**District 34**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 9, 2023**

**Apex Masonic Lodge**

**& ZOOM**

**408 E Williams Street**

**Apex, NC 27539**

**Members Present**

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

**Group GSRs:**

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| Apex |  |  | Last Call |  |
| Arch to Freedom |  |  | Let Go, Let God | Chris S., GSR |
| Basics for Beginners | Donna C., GSR |  | Living Now |  |
| Be Still Morning Meditation | Nate J., GSR |  | Log Cabin | Guiri, GSR |
| Cary Twelve Step | Erinn K., GSR |  | Maynard Road Group |  |
| Cary Young People | Bryan D., GSR |  | Morning Meditation Group | Terri P., GSR |
| Change Agents | Charlie K., Alt GSR |  | New Freedom Group |  |
| Design for Living |  |  | One Chapter at a Time | Liz H., GSR |
| Early Birds | Debra L., GSR |  | One Day at a Time |  |
| Experience, Strength, and Hope |  |  | One More Chapter at a Time |  |
| First One Hundred and Sixty-Four |  |  | One Noon at a Time | Jim M., GSR |
| Fuquay-Varina | David J., GSR, Yuriel, Alt. GSR |  | Principles In Action (APEX) | David W., GSR |
| G2 | Benny, GSR, Alan K., Alt. GSR |  | Promises of a New Beginning |  |
| Garner Big Book | Paul S., GSR |  | Sunday Morning Spirituality Group |  |
| Gateway |  |  | There is a Solution | Jonathan S., GSR |
| Green Level |  |  | West Cary Noon |  |
| Greenwood Forest | Karlis, GSR |  | Willow Springs | Tony S., GSR |
| Holly Springs |  |  | Women’s Paths to Serenity |  |
| Keep It Simple |  |  | Women’s Steps to Serenity |  |
| Lakeside | Jeff H., GSR |  | Anonymous Forces |  |
| Recovery at Noon | Lisa L., GSR |  |  |  |

**Call to Order**

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

**Readings**

* Long Form of Tradition 5 – Read By: Jonathan S.
* District Purpose – Read By: Liz H.

**Joke & Concept 5**

* Concept 5 – Lisa L. – Right of appeal should prevail. The minority has just as much right to vote, to appear, etc. Also, presented on the conference quorum structure.

**Next Month: Debra L.**

**Introductions**

Went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!

* Benny GSR, G2
* Alan K., Alt. GSR, G2
* Lisa L., GSR, Recovery at Noon (New Group)

New GSR’s and Alt. GSR’s, please provide Lili O., District 34 Registrar, your contact and group information.

**A.A. Anniversaries**

Congratulations to:

* Yuriel, 19 Years

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

**Registrar Report**

* Continuing to update group list when necessary.
* Please make sure to let Lili know if your information has changed, e.g., address change, name change, phone number change, group change, etc., so records can be updated.
* You can make your own updates to the master list on Google Drive, but please inform Lili! The information will also be shared with the Area 51 Registrar.
* If you are a new group, please have your GSR go to Lili to update the systems with your information. The information will be sent over to the Area 51 Registrar.
* When providing Lili with updates, your information will be shared with Area 51, District 34, but NOT with Intergroup.
* Be Still Morning Meditation Group – GSR information updated.

**Secretary Report**

* If you are not receiving emails, please let us know ASAP!
* April 2023 District 34 Meeting Minutes distributed via email.
* Motion to accept Secretary report (1st) Jim M., (2nd) by Lisa L.
* Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report**

* $250 conference contribution.
* Paid Rent
* Motion to accept Treasurers report (1st) made by Terri P., (2nd) by Jim M.
* Motion passed unanimously.

**Webmaster Report**

* Please continue to send James (District 34 Webmaster) flyers and news about your groups, e.g., anniversary parties, unique events, etc., so it can be posted on the District website.
* District 34 Webmaster email address is: [D34web@gmail.com](mailto:D34web@gmail.com)
* If you have flyers just go to the website and post or send them to James. [https://District34area51.live-website.com/](https://district34area51.live-website.com/)

**Alt DCM Report**

* 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!
* If anybody wants to attend new GSR orientation, please inform Brie so she can set up a convenient time to meet which works for everyone. Otherwise, Brie will hold off on scheduling anything this month.
* Next GSR school will be held May 12, 2023 (this Friday), at 4PM on ZOOM. Brie will send out an invitation via email.

**DCM Report**

* 2023 Spring Assembly in Raleigh
  + June 2-4, 2023
    - <https://bit.ly/3E0WiR7>
      * Julie, Area 51 Delegate, will have an extensive report on the GSO conference.
      * We are strongly encouraged to attend the assembly. Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4, are the key days to attend the assembly.
* 76th North Carolina State Convention
  + July 20-23, 2023
    - <https://www.aancconvention.com/>
    - We do have a flyer on our website.
    - The convention is moving out West to make attendance a more equitable distribution of where people live vs. where the events are taking place. Typically it was always held in the Raleigh area.
* Literature price increases April 3rd. You can expect about a 20% price increase on books and 30% on pamphlets.
* We do not have a report from our Delegate regarding the GSO conference.
* Recently the Board of Trustees asked the Chairperson to step down/resign. It was found the former Chair was not respecting the concepts and traditions of the program, was attempting to micromanage, and work outside the service structure. Craig H., (DCM) has more information about this. This is a rare occasion. This happened within the last few months.

