

TBM ExComm meeting—4/11/2021—Zoom

ExComm members present: Lisa Blair, Sylvia Zadorozny, Kathy Crum, Art Schwartz, Dan Tabbert, Jacki Nesbitt, Melissa Stephens

Other TBM members present: Thomas Thomas (RVC10), Chris Clement

Absent: Linda Christina

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

Reports

Scribe: Minutes for the February 21 ExComm meeting were sent out via Mensa Connect on February 22, the day after the meeting. No corrections were received by the scribe.

Assistant LocSec: I've been contacted by local members about: 1) scholarship essay eligibility (they contacted me more than once, wanting to find out if the essay was disqualified or advanced to the next level), and 2) the Mensa Anniversary list in the Sounding (Why did a long-time member's start year get reset? How can she get it fixed? Why is the list presented in that order?). I referred them to the appropriate people who might know the answers to their questions, and provided contact info. I seem to be a person that members reach out to, even though I'm not the one who can answer their questions. Also, our new Editor asked me about a possible Cryptopoem, but I'm no longer submitting these regularly. I've decided it's about time for me to retire from ExComm, so although I will finish out this term, I will not run for a seat on the ExComm in the upcoming election.

Lisa had been contacted by another member who also had lapsed. If they pay for the missed year, they can go back to original join date. Lisa suggested long-term members might get anniversary pins.

Calendar: We have an in-person event! A GourMensan dinner is now on the calendar for April 21. Other events are still via Zoom: Trivia, the Book Club, and this ExComm meeting. As more people are getting vaccinated for COVID, we may start seeing in-person events pick up.

Treasurer: See emailed report, emailed just before this meeting.
Annual Report for National is due 4/30/2021. It will be completed on time.

Increase of \$259 over last year. Paid for trivia events and one postcard.

Scholarship: Linda is not here; no report.

Editor: Jennie Gallo and Hannah Berios have produced their first issue of the *Sounding*. Got out issue in time for Trivia event. We should check bylaws to see how often we need to publish.

Program officer: Position is open. Ronnie started GourMensans; Lisa will alternate hosting it.

Membership:

- Membership at 687 compared to 698 this time as February
- April 2021 Membership is down to 558 which is 129 laps

Membership pins? Drop at end of March. Down significantly from last year. Goal to turn this around.

Testing:

- No local testing due to our sites are closed
- National office has testing at private companies
 - 21 sites in Florida
 - 1 in Tampa
- Need call out for testing site

Person reaching out for testing has been taken care of.

Publicity:

- Have an intern

Intern has not reached out to Dan.

Community events:

- Planning on Feeding Bay
- Posted save date the Miles for Moffit 2021

Feeding Tampa Bay is starting up again. Masking requirements. Will get it back on calendar.

LocSec: Lisa will try and do the best she can.

Webmaster: Dan has been putting in a lot of effort since our last meeting. Square space came with unexpected \$17/month hosting cost, so took a step back to reevaluate. Reached out to another programmer. Chris, using WordPress, will do it for free! Need Word Press hosting site, but minimal cost. About 90% done, mostly minor things left. Will go into testing phase. Go live maybe in 4 weeks. Just need to refine functionality. Suggest some “Frequently Asked Questions” for that section. Dan shared his screen with us. Bonus for Chris to say thank you for his work? \$200? \$500?

Motion: Pay developer Chris \$500 once we go live. Motion carried.

Gifted Youth: Melissa: National claims they don't have Melissa's application. She will need to resubmit. This happens every time.

Old Business

Website: See report above.

New Business

Ad: Chris Sankey, financial consultant, wants to run an advertisement. What is the current rate? Need to look it up.

RG: Until we get a stronger group going, we're not in a position to put on an RG. Any 2022 RG is on hold for now.

Summer Social: Picnic? Sunken Gardens? Clubhouse? Art will get info on costs, catering, etc. for Sunken Gardens.

New Editor: Rob, our former editor, has done a fantastic job working with Jennie, with screen shots on how to put together newsletter.

Ad Rates: Thomas posted ad rates. Free classified ads for members. Paid commercial ad rates.

Ombudsman: Maran didn't renew. We need to appoint new ombudsperson.

Events: Maybe start bowling and billiards when things open up more and people start going out again.

Sounding: New *Sounding* is on national site, but not yet on local site. Kathy will look into getting it on our local site.

Next meeting: *Sunday, June 13, 3 pm, on Zoom.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.