

Tampa Bay Mensa Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2019

ExComm members present: Lisa Blair, Art Schwartz, Linda Christina, Sylvia Zadorozny, Jacki Nesbitt.

Others present: Thomas Thomas

Members late: Melissa Stephens, Theresa Hohmann.

Members absent: Belinda Nemeth, Kathy Crum.

Meeting called to order at 3:37 pm.

Reports

Scribe: Sylvia reported the minutes of the last meeting were sent out after the previous meeting, and no amendments were received.

Treasurer: Kathy was not present. She emailed her report just before this meeting.

Testing Coordinator: Lisa said we had 7 testing sessions for 2019, and we tested 26 applicants.

Scholarship: Linda needs one more volunteer to read essays. Essays can be read online for the yes/no round and for the scoring round. Currently we have 29 judges. Linda will send out an email in January with last year's winning essays as examples. Scholarship essays are due the 15th of January.

Gifted Youth: Melissa will be talking to the Middleton Magnet program about our gifted youth program.

Publicity: Lisa reported on our booth at the Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading: It was a big event with lots of authors, lots of foot traffic. Very successful, worth the \$150. It was outdoors, with nice weather. We got a new banner. Sylvia will pass the old one on to Thomas or Melissa. Thomas showed us the new banner; it has a giant "Geek" with the whipped cream hair and a small American Mensa on the very bottom.

Program Officer: Our Winter Social might be wine & cheese; it will be in January at David Bryant's clubhouse. Art wants to start up bowling again; Jacki wants to go to Brewster's for bowling, which doesn't allow smoking. Harry Richter can do wine & cheese at his place; we'd supply refreshments. How big is their place? Limit it to 20 people? Melissa is trying to recruit people to host events. Lisa is concerned that events be transparent and open. (They do appear on our online calendar.) Jacki suggested that people bring a wine or a cheese to share, then we don't have to fund it.

Calendar Editor: Belinda wasn't here.

Editor: Rob Bradford edited our last *Tampa Bay Sounding* issue. He is a retired, computer-literate member, who got out our last issue and did a good job. He's a new member, who is interested and enthusiastic. Lisa added we had other candidates, have we done anything to contact them? Contact Belinda about them? Are we interested in going every month or every other month? Costs more for every month.

Motion: We officially appoint Rob Bradford our new *Sounding* editor. Motion passed.

Motion: Move that the *Sounding* goes back to publishing every month. Motion passed.

What is calendar deadline? We should publicize it.

Webmaster & Social Media: Belinda wasn't here.

Membership: Lisa reported we have 674 members at end of November, compared to 659 last year. National is down, but we bucked the trend by increasing our numbers.

Deputy LocSec: Sylvia asked if Art was still feeling well. He said yes. Deputy LocSec remains on stand-by.

LocSec: Art submitted a report via email.

Community Services: Lisa said we had a team of 5 wearing Mensa Cares shirts for Miles for Moffitt.

Break for refreshments and restroom.

Old Business

Move out from storage unit—Sylvia reported Kathy, Doug, Richard, and she cleared out the storage unit. Sylvia returned the lock to the Public Storage office, and Kathy & Doug hauled the contents of the unit to the new shed at Kathy's.

2020 RG—What name? (Theresa arrived.) Discussion regarding the official name for the RG.

Motion: RG name for Tampa's 2020 RG be "YBoRG, the Collective". Motion passed.

Assign roles: Registration: Kathy Crum.

Hospitality: Lisa, need meal captains. Can't do crock pots.

Gifted youth: Melissa.

Games: Sylvia will provide games. Dave Schwartz can run games & tournaments.

Speakers: Everyone needs to network. Art will send a blurb to the newsletter.

Programs & events: Art; Theresa will do a craft.

Tours: Theresa.

Goodie bags, name tags: Belinda.

Program booklet: Maybe Rob (our new editor)?

Mommy letter: Maybe Belinda.

Anybody going to Orlando RG? Maybe Theresa, Belinda, and Lisa.

Budget: Art made a budget. Lisa revised it. Discussion. Charge \$80 or \$90 early bird, then \$90, then \$100 late registration.

Need to start publicizing.

New Business

Winter Social—Art will bring food. January 12, noon to 3:30 pm, Wine & Cheese. Pool.

Next ExComm meeting is February 8, 3 pm, at Sylvia's.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.