

TBM Executive Committee Meeting, August 18, 2019

Location: Linda Christina's house, Land O Lakes

ExComm members present: Linda Christina, Art Schwartz, Sylvia Zadorozny, Melissa Stephens, Kathy Crum, Lisa Blair, Belinda Nemeth (late), Theresa Hohmann (late).

Others present: Thomas Thomas.

Meeting called to order at 2:17 pm.

Election results: Low turnout; 5 ballots received. The 4 candidates on the ballot were all elected unanimously. There were also two write-in candidates for the fifth position: Zebi Babar and Jacki Nesbitt. Jacki is willing to serve; Zebi declined. Accordingly, those elected for this 2-year term are: Belinda Nemeth, Melissa Stephens, Theresa Hohmann, Sylvia Zadorozny, and Jacki Nesbitt. Belinda and Art will contact Jacki to let her know that she was elected to the ExComm.

Thank you to Bill Loring (election supervisor), Bruce Whiting, Dave Bryant, and Paul Smith for counting ballots.

Reports

Scribe: Sent via email before the meeting: The minutes to the June 8 ExComm meeting were posted on MensaConnect on June 9, the morning after the ExComm meeting. No amendments to the minutes were received by the scribe.

Treasurer: First page of the report sent via email:

TAMPA BAY MENSA 2019 BUDGET REPORT			PRINTED	08/27/19_)	8/27/2019
Submitted by Kathy Crum, Treasurer					
Note: 63% of the year has elapsed.					
		2019	ACTUAL	PROPOSED	
DESCRIPTION	2019	ACTUAL	VS	2011	
	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET	NOTES
INFLOWS					
Advertising Income	0.00	0.00			
RG'19 Net Profit	0.00	0.00			
Interest Income	2.00	0.88	44%	44%	7 Months
National Support	6,800.00	4,509.20	66%	66%	8 Months
Proctor Revenue	200.00	240.00	120%	120%	
Contributions-Scholarship	0.00	0.00			
Contributions-Teen SIG	0.00	0.00			

Contributions-Sounding	0.00	0.00			
Misc Income	2,188.00	0.00	0%	0%	
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$9,190.00	\$4,750.08	52%	52%	
OUTFLOWS					
Cost Of Proctoring	50.00	10.50		21%	
Fees	0.00	50.00			
Games Weekend	50.00	0.00			
Gifted Youth Events	50.00	0.00		0%	
Member Events	0.00	0.00			
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00		#REF!	
Postage - Membership	40.00	0.00			
Postage - Misc	0.00	0.00			
Printing - Misc	0.00	0.00			
Office Supplies	50.00	24.01	48%	48%	
Publicity	300.00	0.00		0%	
Refreshments	1,200.00	659.00	55%	55%	
ExComm Retreat	50.00	0.00		0%	
Socials (4/year @ \$750)	3,000.00	1,959.45	65%	65%	3 of 4
Scholarships	600.00	0.00		0%	
Sounding Printing & Postage	3,800.00	2,683.36	71%	71%	
Storage Unit	0.00	390.57			6 Months
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$9,190.00	\$5,776.89	63%	63%	
INFLOWS - OUTFLOWS	\$0	(\$1,026.81)			
IF RG '19 IS NOT INCLUDED IN BUDGET:					
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$9,190.00	\$4,750.08	52%		
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$9,190.00	\$5,776.89	63%		
INFLOWS - OUTFLOWS	\$0.00	(\$1,026.81)			

During the meeting: We're right in line with where we should be. Expenses are in line. The winter social was higher than budgeted, but we have a cushion. We will talk about storage unit costs later this meeting. So far this year we're in the hole for about \$1000. Kathy moved about \$2000 from savings to checking to keep the minimum needed in checking. Scholarship money for this year has already been sent. We will need to send National the scholarship \$ for next year. Haven't yet received \$ for contacting lapsed members.

Testing: Report sent before the meeting:

- Test Session August 10 Safety Harbor
 - Art proctored
 - 3 Tested
- Test Session Scheduled September New Tampa
 - Stephanie and Lisa will proctor
 - 2 signed up
- National Testing Day October
 - Location requested downtown Tampa
- Now have 4 Certified Proctors in TBM

During the meeting: Art proctored a test on 8/10. One is scheduled for 9/21. Stephanie, our newest proctor will be testing. National testing day is coming up; will test then, in October. Lisa emails prospects. Promotion code—one per group—for referrals.

