

District 34
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 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	Barbara B
Secretary	Sandy W
Web Master	

Group GSRs:

Apex		Lakeside	Artie (Alt)
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	
Change Agents	Riggs	Morning Meditation	Ann N. (Alt)
Design for Living		New Freedom Group	
Early Birds		One Chapter at a Time	Barbara B.
Experience, Strength and Hope		One Day at a Time	
First One Hundred and Sixty Four		One More Chapter at a Time	
Fuquay-Varina	Matt M.	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	Kelly O.
Gateway	Sue B.	There is a Solution	Brie G.
Green Level		West Cary Noon	Pete R.
Greenwood Forest		Willow Springs Step	

Holly Springs		Women's Steps to Serenity	
Keep It Simple	Karen C.	Women's Paths to Serenity	Natalie M.

Call to Order

7:30 pm - Sue opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Readings

Long Form of Tradition 3 – Riggs
District Purpose – Matt Mc

Introductions

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!

Matt Mc. GSR Fuquay-Varina

Artie Alt GSR - Lakeside

Kelly O. Sunday Morning Spiritual GSR

Welcome Visitors!

Troy M. (TIAS)

AA Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following AA Birthday Celebrants:

- NA

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

Concept 3 and a Joke

Concept 3 – Ann N.

< Concept 4 and a Joke in April: Pete R. >

Secretary Report

Reviewed, Approved February 2021 Minutes

Motion to Accept by Brie G., Seconded by Barbara B.

Passed with none opposed.

Treasurer Report

- **Newly renovated 2021 Proposed budget presented.** The modified 2021 budget was planned with the assumption that the district and individual meetings will be back full force in September. With this in mind, we decided to use the actual budget for 2020 as the model for the 2021 budget. Our plans include 2021 expenses for Alcothons to be

held in December 2021 and January 2022. We also expect to host the Gratitude dinner in November and hopefully a picnic. Travel expenses for DCM and Alt DCM have increased because the meetings they attend on the District's behalf have moved from the North Raleigh Hilton to other venues. In the future our goal is to return to making our expenses match our income. Expenses are higher than Income on the 2021 proposed budget so there is a "Surplus to cover ..." line item under expenses with a negative amount. This will most likely not be a line item in the proposed 2022 budget when that is formed next year. The proposed 2021 budget does not include income from passing the basket at the District 34 meetings. We will not pass the basket until we no longer have a surplus of funds.

- Barbara indicated that the latest bank statement showed ~\$36 to 1&1. ~\$54 to GoDaddy. The web hosting amount needs to be changed to \$101.74.
- Motion to approve Barbara B. Second Jasen H.
- **2021 Budget Passed with no opposition.**

- Sue proposed to change the way the District calculates the year end Surplus as follows:
Surplus = Dec 31 bank statement balance – prudent reserve amount – amount needed to balance the budget for the following year.
- **Motion to accept the proposal Riggs. Second Glenn. Passed with no opposition.**

- We learned a valuable lesson from losing our data when we changed the website hosting company our district was using because of a large rate increase. We did not have an offsite backup of our website's data and the website's backup got corrupted. As a result, we lost all the data and it had to be recreated. We are now on 1&1 and everything links to our documents on our Google Drive. This should prevent us from losing our data again.

- February report was presented.
- Motion to accept Sue B. Second by Matt M.
- There is a difference between the 2021 budget starting budget \$5960.72 and the February report.
- **February report is approved with above corrections.**

Registrar Report

- Proposal made to change the District 34 monthly meeting agenda to move the Registrar Report to immediately following recognition of new GSRs.

- **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 email your mailing address to Glenn: D34Registrar@gmail.com. You can choose to receive your GSR packet materials in your email or via the USPS.

