

This cover sheet is provided to list Action Items from the May 8, 2018 District 34 Meeting and events that are coming up in the next two months.

Area 51 Spring Assembly Agenda Items: The Spring Assembly will be held from June 16-17, 2018 at the Hilton North Raleigh Midtown. **Please take the agenda items that are found at the following link to your group for their vote on each item:**
<http://d34a51.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018SpringAssemblyNoticeFINAL.pdf>.

Please bring questions and your group’s vote back to the June 12, 2018 District 34 GSR Meeting. Note that the questions and answers discussed at tonight’s meeting are included in the minutes below under “DCM Report”.

Support the AA Groups in District 34 by attending their group anniversaries. Here is a list of upcoming group anniversaries:

District 34 Group Anniversaries	
See flyers at http://d34a51.com/	
First 164 Group’s 4th Anniversary	May 30, 2018 Potluck at 6:30 p.m., Speaker to follow (Kenneth J. from Clayton)
Morning Meditation’s 16th Anniversary	June 10, 2018

Upcoming events for June 2018	
Grape-a-thon	May 13, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Lake Wheeler, Shelter 5
Memorial Day celebration	May 28, 12:00-4:00 p.m., at Umstead Park, Reedy Creek shelter
Unity Day	June 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Desserts welcome.
GSR School	June 10, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Held at McDonalds in Cary, across from Crossroads Shopping Center. Please let Sue know if you are planning to attend via an email to her at d34dcma@gmail.com . If she doesn’t receive an email from at least one of you, then the GSR school will not be held.
Spring Assembly	June 16-17 Hilton North Raleigh Midtown, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC

District 34
Meeting minutes
May 8, 2018
Apex Masonic Lodge
408 E Williams Street
Apex NC 27539

Members Present

DCM	Brooks
Alt. DCM	Sue
Registrar	Natalie
Treasurer	Glenn
Secretary	Carol
Web Master Co-Chairs	Robert H

Groups Present:

Apex			Living Now	Roger B
Arch to Freedom	Bill B		Log Cabin	
Basics for Beginners	Neal M, Stephanie M		Maynard Road Group	Eugene H
Be Still Mid-Morning Meditation			Morning Meditation	
Cary Twelve Step	Mark M		New Freedom Group	Susan R, Jo V
Cary Young People	Laura V		No Reservations	Michelle H
Change Agents	Taylor A (Alt GSR)		One Chapter at a Time	Sandy W
Design For Living	Casey T		One Day at a Time	
Experience Strength and Hope			One Noon at a Time	
First 164	Eric N		Path to Serenity	Laura Mc (Alt GSR)
Fuquay-Varina	Mary Ann A		Promises of a New Beginning	
Garner Big Book	Alan G		Sunday Morning Spirituality Group	
Gateway	Deb D		The James Club	
Green Level			There is a Solution	Hal H
Greenwood Forest	Daniel C		West Cary Noon	Steve P
Holly Springs			Willow Springs 12 Step	Mike J (Alt GSR)
Lakeside	Leonard H		Women's Steps to Serenity	Theresa M
Last Call	Emily V			
Let Go, Let God	Anne D			

Visitors

Newton, Betsy, Michelle

Call to Order

7:30 pm - Brooks opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Readings

Long form of Tradition 5 – Read by Daniel:

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

District Purpose – Read by Bill:

The primary purpose of our District Committee is two-fold:

- To fulfill Tradition 5, “Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers”, by supporting all the groups within our district.
- To carry the voice of AA from the groups in our district to the AA General Service Conference and Area 51 Assembly by meeting regularly to discuss Conference and Assembly business as well as attending, participating in and voting at, Area Assemblies per our responsibility as stated in Concept 1: “The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.”

Introductions

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs:

Jo, New GSR for New Freedom
Neil, New GSR for Basics for Beginners
Gene, New GSR for Maynard Road Group

AA Anniversaries:

Natalie, May 6 – 5 years
Taylor, May 5 – 6 years

Note that birthday envelopes are available at the Intergroup office in Raleigh.

Concept 5 and a Joke (Alan G.)

