

District 34
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 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	Tracy S

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		Log Cabin	
Cary Young People		Maynard Road Group	Gene H.
Change Agents	Riggs, Charlie K. (Alt)	Morning Meditation	Kelly O.
Design for Living		New Freedom Group	
Early Birds	Lisa L. (Alt)	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		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	Sue B.	There is a Solution	Brie G.
Green Level		West Cary Noon	
Greenwood Forest	Tracy S.	Willow Springs	Mark S. (Alt)

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

Call to Order

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

Readings

District Purpose – Brie G.
Long Form of Tradition 5 – Jasen H.

Introductions

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!
Lisa – Alt GSR, Early Birds
Charlie – Alt GSR, Change Agents

Visitors

None

AA Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following AA Birthday Celebrants:

- Charlie – 4 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 5 and a Joke

Concept 5 – Eugene H.
< Concept 6 and a Joke in June: Sandy W. >

Secretary Report

Reviewed, Approved April 2021 Minutes
Motion to Accept by Sue H., Seconded by Barbara B.

Passed with none opposed.

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer's report was sent out for April.
- No comments or corrections made for the April Treasurer's report were received.
- Motion to accept the April 2021 report by Brie G. Seconded Mark S. Passed with no opposition.

Alt DCM Report

1. GSR School

There was no GSR School held on April 21st because there was no need in April. The next GSR School will be held virtually on May 16th at 3:00 p.m.

The GSR School brings new GSRs and Alternate GSRs up to speed on their responsibilities in this role to their home group and to District 34. It also serves as a refresher course. These roles fulfill a very important job in AA because their purpose is to bring each group's voice to the District, to the Area and to the General Service Office of AA.

Craig worked with Districts 31 and 35 to plan Unity Day for 2021. The virtual Unity Day will take place on Saturday June 12th, starting at 10:00 a.m. The entire celebration will last 2-1/2 hours and will include a 1 hour speaker (TBA - Dave C.), with the remaining time set aside for workshops to be held in breakout rooms. The workshops will be focused on general service. The purpose of Unity Day is to celebrate the founding of AA and give the attendees a chance to fellowship with others in Area 51. Flyers and more information will be forthcoming.

May's GSR School will take place on Sunday, May 16th at 3:00 p.m. Look for the Zoom link in your email. Contact Craig H for the link if you need it. All are welcome!
Craig: (747) 229-7302 or d34dcma@gmail.com.

DCM Report

1. The Spring Assembly will be held virtually on May 22nd. Details about the assembly were emailed to everyone. This is hopefully the last virtual assembly. The Assembly begins at 9:00 on Saturday with the "How the Assembly Operates" session. Workshops will be held from 10:15 – 11:15 and the assembly business takes place between Noon and 5 p.m. Debra A., AAWS directory, is the Saturday evening speaker at 6:00.
 - a. There will be discussion and a vote taken on 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.

Sue and Craig will vote according to the District conscience. It is expected that there will be discussion on the wording of this proposal.

- b. There was no feedback from the D34 groups regarding this Site Committee proposal. GSRs can send their group's comments and/or vote via email before the Assembly.
2. 74th NC State convention is July 15-18th. This will be virtual because of the large number of people who would attend and concerns about Covid restrictions and the hotel's concerns.
3. The Fall Assembly is in-person is at Lake Junaluska Nov 13-14th. The venue is a little bit of a distance, but is quite beautiful. Perfect for the Fall! Sue recommends reserving a room at the Terrace Hotel to avoid having to walk up a hill to the other lodging. 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

Webmaster Report

- April minutes were uploaded to the website.
- Let Tracy know if you need anything done on the website. d34webmaster@gmail.com.

Old Business

- Discussion on the Proposed New Surplus Policy (from last month's meeting):
 - o If there is a surplus, up to \$500 will be spent on a district picnic.
 - o If surplus > \$500. Add an Alcolthon 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.
 - o 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.
- 5 GSRs voiced that their groups did not support an alcothon in the middle of the year and would like to see the surplus go to the scholarship fund instead. Two groups had an almost split decision on the alcothon vs. scholarship. One group thought it would be difficult to put together a middle of the year alcothon this year. One group indicated that their group would need a scholarship because they are so small.
- It is most likely that we could put together a picnic for mid-year but the alcothon would probably have to be next year.
- Took a vote of those who would like to NOT have an extra alcothon. 8 voted No to consider spending surplus money on an additional alcothon. 3 abstaining. We will strike the mid-year alcothon from the Surplus Policy.
- Motion to accept the modified proposal without the mid-year alcothon: Mark S. Second: Sue . Passed with no opposition.

New Business

1. It was discussed and a vote taken - Hybrid District 34 meetings will start with the June 2021 meeting. Sue and Craig will be at the Masonic Lodge in person. Zoom will continue for those who want to attend virtually. The Service Manual Study will be started up again in July.

History Fact

April History Fact presented by: Sue H. The book Not God and anonymity. Indicated that AA was a fellowship and not an organization. Who the heck is Rollie Hemsley? He was a hard-drinking professional catcher in baseball who raised questions of the preservation of anonymity early on in AAs history. He revealed his association with AA publicly in a press conference. This was in 1940. It is so easy to break someone else's anonymity by accident. Social media and on-line activity make this a dynamic topic.

< May History Fact: Karen C. >
(Gene H in June)

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 8:34 PM

Next meeting: June 8, 2021 @ Apex Masonic Lodge and 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
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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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Mailing Addresses/email

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GSO

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<http://www.aa.org>

D34 Contributions

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Cary NC 27512

Schedule of upcoming Area 51 events

2020 & 2021	
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