

Tampa Bay Mensa Executive Committee Meeting—February 8, 2020

ExComm Members present: Sylvia Zadorozny, Art Schwartz, Kathy Crum, Linda Christina, Theresa Hohmann, Melissa Stephens

Others present: Thomas Thomas (RVC)

Members absent: Lisa Blair, Belinda Nemeth, Jacki Nesbitt

Meeting called to order at 3:34 pm.

Reports

Scribe: Minutes of the last meeting were sent on December 27. No corrections were received by the scribe.

Treasurer: Kathy sent an email report. The final report for 2019 had a few changes from the December report. We ended up in the hole for a little under \$1000, but we had a one-time cost for the storage shed and won't be incurring storage costs going forward.

Budget for 2020: Kathy proposed a budget for 2020 based on the previous budget and actual spending: increased proctor revenue, cut publicity budget, *Sounding* cost down, miscellaneous income down.

Budget is down \$400 from last year. Did not put in anything for RG 2020 profit or loss.

Motion: Theresa moved we support Kathy's budget. Motion passed.

Based on just-passed budget, we are doing fine so far this year. We have about 30 RG registrations to date.

Testing: Lisa was not present, but e-mailed this report before the meeting:

- Test Sessions booked Safety Harbor February 8 and New Tampa February 29
- Would be good to get a site in St Pete. Perhaps a conference room like a law office? Or what is library situation there?
- Contacted the 18 folks who have indicated on Prospect Management Tool that are currently interested in testing to invite them to testing sessions
- MVP code has been extended, posted on FB. Do we need to email group? This program is intended for folks we know, not just to get anybody to test
- Goal for testing 2020 is 30, but more importantly I would like them to pass and join
- Won't be able to test at RG I think

Scholarship: Linda sent an email report. It's been an interesting year. Problems with program. 170 essays. A lot had first name only, system-wide issue. It took weeks to requalify. One long paragraph was system's fault. Some got truncated before 550 words; they can't retrieve what got truncated. Have enough volunteers. Some scholarship chairs have resigned over problems. Maybe next year they'll have a program that works.

Gifted youth: New member, daughter of (?). Don't have kids track this year. Need to reach out.

Publicity: Lisa was not present, but sent this report before the meeting:

- Nothing new, will keep eyes out for similar event such as Festival of Reading which was good publicity
- Feedback welcome on any ideas for events. Criteria is exposure to large group target members and small cost.

Business cards? We have some; Belinda has them.

Program Officer: Art said we have nothing new. Maybe we can do a hike? Or start up the fossil club again?

Calendar Editor: Belinda was not present. No report.

Editor: Bob was not here. No report.

Webmaster: Belinda was not present. She wants to offload webmaster job, but keep social media.

Membership: Emailed report:

- Current membership 703, up 25 members from last year in February
- Contacted all new members less than 60 days with welcome email and invite to the Social start of January
- Have been sending welcome email every few months for past 18 months

Deputy LocSec: Sylvia had nothing to report.

LocSec: Art sent an email.

We have to focus on the RG; it is getting close.

Community Services: Lisa was not present. April 25 is set for Mensa Cares with Feeding Tampa Bay that afternoon.

Break for bathroom/refreshments.

Old Business

Winter Social Recap: Sylvia said the wine and cheese social was memorable. It was a beautiful location. 6 wine bottles were left over, for our RG.

2020 RG—About 30 registrations so far. Theresa wants to know if we can pay a speaker on the African roots of Southern cooking, and Soul Food. Budget for this? Jacki has fossil people. Fees only for non-members? Do we leave it up to Belinda? Budget of \$1000?

Theresa moved that we give Belinda the discretion to spend up to \$1000 on non-member honorariums and all speaker expenses. Motion passed.

Name for chocolate event? Several suggestions. Sylvia was nominated to do chocolate event, will need funds to purchase supplies—from hospitality budget.

Need volunteers for hospitality.

Sylvia can do games. David Schwartz will do tournaments.

Theresa is looking into tours, maybe walking ghost tour, tour of Tampa Theater with movie, Farmer's market (trolley stop), history museum, bakery tour ...

Belinda will make name tags, swag, lanyards, pint glasses?

Theresa handed out RG forms at Orlando RG, didn't get to make announcement. People talked to her separately.

Meet 5 pm, prior to games night on 3/14 to discuss RG. We need to ask Lisa if she can make it.

New Business

Spring Picnic—Art volunteered. Maybe hike?

Summer Social—Maybe 4th of July? Annual meeting. Need place and volunteer.

Culture Quest—Pay entry fee for teams. May 3, but registrations need to be in by March 31. Need captain and host.

Next meeting—Saturday, April 18, at Lisa's, 3 pm? Check with Lisa. [Please note: On February 22, via email, it was asked to move the starting time to 4 pm.]

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.