put the money at this time.
- There was some discussion by the committee regarding whether we should use the money to assist with unmet AA needs in D34. If we implemented this suggestion, we would need to form a committee to identify those unmet needs and propose a solution.
- The Current surplus is \$3368 and the proposed allocation of this surplus is for: Picnic, Additional summer event, scholarships with up to the number of groups that could be supported.
- A question was raised: Is this proposal an all or nothing option? Our group thoughts – picnic is good, not so much interest in the Alcothon, Scholarships are good.
- GSRs: Please take this proposal to your groups for a vote. If less than half of the groups say they do not want another Alcothon, then we won't have it. When discussing these things with your groups, keep in mind that the intention is to use the surplus to help the still suffering alcoholic in the district.

New Business

1. None.

History Fact

April History Fact presented by: Paul S. We heard about the Oxford Group from which AA adopted some of their practices and their steps. The Oxford Group had 4 absolutes: Honesty, Unselfishness, Purity, Love. AA's 12 steps have stemmed from some of the Oxford Group ideas: Share our mistakes with someone else, Surrender our life path into God's care, Make restitution to those we have hurt, Listen for God's guidance.

< May History Fact: Sue H. >

Home Group Announcements

- None.
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Area 51 Events

None discussed. See upcoming events at end of this report.

7th Tradition Basket

Not passed.

End of the Meeting

Closed the meeting with the AA Responsibility Pledge.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next meeting: May 11, 2021 @ ~~Apex Masonic Lodge~~ via Zoom

~~6:30p—Service Manual Study~~

7:30p – District meeting

Addendum – Helpful Mailing Addresses. Websites and Area 51 Events

Emails

DCM	d34dcm@gmail.com
Alt-DCM	d34dcma@gmail.com
Treasurer	d34treasurer@gmail.com
Secretary	d34secretary@gmail.com
Registrar	d34registrar@gmail.com
Webmaster	d34webmaster@gmail.com

Websites

<http://www.raleighaa.com/district.php>

<http://www.d34a51.com>

<http://aanorthcarolina.org>

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Password: notglumlot

Mailing Addresses/email

Area 51 Treasurer

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Area 51 Archivist

Archivist
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Area 51 Chair

chair@aanorthcarolina.org

GSO

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 New York, NY 10163
 (919) 870-3400
<http://www.aa.org>

D34 Contributions

PO Box 271
 Cary NC 27512

Schedule of upcoming Area 51 events

2020 & 2021	
2021 Area 51 Corrections Conference <i>The 33rd Freedom From Bondage</i>	March 12 – 14, 2021 Cancelled If COVID conditions improve, there may be a shortened program later on.
2021 Spring Committee Meeting	May 21, 2021 This meeting will be held via Zoom
2021 Spring Assembly	May 22 – 23, 2021 This meeting will be held via Zoom
74th North Carolina State Convention	July 15 - 18, 2021 This meeting will be held via Zoom
2021 Summer Committee Meeting	August 20, 2021 This meeting will be held via Zoom
2021 Summer Assembly	August 21 – 22, 2021 This meeting will be held via Zoom
2021 Fall Committee Meeting	November 12, 2021 Lake Junaluska
2021 Fall Assembly	November 13 - 14, 2021 Lake Junaluska
SSAASA VI	November 19 - 21, 2021 Marriot Tampa Airport