Alt DCM Report

1. Sue & Craig attended the Area Winter Committee meeting which was held virtually. (This is where a lot of the business for AA in North Carolina is done.) The meeting was divided into 2 parts:
 - a. Preparation for the upcoming General Service Conference normally held in NY. This conference is where the Trustees & members of the General Service Board come together to discuss the various agenda items brought before the conference. Ranier, our Area 51 Delegate, led this meeting. He divided the DCMs and Alt DCMs into groups and each group discussed a set of agenda items. This was to allow him to get an idea of where the NC AA groups stood on these issues through their district representation. This is how the group consciences in an area are brought to NY. There will be several Mock Conferences coming up where the agenda items will be discussed further. These are open to everyone. The goal of the General Service Board is to make sure that AA will always be there for the sick & suffering alcoholic.
 - b. Discussion of business items for our Area (Area 51). One interesting discussion was to make permanent the scholarships available to groups to help send their GSRs to assemblies and other events. There was a very dynamic discussion on this item but consensus was not reached so it was sent back to the committee for further work. This discussion was a great example of the love and tolerance promoted in AA. Also, many thanks to Troy for his service to tend the ZOOM technicalities to run the virtual aspect of the meeting and keeping it running smoothly.
2. Sue sent a complete list of the Delegate's summary of the Agenda items to the GSRs last night. The items highlighted in yellow are what Ranier considers the most important. Sue can send the complete background information to those who would like that.
3. **GSR School**

There was a GSR School held on February 21st. This month's GSR School will be held virtually on March 21st at 3:00 p.m.
Anyone interested in attending can email Craig.

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.

March's School will take place on Sunday, March 21st at 3:00 p.m. Craig will email the Zoom link. You can also contact Craig H for the link. All are welcome! Craig: (747) 229-7302 or d34dcma@gmail.com.

DCM Report

1. Several Pre Conferences are scheduled. The document Sue sent out includes details of which agenda items are being discussed at which meetings.
2. A proposal was made to reconvene the **Surplus Committee**. This was discussed last year but was waylaid by the pandemic. The goal of this committee is to come up with a more viable Surplus Policy for the District to meet our goal of assisting the still sick and suffering alcoholic. The existing Surplus Policy is as follows: Spend up to \$300 on a picnic with the remaining surplus allocated to the 2 Alcothons and the Gratitude Dinner. The district did not implement this because the surplus was too large & it would have made for very extravagant Alcothons and Gratitude Dinner, defeating the goal of using this money to help the sick and suffering alcoholics in our district.
3. Surplus Committee: Paul S., Glenn G, Sue H, Craig H, Barbara B., Matt M., Jasen H. There will be a meeting 2 weeks from today March 23rd, 7 p.m. Goal is to present an idea to the GSRs that can be voted on. Sue will create the Zoom meeting and Craig will send out the notice.
4. Please send your ideas for the modified Surplus Policy to the committee even if you are not on it.
5. The request was made for the GSRs to think about rooming/traveling together to make it possible for more GSRs and Alt GSRs to travel to Lake Junaluska for the Fall Service Assembly. This would mean that there could be a broader range of groups represented at the assembly.

Webmaster Report

- Webmaster not present.
- Sue reported that our website is up on 1&1 and is working fine. All documents are on Google drive.

Old Business

- See surplus policy committee information in the DCM section above.

New Business

1. The question was asked whether we should consider having a liason to Intergroup. It is apparent that we don't really have any idea how Intergroup is doing and what their needs are. Intergroup is taking much responsibility that is normally done at the district/group level like interfacing to the professional community. If we had a District 34 liason the GSRs could be better informed about how and what Intergroup is doing and whether there is anything we could/should be doing to offer support. This is not intended to be to monitor or in any way to encroach on their service endeavors.

There was concern expressed because Intergroup is not really part of the AA structure. They are not part of AA General Service structure but they are part of AA in that local AA groups work together through the Intergroup office to carry the message to still

suffering alcoholics (for example in treatment centers and prisons) and to provide information to the community (CPCPI).

This could go both ways. They could also send a representative to the District as a regular attendee and could bring their voice but would not be able to vote at the District level.

Craig is going to contact Intergroup and see if they are interested in this.

History Fact

History Fact presented by: Pete R.

< April History Fact: Paul S.>

Home Group Announcements

- West Cary Noon meets Thursdays at Noon in person. We could use some participants. There is social distancing and masks are in use.
- Morning Meditation Group. 1 year anniversary of Virtual meeting is March 19. Average is 50 people. Serving many people that are never able to attend in-person meetings.

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 8:42 PM

Next meeting: April 13, 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

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Websites

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

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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 19 - 21, 2021 Lake Junaluska
SSAASA VI	November 19 - 21, 2021 Marriot Tampa Airport