Gifted youth: Hillsborough county is more receptive now that Melissa is teacher. Melissa is trying to get a group interested in activities.

Scholarship: Emailed before the meeting: Many of us who attended the Summer Social had the opportunity to meet Aidan Reilly, the winner of last year's Tampa Bay Mensa Scholarship, and to hear him read his essay to the group. Aidan will be attending UC Berkeley and majoring in Mathematics. Another scholarship winner who did not attend the social was Emma Stephan, who will also be attending UC Berkeley, majoring in Biochemical Engineering, with possibly a double-major to include Electrical Engineering. Both Aidan and Emma attended H.B. Plant High School. We have permission to publish both of their essays in the Sounding. I would like to get them both into the next issue. Both essays are attached here.

I would also like to solicit volunteers for judges for this year's essay contest in the Sounding when we publish the essays. As you all know, each team of judges has to have at least 3 members, with 4 being recommended. Last year we had 5 teams of 3. I had to replace one judge in Round 2, which would not have happened if we had 4 members on each team.

There were a LOT of complaints last year about the number of essays that had to be read by each team. I think that, if we had all of the same team members this year, fewer essays would make it through Round 1 (the yes/no round). Last year, we received 178 essays; I think it would be wise to expect a similar number this year.

If we can get more volunteers, I might be able to break up the judging teams into Round 1 judges and Round 2 judges. That being said, I'm worried that if I solicit volunteers for this method, no one will want to be a Round 2 judge. Whereas, if I leave the team structure as I did last year, the judges will be motivated to be more discriminating in eliminating Round 1 candidates so that there will be fewer essays to judge in Round 2. I would like to hear opinions on both methods at our ExComm meeting on Sunday.

I am hoping that the 2 winning essays we publish in the Sounding will serve as an example of what a

winning essay should look like and that with these 2 excellent essays to use as an example, we will be able to encourage more people to volunteer.

During the meeting: How will we organize this year? Passed too many in round one. Complaints about too many essays to read. Maybe a reward for scholarship readers. Dinner? Last year got 15 judges. People will be judging both round 1 and round 2. 178 essays this year.

Motion: Melissa moved that TBM make a concerted effort to recruit 30 scholarship judges and those judges be eligible be able to participate in an appreciation event with a budget of ~\$400. Motion passed.

Majority of judges have to be Mensans.

Publicity: Report sent before the meeting:

- Advertised August testing special rate \$39.99
- Can we get shirts for Miles for Moffitt?

During the meeting: Lisa let everyone know about August testing rate \$39.99. Team registered for Miles for Moffitt—can we get Mensa Cares T-shirts?

Motion: Melissa moved that we provide Mensa Cares t-shirts to all volunteers who participate in 4 or more Mensa Cares activities in a year.

Amended to: TBM purchase Mensa Cares t-shirts for all Miles for Moffitt participants who register 30 days prior to the event. (Melissa, Linda) Motion passed.

Have to pay to participate—\$50!

Programs: Melissa has been posting lots of new programs. Attendance has been modest, but she is hoping for more interest. Brain freeze is coming up.

Calendar editor: Emailed before the meeting: The online calendar has been kept up-to-date with submissions received. Theresa had a facebook chocolate-making event that did not appear on the TBM calendar—the number of participants was limited, and she did not ask the calendar editor to add it. Melissa has been adding a bunch of events to the online calendar directly, including her Out’N’About events. The Summer Social starting time changed several times, which was confusing, but when the event actually happened, it went very well. Phoebe wants to start up Hand & Foot, but requires RSVPs and didn’t have any a few days beforehand, so she canceled it. Belinda suggested Phoebe have her event posted on the TBM calendar to get more participation. The bi-monthly (every 2 months) publication of the *Tampa Bay Sounding* means that calendar events must now be decided even further in advance in order to appear in the print copy. This makes the more fluid online calendar more useful and just about requires members to check online for events instead of relying on their print newsletter.

Brief recess. Meeting recommenced at 2:59 pm.

Belinda wants admin access to calendar, to edit and add people control. She and Sylvia get email notifications every time you update. Majority of people do not get calendar update emails.

Editor: Melissa is now editor. According to Thomas, National has Art still listed. Melissa doesn't want to keep editor position. She wants people to email what they want to appear in the newsletter. We have had photo essays, articles from Gerry, and stuff from new members. We added classified ads. The next issue is October/November. Also Testing emails are going to Lisa, but in the *Sounding* Testing is listed as Linda. Art will contact National; Becky at National can fix it.

