**District 34**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 12, 2023**

**Apex Masonic Lodge**

**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 | Mark E., GSR, Kody G., Alt. GSR |  | Last Call |  |
| Arch to Freedom | Scott M., GSR |  | Let Go, Let God | Chis S., GSR |
| Basics for Beginners | Donna C., GSR |  | Living Now |  |
| Be Still Morning Meditation |  |  | Log Cabin | Guiri A, GSR, Kristi, Alt. GSR |
| Cary Twelve Step | Erinn K., GSR |  | Maynard Road Group |  |
| Cary Young People |  |  | Morning Meditation Group |  Troy M., Alt. GSR |
| Change Agents | Charlie K., 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 |  |
| Fuquay-Varina | David J., GSR |  | Principles In Action (APEX) | David W., GSR., Jennifer L., GSR |
| G2 | Benny M., 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 |   |  | 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 |  |  | Path to Serenity | Myra H., GSR |

**Call to Order**

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

**Readings**

* Long Form of Tradition 12 – Read By: David J.
* District Purpose – Read By: Liz H.

**Joke & Concept 12**

* Joke & Concept 12 – Gouri G.
	+ Concept 12 –Observes the 8th tradition. All-important decisions are reached by discussion/vote.
	+ Joke – Drunk falls out of a second story window….

**Next Month: Mark E. – Concept 1 and a Joke.**

**Introductions**

Went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs!

* Troy M., Alt. GSR, Morning Meditation Group
* Jennifer L, GSR, Principles in Action Group
* Kody G., GSR, APEX Group
* Myra H., GSR, Path to Serenity Group
* Kristi, Alt. GSR, Log Cabin 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:

* None

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.

**Secretary Report**

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

**Treasurer Report**

* Reimbursements for Gratitude Dinner and District Picnic (Soberfest).
* Slow month in terms of expenses.
* We had a discussion on where we keep the budget documents stored and how to access them.
* Looks like we’ll be on budget for 2023, if not just a bit over budget.
* Motion to accept Treasurers report (1st) made by Myra H., (2nd) by Charles K.
	+ 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
* If you have flyers just go to the website and post or send them to James. <https://District34area51.live-website.com/>
* Alcothon schedule is on the website now. Take a look. Bring a dessert if you can.

**Intergroup Liaison Report**

* Jasen H. voted by District 34 GSR’s to serve as the Intergroup Liaison. Please see below for more details.

**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!
* The next GSR school will be on December 19, 2023, 5PM ET on Google Meets.

**DCM Report**

* Eastern Pre-Conference is on Saturday, April 6, 2024, 11am – 4pm.
	+ Agenda is set by the Trustees Meeting in December. The Trustees will begin to compile all information received from groups, individuals, Areas, Districts, etc., to develop the agenda for the GSO Conference.
	+ There is a pre-conference in Spanish also.
	+ The Pre-Conference serves as our opportunity to interact with the Area Delegate and to provide our input which then goes up to the GSO Conference in April 2024. This is where our group conscience can, and does, get communicated.
	+ There are 3 regional Pre-Conferences in North Carolina, including a Pre-Conference in Spanish. There are several other Pre-Conferences online taking place on ZOOM.
* The Eastern Region Pre-Conference will be hosted by District 60.
	+ Traditionally the hosting District will reach out for help financially from other participating Districts. District 34 typically sends $250 to the hosting District annually.
* Pre-Conference for the East Region will take place at the First Christian Church, 2810 E. 14th Street, Greenville, NC.

**Old Business**

* Alcothon
	+ Planning committee - Craig, Brie, Kris, Andrew, Jasen, Paul.
	+ Need to get an inventory of the supplies.
	+ Jennifer/David asked on behalf of the Principles In Action Group – The group will facilitate a meeting at the Alcothon on 12/31. Are details available about food items?
		- District 34 will provide meals during breakfast, lunch and dinner time meetings. Groups facilitating meetings during times when a meal is served will be asked to assist with the meal. D34 will provide the food.
	+ Chris – What is the format for the meetings?
		- Craig – Each group can use its own home group meeting format; however, all meetings are OPEN MEETINGS. Home groups can also choose to use suggested meeting formats provided by the TAC.
	+ 7th Tradition – There will be an envelope provided for each Home Group facilitating a meeting. Once the meeting is done, your Home Group will write the name of the group on the envelope, place the 7th Tradition collection into the envelope, and drop the envelope into the TAC drop/lock box.
	+ Karlis will make himself available to answer questions.
	+ District 34, in partnership with the TAC, has a number of documents to help guide our planning for the Alcothons.

**New Business**

* Observing the spirit of service position rotation, we will hold elections tonight to fill 7 service position for District 34.
	+ Voting Process:
		- Craig will provide a description for each services position.
		- We’ll ask for volunteers and then we’ll follow the 3rd legacy process.
		- Who is allowed to vote?
			* Each home group gets one vote.
		- A candidate must receive 2/3 of the vote to be elected.
		- Voters present equaled 21, so a candidate requires 14 votes for election.
		- Candidates are asked to leave the room while voting is in progress.
		- If 2/3 isn’t reached, the process is repeated several times.
		- Candidates receiving little or no votes will “fall off” the ballot.
		- If after multiple iterations of voting a candidate doesn’t receive 2/3 of the vote, we choose the elected candidates name from a hat to decide.
	+ Election Results

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| Service Position | Service Position Incumbent | Newly Elected to the Service Position  |
| DCM | Craig H. | Brie G. |
| Alt. DCM | Brie G. | Paul S. |
| Treasurer | Jasen H. | Chris S. |
| Secretary | Paul S. | Liz H. |
| Registrar | Lili O. | Mark E. |
| Webmaster | James C. | Guiri A |
| \* Intergroup Liaison | NA | Jasen H.  |

\*Newly created position.

**History Fact**

* Chris S.
	+ Women suffer too – Story in the Big Book. She was one of the 1st to believe the disease runs in the family. Alcoholism is a disease!
* **Next Month** – History Fact volunteer for January is Debra L.

**Home Group Announcements**

* None

**End of the Meeting**

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

**Next Meeting : January 9, 2024 @ Apex Masonic Lodge**

* 6:30PM – New Service Manual Study
* 7:30PM – District meeting

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

**Emails**

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Secretary d34secretary@gmail.com

Registrar d34registrar@gmail.com

Webmaster d34web@gmail.com

**Websites**

http://www.raleighaa.com/District.php

http://www.d34a51.com

http://aanorthcarolina.org

User: 34

Password: notglumlot

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

**Area 51 Treasurer**

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**Area 51 Registrar**

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**D34 Contributions**

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

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| Central Region Pre-Conference Spring 2024Hosted by Districts 32 & 33 | March 16, 2024 |
| Western Region Pre-Conference Spring 2024Hosted by Districts 12 & 13 | March 23, 2024Western R |
| Eastern Region Pre-Conference Spring 2024Hosted by District 60 | April 6, 2024 |
| Spanish Spring Pre-Conference 2024Hosted by District 05 | April 7, 2024 |
| 2025 International Convention | July 3-6, 2025Vancouver, B.C., Canada |