Concept 5 reads “Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that the minority opinion will be heard, and personal grievances receive careful consideration.” Alan explained that this concept makes sure that the voice of the minority is always heard for an agenda/business item in AA. If someone in the majority wishes to reconsider the vote after hearing the minority opinion, then the vote is reconsidered.

Joke: punchline: How many bars do you work at anyhow?

<Eric - Concept 6 and a Joke >

Secretary Report

April 2018 GSR Minutes

Motion to approve minutes made by Casey, seconded by Debbie, passed unanimously

This is Carol’s last meeting as secretary. *It has been an honor to serve with you all.*

Treasurer Report

Reviewed March 2018 Treasurer’s Report

\$ 604.32 in income

\$ 577.60 in expenses

\$2897.96 total on hand

Motion to approve treasurer’s report was made by Sue, seconded by Natalie, passed unanimously

Glenn disbursed the biennial surplus 50/50 to GSO and Intergroup as approved in the April 2018 meeting.

[If your group has not contributed to District, it is encouraged to support the 7th tradition. The mailing address for group contributions to District 34 is:

PO Box 271

Cary NC 27512]

Registrar Report

If you want your Alternate GSR to be on GSO list, you must give their address to Natalie.

Alt DCM Report

- Next GSR School – June 10, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Please let Sue know if you are planning to attend via an email to her at d34dcma@gmail.com). If she doesn't receive an email from at least one of you, then the GSR school will not be held.
- Unity Day will be held June 9, 2018 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Desserts welcomed.

DCM Report

- **Secretary Election:** Michelle H. was elected as the new District 34 Secretary. Congratulations, Michelle!
- **Spring Assembly Agenda Items:** The Spring Assembly will be held from June 16-17, 2018 at the Hilton North Raleigh Midtown. Here is a link to the agenda items, which includes background information:

<http://d34a51.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018SpringAssemblyNoticeFINAL.pdf>

If you have not done so already, each GSR should review the agenda items with your group for their vote. Bring your group's votes and questions back to the June 12, 2018 District GSR Meeting. **Question:** Why do we need to bring by our vote to the District? **Answer:** This is done so that Brooks will have a sense of the District's vote, so that all groups will be as informed as possible by information sharing, and to promote district unity.

Brooks and Sue read each agenda item and their respective background information. Brooks then asked if there were questions. Here is the discussion for each item:

AGENDA ITEM #1: That the Area 51 Website Policies be modified to allow the website to include links to other websites associated with Area 51 events and to modify the scope of the website committee to accurately reflect how it currently operates.

Question: What is the purpose of this item? **Answer:** Just to document the policies.

AGENDA ITEM #2: That beginning in Fall 2021, all Non-Election assemblies will hold a Saturday night speaker meeting, thus charging the Area Committee with making informed decisions on the number, timing, format and topic of workshops needed for each Assembly, while considering other matters of business and reporting, venue constraints, budgetary impact, and matters central to A.A. as-a-whole.

Question: Why are we waiting until 2021 to start this? **Answer:** Because we already have our sites and room usage set until then.

AGENDA ITEM #3: That Area 51 continue the Unity Fund to allow for Districts with financial difficulty to participate in Area events. The Unity Fund would become an

ongoing expense, continue to support 2 rooms at each Committee and each Assembly covering an annual maximum of 12 room nights.

No Questions.

AGENDA ITEM #4: The Convention prudent reserve be increased from the current \$7,000 to \$12,000. Following each Convention, if the prudent reserve reaches 150% of the \$12,000 or \$18,000 the established rate of \$20 for pre-registration fees and on-site registrations will be reduced by \$5.00 to \$15.00 until the prudent reserve is reduced to under 150% of the \$12,000.

No Questions.

AGENDA ITEM #5: To approve the Chair's appointment of Beth R. of Charlotte as Area 51 Convention Chair for the period 2019 – 2020.

No Questions.

AGENDA ITEM #6: To approve the Chair's appointment of Elizabeth P. of Raleigh, N.C. as Area 51 Convention Alternate Chair for the period 2019 – 2020.

No Questions.

