**District 34**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 2023**

**Apex Masonic Lodge**

**408 E Williams Street**

**Apex, NC 27539**

**Members Present**

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| DCM |  |
| Alt. DCM | Brie G. |
| Registrar | Lili O. |
| Treasurer |  |
| Secretary | Paul S. |
| Web Master |  |

**Group GSRs:**

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| Apex | Mark, GSR |  | Last Call |  |
| Arch to Freedom | Lisa M., GSR |  | Let Go, Let God | Chis S., GSR |
| Basics for Beginners | Donna C., GSR |  | Living Now |  |
| Be Still Morning Meditation |  |  | Log Cabin | Guiri, GSR |
| Cary Twelve Step | Erinn K., GSR |  | Maynard Road Group |  |
| Cary Young People | Andrew B., GSR |  | Morning Meditation Group | Terri P., GSR |
| Change Agents | Charlie K., GSR |  | New Freedom Group |  |
| Design for Living |  |  | One Chapter at a Time | Liz H., GSR |
| Early Birds |  |  | 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 | Alan K., Alt. GSR, |  | Promises of a New Beginning |  |
| Garner Big Book | Paul S., GSR |  | Sunday Morning Spirituality Group |  |
| Gateway | Nancy B., GSR |  | There is a Solution | Melissa G., Alt. GSR, |
| Green Level |  |  | West Cary Noon |  |
| Greenwood Forest |  |  | 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 – Brie G. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Readings**

* Long Form of Tradition 8 – Read By: Jim M.
* District Purpose – Read By: Liz H.

**Joke & Concept 8**

* Joke & Concept 8 – Paul

**Next Month: Jim M. – Concept 9 and a Joke.**

**Introductions**

Went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!

* None

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

**A.A. Anniversaries**

Congratulations to:

* David W. 3 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.
* You can also make changes on the Intergroup website, but those changes will not be visible to Area 51 and District 34.
* Recovery at Noon Group information has been updated.
* Cary Young People Group information has been updated.
* Let Go And Let God Group information has been updated.

**Secretary Report**

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

**Treasurer Report**

* Currently District 34 has $2272.00 in excess of its budgeted prudent reserve.
* The District is on pace to have less income vs. budget, but we’re appearing to be ok.
* District 34 checking account balance at $5772.57.
* Motion to accept Treasurers report (1st) made by Jim M., (2nd) by Andrew B.
* 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/>

**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.
* GSR school is this Monday, August 14, 2023, at 5:00 PM ET.

**DCM Report**

* The Area 51 Chair of the Budget and Finance Subcommittee has put out a call for ideas on how best to spend our current surplus toward our primary purpose of helping alcoholics achieve sobriety in North Carolina. Area 51 has a general fund surplus of $572.00. Ideas must be submitted by October 31, 2023. You and/or your groups can submit your ideas to the Area 51 Treasurer, George S., at [treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org). Ideas will be collected by the Budget and Finance Committee and presented to the Area Chair. Motions approved by the committee will be put on the agenda of the 2024 Spring Assembly. Any surplus funds not allocated at that time will be contributed to GSO. **GSR’s, please take this action item back to your home groups. Discuss with them ideas about how to spend this money.**
* Some things to keep in mind:
  + It must be a one-time expense, cannot be recurring.
  + Recent past examples of donations in this price range:
    - Purchase Grapevine subscriptions for prisons.
    - Purchase replacement computers for the Area.

**Old Business**

* Updates about having an Intergroup Liaison:
  + District 31 has an Intergroup liaison who attends the monthly meeting in Raleigh and reports back at the monthly district meeting.
  + District 35 sends their Alt-DCM as their representative. “It is a good way to get GSR’s information so that they are aware of the latest news from Intergroup”. It also encourages GSR’s to make it a position in their homegroups if they don’t already have one.”
  + Charlotte Intergroup welcomes District participation! ”We have reps from some districts attend our meetings. Some send reps and some do not. I always think it’s a good idea because any word that needs to be spread or information disseminated can happen more easily with more reps in attendance.”
  + Chris S., District 31 does have a liaison.
  + Lilly O., having a liaison provides a simple way to get information to our group.
  + Liz’s H., my group thought it was a good idea.
  + Intergroup has given us the green light to have a liaison.
  + Andrew – all Intergroup elected liaisons should attend the monthly Intergroup meeting.
  + Yuriel – perhaps we can send somebody to learn what the position entails. We need to learn how Intergroup works. If we’re not aware of how it works, this can cause controversary.
  + Melessa G., – Member At Large Steering Committee – the Intergroup Liaison is showing up once a month. There is a lot of rotating of outside positions, it would be good to get new people informed and involved.
  + Charlie – let’s not make it complicated. The position should entail a one (1) year service commitment.
  + Lili O., – District 31 did what Charlie just talked about. The length of the term; however, is 2 years and voted on at the same time as other District positions.
  + Chris will dry run, David will dry run.
    - Make some comments and suggestions about what the position would entail and by whom, length of time, etc.
      * Brie and Craig will put some requirements around this. We’ll decide as a District how to set this up.
  + Lisa L., – I’ll be happy to take this back to our home group.
  + Brie G., should we vote tonight to support the Liaison position?
    - Andrew B. raised a 1st motion for District 34 to implement and support the Intergroup Liaison representative position.
      * Charlie K. – raised a 2nd motion for District 34 to implement and support the Intergroup Liaison representative position.
        + Motion passed.
* Ad Hoc Picnic Committee
  + Budget $404.
* Soberfest, Saturday, November 4, 11-2pm Lake Wheeler Park, Sweet Gum Shelter
* More information, flyers, speaker information, food, etc., to follow.
* Need inventory District supplies for picnic.

**New Business**

* Gratitude Dinner.
  + Committee Volunteers: Andrew B, Donna C., Paul S.
  + November 14.

**History Fact**

* Jeff H.
  + A lady in A.A.’s early days (1939) attended her first meeting. She wasn’t the first women to join A.A., but she was the first women to achieve continuous sobriety in A.A. Jeff also highlighted Betty Ford, US First Lady, who started the well-known Betty Ford Clinic.

**Next Month – Liz H.**

**Home Group Announcements**

* Andrew B. – TAC on Sunday having a blood drive to raise money.

**End of the Meeting**

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

**Next Meeting : September 12, 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**

DCM [d34dcm@gmail.com](about:blank)

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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.**

**Area 51 Treasurer**

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**D34 Contributions**

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

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| Area 51 Fall Committee & Assembly Meeting | October 20-22, 2023  The Hilton Raleigh North Hills  3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609 |
| SSAASA – 7th Southern States AA Service Assembly | November 17 - November 19  Sheraton Orlando North 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland, FL |
| 2025 International Convention | July 3-6, 2025  Vancouver, B.C., Canada |