

## TBM ExComm meeting—8/15/2021—Zoom

*ExComm members present:* Sylvia Zadorozny, Jacki Nesbitt, Art Schwartz, Linda Christina, Dan Tabbert, Kathy Crum

*Other TBM members present:* Thomas Thomas (RVC10), Chris Clement, Ken Silver, Tom Curtis

*Absent:* Lisa Blair, Melissa Stephens (joined at the very end of the meeting)

*Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm. As Deputy LocSec, Sylvia ran this meeting in Lisa's absence. Jacki got the meeting started on Zoom for everyone else to join. (Thank you, Jacki!)*

### Reports

Scribe: Minutes for the June ExComm meeting were sent out via Mensa Connect on June 16, a few days after the meeting. Linda contacted Sylvia about possibly taking on Scribe duties, asking what was involved. Several emails went back and forth. Sylvia and Linda will both scribe this time and compare notes. (These minutes are Sylvia's.)

Deputy LocSec: Sylvia checked that someone had reserved a shelter for the Fall picnic. Ken Silver reserved Shelter 7 at Philippe Park for September 12<sup>th</sup>; now we wait until almost picnic day before anything else needs to be done for this event. The only other Deputy LocSec duty performed lately is today, chairing this meeting now, as Lisa is flying back to Tampa as we speak.

Calendar: We need someone to take over this function. GourMensans is still going monthly, and the Fall Picnic is now on the calendar. The Zoom Book Club will be starting up again in September, after a break during the summer. Everything else is pretty much on hold while the pandemic rages.

Treasurer: Kathy uploaded her report to Mensa Connect yesterday. We're up \$945 for the year. We're doing fine and still getting money from National and not spending much because of the pandemic. Balance = \$16,227.88. Chris sent expense for election. Ken got his PayPal money.

Scholarship: Linda uploaded her report to Mensa Connect before the meeting: Scholarship Season begins September 15th and will run through January 15th. I am once again looking for volunteers to read and judge essays. I submitted an ad to the Sounding. Jennie did not reply, but I assume she received it. Doing local scholarship this year; Kathy needs to send money to National for it.

Editor: Jennie Gallo. No report.

Program officer: The position is still open. Events: Gourmensans, Fall Picnic (Ken Silver is running this one).

Membership: Lisa uploaded her report to Mensa Connect before the meeting:

- Current at 640 VS. 638 in August 2020
- 92 Lapsed members
  - Contacted Lapsed and reported to National
- 55 New Members
  - New Member Contact Made

Testing: Lisa uploaded her report to Mensa Connect before the meeting:

- Dan proposed site, need to give him date
- Have list of prospective members to contact

Dan: New testing site in Wesley Chapel, off 75 and 56, where the outlet mall is. Are we going to require masks?  
We ought to.

Publicity: Lisa. No report.

Community outreach: Lisa uploaded her report to Mensa Connect before the meeting:  
Team in for Miles for Moffitt November 2021.

Thomas: Lisa created a team; people can join the team now.

LocSec: Lisa uploaded her report to Mensa Connect before the meeting:  
o See Old Business Agenda.

Webmaster: Dan: Website has been stable. No feedback. Everything is working fine. Did update last week, no change in functionality. The freelancer who developed our site now has a full time job, so is not available for any changes. But since we used WordPress, it should be easy to find someone else. Dan is uploading meeting minutes. To advertise meetings, may need someone to help out. It looks good. Thomas: Is Dan in Webmasters community in Mensa Connect? May be helpful. Chris may be able to help with payments. Dan: We used a plug-in which handles stuff.

Gifted Youth: Melissa is now officially validated to run Gifted Youth program.

Thomas: Belinda should be removed from national listing as Social Media Coordinator if she's no longer doing it. This is something Lisa, as LocSec, will have to contact National about.

## **Old Business**

September Picnic—Shelter is all set. Ken will be buying food and taking care of it. Kathy is providing whatever we already have in storage.

Bylaws—Lisa was trying to get a bylaws committee going. Last Bylaws Committee was Kathy, Thomas, and Ronan. Kathy and Art will participate this time. Probably Lisa too, since she is the one who brought it up at the last meeting. Thomas: Bylaws will need to be updated for minimum standard changes of March 12, 2021. The 2017 and 2011 updates need to be addressed in Local Group Bylaws; 2011 changes should already be in there from last update. Three members on Bylaws Committee was a good number last time.

Social Media coordinator—Need new social media coordinator. Administering Facebook group and supplying posts of things that are going on, so it looks like something *is* going on. We have a twitter account, but it is dormant. Mensa Connect is easy to administer, but content generation would be good. Another group does weekly posting of events, but we don't have weekly events now with the pandemic.

2021 Election—Chris Clement: There are a few loose ends, but only 5 were to be elected and 4 were running. Announced results were sent in to Jennie, Editor. Chris would like to see 100% web, no paper ballots. This last time no snail mail ballots were received. Thomas: Can't do that; current bylaws don't permit omitting paper ballots. Any write-ins? One write-in candidate. One person commented about no campaign statements. A few things fell through the cracks. Next year can fix that. Chris can take on election chair job next year. Ken is willing to fill fifth ExComm position if it's vacant. Need official results before we can appoint Ken. The write-in was Thomas, who declines the honor. New term starts in October. Need to fix officer's page in *Sounding* to show proper people who fill positions.

## **New Business**

Youth Leader—Art suggested creating a new position – Youth leader. Not for children but for the 18 – 30 demographic. The Job would be to recruit new members and get people in that age group to participate in Mensa events. Someone who thinks of and creates events that would appeal to those people. And to recruit more young people to join. David (Art's son) isn't interested. Thomas: Young adult coordinators, 21-35, are pushed for at National, but the one person who volunteered in another group didn't do anything. Should be age-specific, not generation specific. Thomas: Social media person in this age group? Ken wonders about drinking age, suggests not starting at 18. Dan: Young people are using different platforms, not Facebook. Art will look for someone to do Young Mensa group and discuss again at October's ExComm meeting.

[At this point, Sylvia's computer started making very strange noises and the Scribe lost the Zoom meeting connection. She was able to log back on after a couple of minutes, found everyone else was still there, and went back to chairing the meeting.]

Regional Gathering—Art: Any plans for a Regional Gathering next year? No plans yet. We'll talk about it in October. Kathy: Let's see how the Annual Gathering goes. Masks will be required there (in Texas). Ken had a bout with COVID since last meeting; fortunately he was vaccinated, but still got sick for a few days—the virus is out there and real.

Next meeting: *Sunday, October 17, at 3 pm, on Zoom.*

*Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.*