- **Conference results:** LinkedIn passed, censure of boards failed, God Word pamphlet passed

Website Committee Report

[www.http://d34a51.com](http://d34a51.com) is the District 34 website address.

Robert has been reviewing the way flyers are sorted on the District 34 website. They are currently sorted by date uploaded. He is trying to change this so they are in ascending date order instead (earliest date first).

Workshop Committee Report

Sue, Michelle and Liz make up the Workshop Committee. The workshop topic will be "Understanding Anonymity". The workshop will focus on how anonymity ties in with social media. No speakers or dates yet. Those will be forthcoming.

Old Business

Distribution of 2017 District Surplus of \$552.60 was split 50/50 to GSO and Intergroup as approved in the April 2018 meeting.

New Business

Brooks brought the following items forward:

- **Group Inventory facilitation available** – Brooks asked that you let her know if you need help with your group inventory
- **Grapeathon participation** – May 13th 11-3 Lake Wheeler, Shelter 5
- **Memorial Day celebration** – May 28 12-4 Umstead Park, Reedy Creek shelter
- **An ad-hoc committee be formed to examine the feasibility of creating a scholarship fund** (within the District only or in cooperation with the Area). The fund would be used by groups who cannot afford to pay their GSR's way to Area Assemblies (**This item was tabled and will be listed as an Agenda Item at the June 12, 2018 District 34 Meeting.**)

Reimburse DCM for Travel Expenses to different groups in District 34:

Debbie from Gateway expressed concern that the DCM is not being reimbursed for travel expenses when she visits groups in District 34. The DCM stated they she did not wish to be reimbursed. After discussion, Debbie made the motion that a line item of \$50.00 be added to the 2018 budget to reimburse the DCM for travel expenses. The motion was seconded by Neal. The motion did not pass. The minority did not wish to speak.

History Fact

Mark gave us the details of the time Bill and Ebby chartered a plane (as mentioned in Bill's Story in the Big Book). It turns out that:

- this was the very first time that they drank together
- the pilot they got to fly them was also drunk
- they landed at the grand opening of a new airport (they were the first plane to ever land there)
- they fell flat on their faces on the tarmac

<June History Fact – Annie >

Home Group Announcements

First 164 Group's 4th Anniversary – May 30, 2018

Potluck at 6:30 p.m. (food welcomed); Speaker to follow

Trinity Episcopal Church

1128 S. Main Street

Fuquay-Varina, NC

Morning Meditation's 16th Anniversary – June 10, 2018

7th Tradition Basket

Basket was passed - \$44.00 collected

End of the Meeting

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Closed with The Responsibility Pledge

Reminder: Next meeting: June 12, 2018 @ Apex Masonic Lodge
6:30p – Service Manual Study
7:30p – District meeting

Addendum – Helpful Mailing Addresses and Websites

Emails

DCM	d34dcm@gmail.com
Alt-DCM	d34dcma@gmail.com
Treasurer	d34treasurer@gmail.com
Secretary	d34secretary@gmail.com
Registrar	d34registrar@gmail.com

Website

<http://www.raleighaa.com/district.php>

<http://d34a51.com>

<http://aanorthcarolina.org>

User: 34

Password: notglumlot

Mailing Addresses

Area 51 Treasurer

NC-CSG Treasurer
PO Box 657
Wilmington NC 28402

Area 51 Registrar

NCSSC – Registrar
PO Box 61991
Durham NC 27715

Area 51 Archivist

Archivist
PO Box 3794
Cary NC 27519

GSO

AA World Services, Inc.
PO Box 459
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New York, NY 10163
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<http://www.aa.org>

D34 Contributions

PO Box 271
Cary NC 27512

Schedule of upcoming Area 51 events

Held at the Hilton North Raleigh Midtown, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC (unless otherwise noted)

2018	
Spring 2018 Committee Meeting	June 15, 2018
Spring Assembly	June 16-17, 2018
71 st North Carolina State Convention	July 19-22, 2018
Summer 2018 Committee Meeting	August 25-26, 2018 Held at: Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons 3121 West Gate City Boulevard Greensboro, NC 27407
Fall 2018 Committee Meeting	November 2, 2018
Fall 2018 Election Assembly	November 3-4 2018