**Old Business**

* Update - Ad Hoc Picnic Committee $404 budget.
  + Terri, Brie, Craig, Liz, Gouri, Chris S., Paul S.
    - Initial kickoff meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.
* Update - Ad Hoc Workshop Committee $500
  + Lisa, Craig, Brie, Gouri, Carol
    - Targeting September. Looking to move from First Presbyterian Church to a different venue in District 34.
      * Will add Jim M. to the committee.

**New Business**

* Intergroup Liaison:
  + Craig H. – Prior to 2004, D31, D34, D35 were one District; these are the Districts that now organize Unity Day.
  + All Intergroup committees were held at the District level.
  + When Intergroup formed, the committees and the organization of them, moved to the Intergroup level.
  + Intergroup does not exist within the AA Service structure.
  + We can create boards and committees as the 12 Traditions point out. This is where Intergroup comes in.
  + Some literature is sold at Intergroup. There is also literature sold at Intergroup that is considered non-conference approved literature; again, Intergroup is outside the service structure of A.A.
  + Craig feels like this is work we (District 34) should be involved with since we are involved with the service structure of A.A. in our area.
  + Should we (District 34) have a liaison with Intergroup?
  + The position would entail attending Intergroup monthly meetings, providing a report to the District on a monthly basis, communicating if there are any challenges, budgetary issues, work Intergroup is doing, etc., that the District can assist with.
  + Mark – it would serve us well to have a liaison to Intergroup. In other areas, Intergroup does phones and books. Here, Intergroup is making decisions impacting our District.
  + Lisa, Intergroup representative for the Early Birds Group, stated the issue with H&I Committee has been resolved as per the Intergroup bylaws. Intergroup seems to need a lot of help. There are a lot of opportunities for services we as a District could assist with.
  + Jason – does Intergroup want / need a liaison? We discussed this very same topic in the past.
  + Terri – in another Area, Intergroup liaison(s) are commonly used. Things tend to run more smoothly, e.g., planning events, picnics, Unity Day, coordination of book sales, phone support, etc., all seem to go well.
  + Yuriel – There seems to be a lot of confusion between Intergroup and the District(s).
  + Craig – we would need to have clear communication with Intergroup prior to implementing this service position. If Intergroup has a need for people to do service, spreading the word to our home groups via the liaison would be ideal.
  + Lili – D31 does have an Intergroup liaison. There is a clear benefit to having someone come to the District meetings to share what is going on.
  + Craig – question – should we pursue this as a District? Would Intergroup be open to it?
  + Tony – would we be helpful to Intergroup? Would Intergroup find value in it?
  + Intergroup Liaison report would be included in the District 34 monthly minutes.
    - Debra – made a motion to pursue having an Intergroup Liaison.
    - Chris – made a second motion to pursue having an Intergroup Liaison.
      * Motion Passed.
        + Craig will reach out to Intergroup and get some more information.
  + **We will socialize this topic with Intergroup and our homegroups to gain their views and opinions.**
* Tony S. – are we going to receive agenda items for our upcoming NC State Assembly?
  + Liz H. – it is on the North Carolina website, and it will be updated further as we get closer to the event.
  + https://aanorthcarolina.org/

**History Fact**

* James C. – History from Language Of The Heart. Our Program is Spiritually Centered.
* Joke – A screwdriver rolls into a bar…

**Next Month – Donna C.**

**Home Group Announcements**

* Donna C. – Party coming up at the Lakeside Group on June 12 to celebrate the groups 45th anniversary. Dinner at 5:30/6:00 PM followed by a Speaker meeting.

**End of the Meeting**

* We passed the basket.
* Closed the meeting with the A.A. Responsibility Pledge.
* Adjourned at 8:30

**Next Meeting : June 13, 2023 @ Apex Masonic Lodge**

* 6:30PM – New Service Manual Study (also via Zoom)
* 7:30PM – District meeting

**Addendum – Helpful Mailing Addresses. Websites and Area 51 Events**

**Emails**

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Registrar [d34registrar@gmail.com](about:blank)

Webmaster [d34web@gmail.com](mailto:D34web@gmail.com)

**Websites**

[http://www.raleighaa.com/District.php](about:blank)

[http://www.d34a51.com](about:blank)

[http://aanorthcarolina.org](about:blank)

User: 34

Password: notglumlot

**Mailing Addresses/email – needs to be changed.**

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**D34 Contributions**

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**Schedule for upcoming Area 51 events****:**

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| 76th North Carolina State Convention | July 20 - July 23  Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center  91 North Lake Shore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745 aancconvention.com |
| Summer Committee Meeting 2023 | August 18 - August 20  Blowing Rock Conference Center 1818 Goforth Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28605 |
| 2025 International Convention | July 3-6, 2025  Vancouver, B.C., Canada |
| Area 51 Fall Committee & Assembly Meeting | October 20-22, 2023  The Hilton Raleigh North Hills  3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609 |