Webmaster and Social Media: Belinda: nothing new. Art and Belinda need to get together re new website. Then all of us can take a look.

Membership: Report sent before the meeting:

- Contacted 65 Lapsed Members
 - Feedback was positive and one renewed
 - Will get monies from National on contacts
 - Lapsed members as now 82, as of end of 2019 80
 - 640 current versus same time last year 627

At the meeting: Lisa contacted 65 lapsed members. Got responses from 9. One renewed. Almost all thanked her for reaching out. Feedback received: Expensive, not using, didn't feel value. St Pete does not have many events. National will give a bounty for reaching out. Membership at 640 for end of July, above this time last year. At end of March last year it was 697. Lapsed members at 82 today; last year this time was 80.

Deputy LocSec: Emailed before the meeting: Our LocSec has been handling his duties admirably; the Deputy LocSec remains ready to assist if needed.

LocSec: Emailed before the meeting:

Congratulations to the winners of the election for ExComm positions. We still have one slot to determine who will get the last spot on the board.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the summer social a success.

I think that those attended had a good time. The food was wonderful and plentiful.

It was a great location and we had fun.

We must find a hotel very soon for next year's RG. We need to get a search party organized so we can have a recommendation for October's meeting.

We need to recruit people outside the ExComm to take on some jobs. Especially important is to find a permanent editor for the sounding.

I think it's also important that anyone who does not want a job they currently have to make it known so we can try to find a replacement before the October ExComm meeting.

During the meeting: TBM won the Emerald Award. Belinda got Chairman's Award. Congratulations!

Community Services: Report sent before the meeting:

Community Outreach

- Team is formed for Miles for Moffitt November

During the meeting: Registered team for Miles for Moffitt. Will give T-shirts.

Election Report: See handout and earlier discussion.

Electronic voting. Art can set it up and someone else can change password so he can't access it.

National office has electronic voting, but it is through an outside company. Ballot bin, but it takes an hour to set up. Someone needs to check that people don't vote twice. Bill or maybe Kyle?

Old Business:

Summer Social

Sent before the meeting:

Lunch Officer Summer Social

- \$400 for lunch and misc. serving
- Supplies are back in storage and inventoried

During the meeting: A great event. Art (and Sylvia) had a great time. Lisa loved the location with extra room for games. We try to make new members feel welcome. A new member said they liked it.

2020 RG—Any prospects for hotels? Belinda checked electronically on I-75 hotels. Art will make effort to contact hotels. Theresa will try hotels we've used in the past: St Pete, Ybor, near St Pete airport.

2019 RG—Belinda had an unexpected budget issue. Check from Rick for \$1400, instead of \$700. (Yay!) Belinda would like to see us keep doing cruise RGs. Cool windfall. Will get exact amount to Treasurer. Kathy: In past, we sometimes comped RG honchos. Should money go back into RG or to honchos?

Upcoming RG, all ExComm is honchos, can't comp everyone. Who gets comped? How often should we do cruises, as an RG or separately? Need to assign roles next time. Need hotel first!

Motion: Lisa moved vote to reimburse Belinda and Theresa \$100 each for last RG. Motion passed.

Belinda and Theresa need to get receipts to Kathy. Maybe spend extra \$ on next cruise RG.

Price versus timing—cruise is cheaper on other weekends. Same destination or not? Discuss next time. Group gets 8 points for doing an RG.

New Business

Storage rates are going up \$16, from \$66.22 to \$82.22. Storage unit contains coolers, hot dog makers, coffee makers. 5x10. Look for alternatives.

Fall picnic: Pumpkin carving?

Motion: Theresa moved that Sylvia be in charge of the fall picnic. Motion passed.

Winter Social: Sunken Gardens? Wine & cheese (Richters)? Need to decide by October. Clearwater aquarium, boat trip add-on? Scientologists?

New officers: At next meeting picking officers. Anyone outside of ExComm interested? Belinda will put message on social media. Assistant positions open. Positions people want to keep: Kathy (keep Treasurer), Belinda (keep web & social media), Lisa (keep membership, testing, community outreach, but not publicity), Melissa (keep gifted youth), Theresa (keep assistant gifted kids), Art (willing to keep LocSec), Linda (keep scholarship). Sylvia is happy to give up any position if someone else wants it. Thomas says some groups have a list of jobs available where people can sign up. Volunteer marketplace. How can we set one up for Tampa Bay?

Next meeting: October 12 at Sylvia's at 3 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.