

**District 34
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022
Apex Masonic Lodge
& ZOOM
408 E Williams Street
Apex, NC 27539**

Members Present

DCM	Craig H.
Alt. DCM	Brie G.
Registrar	Lili O.
Treasurer	Jasen H.
Secretary	Paul S.
Web Master	James C.

Group GSRs:

Apex	Mark E.	Lakeside	Jeff H.
Arch to Freedom	Lisa M.	Last Call	
Basics for Beginners	Donna C.	Let Go, Let God	
Be Still Morning Meditation		Living Now	
Cary Twelve Step	James C.	Log Cabin	Gouri G.
Cary Young People		Maynard Road Group	
Change Agents	Michael R.	Morning Meditation Group	Shanna V.
Design for Living		New Freedom Group	
Early Birds	Lisa L.	One Chapter at a Time	Liz H
Experience, Strength and Hope		One Day at a Time	
First One Hundred and Sixty-Four	Eric N.	One More Chapter at a Time	
Fuquay-Varina	David J. GSR, Matt M. Alt. GSR	One Noon at a Time	
G2	Jasen H.	Promises of a New Beginning	
Garner Big Book	Paul S.	Sunday Morning Spirituality Group	
Gateway		There is a Solution	Jonethen S. GSR, Nicolette J. Alt. GSR
Green Level		West Cary Noon	

Greenwood Forest	Karlis M.	Willow Springs Step	Tony S.
Holly Springs		Women's Paths to Serenity	
Keep It Simple		Women's Steps to Serenity	

Call to Order

7:30 pm – Craig H. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Readings

Long Form of Tradition 3 – Jasen H.

District Purpose – Nicolette J.

Joke & Concept 3

Concept 3 – Liz H. – Working relationships between groups; effective leadership.

Joke – Liz H. – "I'm the do it yourself type!"

Next Month: Concept 4 and a Joke – Donna C.

Introductions

Went around the room and online (Zoom) and introduced ourselves.

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!

Shanna V. – GSR for the Morning Meditation Group

AA Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

Tony S. 32 Years

Karlis M. 26 Years

Birthday Envelopes are available from Intergroup or can be ordered from AA.org.

Registrar Report

- It was discovered some members of the GSR/Alt. GSR distribution list weren't receiving meeting minutes. The issue has been corrected.
- District and Area contact databases are being updated.
- If you're a new GSR, Alternate GSR, and not receiving emails, please send Lili your information (group name, position, mailing address, email address, phone number, etc.) to d34registrar@gmail.com
- If you have not received your GSR Packet, please contact Lili at d34registrar@gmail.com and provide your name, mailing address and whether you prefer to receive a physical packet or use the electron/digital version.
- The contents of the GSR Packet is posted at:
 - o https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_GSR_list.pdf

Secretary Report

- If you're not receiving emails, please let us know ASAP!
- February 2022 District 34 Meeting Minutes distributed via email.
- Motion to accept February meeting minutes by Michael R., Second by Karlis M.
- Motion passed with none opposed.

Treasurer Report

- \$156 in District 34 Home Group contributions, will show on the March report.
- Bank account and budget are fully reconciled and in balance.
- Over \$6000 in bank account.
- Motion to accept Treasurer Report – First Motion: Jonethen S., Second Motion: Michael R.
- Motion passed with none opposed.

Webmaster Report

- Sent a letter to District 71 Webmaster to discuss issue with domain registration. Several suggestions were sent back including creating an email address which is tagged as the domain owner. Doing this will enable the incumbent district Webmaster to pass ownership of the domain to the next Webmaster without needing to change the name of the domain.
- James C., District 34 Webmaster, will try and reach out to his predecessor for input and guidance.

Alt DCM Report

1. Brie: GSR School - New GSR Orientation: It is recommended to attend the GSR school if you are a new GSR or a new Alt GSR to become more familiar with your role and to ask any questions. Please call Brie G. (919) 561-7153 or Craig H. (747) 229-7302 to set up a convenient time and place!
 - o March 20, 2022 @ 10:00 AM will be the next GSR orientation on Zoom.
 - o Brie: Will send out the Zoom link once we get everything updated with our Registrar.
2. Brie attended her first Committee meeting this past weekend as Alt. DCM for District 34. "It was very interesting, and there is a lot to learn!"

DCM Report

1. 2022 Winter Committee Meeting:
 - o 2022 Area 51 Winter Committee Meeting was held this past weekend. Got there on Saturday! Meetings on Saturday concluded at 11 PM ET, picked back up again at 8 AM on Sunday and concluded at noon ET.
 - o Broke up into groups to discuss agenda items going up to the General Services Office (GSO) in New York, New York. We will discuss these items this evening.
 - o We were able to interact and work with our North Carolina Delegate, so NC will be represented well!

- Two (2) motions sent to the Committee meeting. What the Committee meeting does is sets the agenda for the Assembly meeting(s).
 - Motion #1 – Allow the Delegate to attend as many preconference’s as necessary. Previously, the Delegate was limited to attending only three (3) annually. This motion **PASSED!**
 - Motion #2 – Empower the Area Chairperson to translate Area related documents, e.g., minutes, etc., to Spanish. Motion **DID NOT PASS!** Alternatively, if anybody knows of anyone who is bilingual (fluent Spanish and English) and interested in providing document translation, please reach out to Craig immediately.

Old Business

1. Ad Hoc Picnic Committee:
 - All in attendance agreed to table the election of a committee until next month.
2. Ad Hoc Workshop Committee:
 - All in attendance agreed to table the election of a committee until next month.
 - Michael Riggs – When are we going to have the picnic?
 - Craig – More than likely in September. We can begin to organize the event beginning in April once we form the committee, and we have plenty of time to do so.

New Business

1. Preconference Planning:
 - a. Lots of discussion about communications at the Committee meetings.
 - i. In recent times, proposed changes that weren’t effectively communicated to our groups.
 - ii. Our area holds several preconference’s and events to discuss these changes, e.g., A.A. Preamble.
 - iii. GSO failed with effective communications and necessary participants failed to appropriately participate when needed.
 - iv. We need to make sure our voices, and the voices of our groups, are heard!
 - v. The preconference provides an opportunity to share with the Area 51 Delegate our Group Conscience and opinions. If the groups have inputs, we need to share those inputs at the preconference’s.
 1. Matt M., a lot of home group members don’t attend our business meetings, which adds to the problem.
 - vi. Craig, how do we get this information to the home group members?
 1. General discussion – we should use home group business meetings to communicate and disseminate this information and to receive input from our home groups.
 - b. The Area 51 East Region preconference will be held on April 9, 2022 – District 34 is part of the East Region. The East Region preconference will be held in Williamston, NC., please see below for address and details. There is a flyer available on the district 34 website.

- c. GSR's are strongly encouraged to attend the preconference.
- d. The Central Region preconference will be on March 26; Western Region preconference will be April 2 and the Spanish preconference is scheduled for April 10.
- e. There are three (3) Spanish speaking districts with North Carolina that overlay Area 51 (North Carolina).
- f. Brie and Craig participated in the literature committee during last weekend's Committee meetings. Each group will be assigned a certain agenda item during the preconference.
- g. At preconference we'll be divided into groups. There are a number of items the Delegate for NC needs input on from District 34 Groups. These are the items highlighted by the Delegate and distributed by Craig to District 34 GSR's.
- h. There will be a virtual event where we can speak with the Area Delegate directly.
- i. Agenda Item K – Edition 4 of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, also known as, the Big Book, is slated to be translated into a simpler form of English from a verbiage, language, and grammatical perspective. The current version of the Big Book, examined by Subject Matter Experts in the field, has been determined to be written at a ninth-grade level. The proposed revision to the 4th edition would produce a sixth-grade grade level version of the Big Book. The revised version would not replace the current 4th edition. It would be made available in addition to the current version of the 4th edition. The purpose for this changes is to make the Big Book more accessible to readers who may not have the ability to comprehend, entirely, the current version of the 4th edition.
 - i. Added Comments: The proposed revisions to edition 4 of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, also known as, the Big Book, does not impact plans for the new 5th edition.
- j. Action items and take-aways to discuss with our home groups at your next business meeting:
 - i. Read the preconference agenda items and discuss.
 - ii. Discuss items you think your home group will want to discuss and get their conscience.
 - iii. Socialize and discuss with your groups the revisions to the 4th edition of the Big Book noted above.
 - 1. Provide your groups inputs to the Area 51 Delegate during the upcoming virtual meeting(s) and/or at the regional preconference in April.
 - iv. Discuss the 5 pages of highlighted and prioritized items from the Area 51 Delegate.
 - 1. Provide your groups feedback to the Area 51 Delegate during the upcoming virtual meeting(s) with the Delegate and/or at the regional preconference in April.

- v. Provide your home group members with the means of communicating its conscience to the Area 51 Delegate. We are the voice of our home groups!
 - vi. Make sure you give people access to the background information.
2. Area 51 Inventory
- a. This item will be a key agenda item at the Area Assembly in June.
 - i. How well do we (Area 51) serve alcoholics in North Carolina?
 - ii. How can we reach out better?
 - b. The inventory is open to anybody in A.A. If you go to the Area 51 Website, you can pull down a copy of the inventory. The inventory is located under the “Secure Section” of the website. The userid is 34 and password is notglumlot.
 - i. Matt M. – Is this something we can bring back to our groups to discuss?
 - 1. Craig, you can, or we can do this individually too. You can fill out the questionnaire as a GSR, home group member, or as a home group collectively.
 - c. There are 9 questions on the website. We do this every few years to make sure we’re staying honest and on path to make sure the hand of A.A. is always there for the individual that needs it.

History Fact

Karlis M. – Shared notable A.A. events, milestones, etc., that took place during the month of March, e.g., March 1941 – A.A. membership quadrupled, March 1951 – First A.A. meeting inside a prison (San Quentin).

April History Fact to be presented by: ????

Home Group Announcements

- Garner Big Book celebrates its group anniversary (39 years) on April 9, 2022. Cake will be served.
- Change Agents Group celebrates its 7th anniversary this month.

End of the Meeting

Closed the meeting with the AA Responsibility Pledge.
Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting: April 12, 2022 @ Apex Masonic Lodge and via Zoom
6:30p – New Service Manual Study (also via Zoom)
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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Mailing Addresses/email

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Schedule of upcoming Area 51 events

2022	
<u>Central Region Pre-Conference Spring 2022</u>	March 26 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church 3906 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC. 27410
Western Region Pre-Conference Spring 2022	April 2 @ 11:30 am - 3:30 pm Oakley United Methodist 607 Fairview Road, Asheville, NC 28803
Eastern Region Pre-Conference Spring 2022	April 9 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Macedonia Church 7640 US Highway 17 Williamston, NC 27892
Area 51 Spring Committee & Assembly Meeting	June 17 – 19, 2022 The Hilton Charlotte University Place 8629 JM Keynes Drive Charlotte, NC 28262
75th North Carolina State Convention	July 7 – July 10 Hilton Raleigh North Hills 3415 Wake Forest Road Raleigh, NC 27609 Register at www.aanconvention.com
Summer Committee Meeting 2022	August 20 – 21 Hilton Durham Near Duke University 800 Hillsborough Road, Durham, NC 27705