

## TBM ExComm meeting agenda—10/17/2021—Zoom

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

*Other TBM members present:* Thomas Thomas (RVC10), Chris Clement joined late, Ken Silver,

*Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.*

### Reports

Agenda ExComm Meeting October 17, 2021, 3:00 PM

- Roll Call
- Open Meeting
- Seat New ExComm and vote positions
  - Jackie will remain on the ExComm and take over as the Social Media Coordinator for Facebook and Connect
  - Dan, who was absent from this meeting, has also renewed as Webmaster
  - Melissa will remain as Gifted Youth Coordinator, SIGHT Coordinator and volunteered to take over as Calendar Editor since Sylvia is retiring, but would like to give up Programs Officer
  - Ken Silver offered to take on the open Programs Officer position.
  - Art volunteered for Assistant LocSec, as Sylvia is retiring.
  - Melissa nominated Kathy, who was absent, as Treasurer. The motion was carried.
- Scribe's Report (Sylvia)
  - Sylvia's minutes for the last ExComm Meeting were sent out via Mensa Connect to Tampa Bay Mensa Officers on October 15, shortly after the meeting that same day. One amendment was received, which was incorporated, and the revised minutes were sent out promptly. Linda Christina also took minutes at the August meeting, which were excellent, and she volunteered to take over as official Scribe starting with the October meeting. Sylvia recommends the ExComm take Linda up on her offer.
- Deputy LocSec (Sylvia)
  - Lisa was absent (flying back to Tampa) for the August meeting, so Sylvia, as Deputy LocSec, chaired the August ExComm meeting. That meeting ran smoothly and was completed in just under an hour, a fact that was commented upon by ExComm members as being the shortest ExComm meeting in memory. Thank you to Jacki for technical knowhow and getting the Zoom meeting started.
- Many thanks to Sylvia for all the work she's put in on the ExComm.
- Calendar
  - A successful TBM Fall Picnic happened in September, thanks primarily to the efforts of Ken Silver; Ronnie Dubbs' GourMensan Dinners continue monthly at various restaurants in the area; now that we are into fall, Lisa Blair's Zoom Book Club is back in session with a core group of participants; and Charles Godfrey tried hosting a Games Day, held jointly with Manasota Mensa and will offer another next week. A new Calendar Editor needs to be appointed at today's ExComm meeting, as Sylvia is retiring from this position.
- Treasurers Report (Kathy)
  - Kathy is in rehab. Does Art have permission to write checks if necessary? Can we reach out to her and see what she needs while she is still in rehab?

- She hasn't reimbursed Ken for the picnic yet. They have used PayPal in the past.
- Payment for our local Tampa Bay Mensa Scholarship (\$600) is still outstanding
- Payment for the Sounding still outstanding.
- Scholarship report (Linda)
  - Scholarship Season is off to a slow start, compared the last few years. So far, we have received 10 essays. Only 5 people have volunteered to read essays so far this year. It would be optimal to have 9-12 people so that we can have at least 3 judging panels. Judges can volunteer to read and participate in the elimination round, the scoring round, or both. The more judges we have, the less time it will take each panel to complete their assigned essays. We only have one month to complete both rounds and submit our scores.
- Program Officer
  - Ken suggested hosting a new member party each month. He used to host them in his Minnesota group. It was called the Greeting Meeting. They would hold it on a Saturday night for the whole evening, and Ken served dinner. They created a group for new members. More and more people would come every time and the same people would volunteer for things, like reading essays and other positions for RGs. They were committed and stayed involved. Lisa said they also had New Member parties in the DC group
  - There was some discussion about having a booth at the state fair
    - Thomas said he doesn't remember ever doing one.
    - Melissa said Orland did a Comicon and Thomas added that it didn't generate prospects for Mensa.
    - We have to remember to follow CDC guidelines. What are the guidelines for Florida – it's the Wild West in Florida. No rule.
  - Someone mentioned a "No flop squad" for events, which included people who would attend events to just get momentum. We can offer something like this to help an event get more participation. Most of us would volunteer to show up if asked.
  - Book Club
  - GourMensans
- Membership Report (Lisa)
  - Current at 641 VS. 640 in September 2020
  - March 2020 was 715 and March 2021 was 684
  - 88 Lapsed members
  - Contacted Lapsed and reported to National
  - 58 New Members
  - New Member Contact Made
- Testing Coordinator (Lisa)
  - Dan proposed site, need to give him date
  - Have list of prospective members to contact
  - Think Libraries will open, need to redo our application
    - Safety Harbor rejoined
    - She is going to renew application at Hillsborough Library
    - Thomas said Pasco Land O Lakes library is still being renovated. New River is renovated, in the Wesley Chapel/Zephyr Hills area
      - We need to add more regional and local events that will be available for new members, and we can tell them about activities happening in other groups and using Connect.
      - SIGS need to have more.
      - More RGs

- Lisa is hoping someone would take over membership. It's a big job and needs someone who can devote themselves to it without being tied to other jobs.
  - Melissa asked Ken if he would be willing to take over Membership combined with Programs. He will talk to Lisa about it.
  - Testing coordinator
- Publicity (Lisa)
  - Lisa hereby resigns from publicity, which doesn't need to be done by someone on the ExComm.
- Community Outreach (Lisa)
- Team in for Miles for Moffitt November 2021
- Loc Sec Report
  - Need to address August Sounding
- Web Master (Dan) – Submitted a written report
- Gifted Youth (Melissa) – She needs to go ahead and create an in person meeting for the kids to do. She has a COVID waiver for the kids that their parents would need to sign, releasing us from liability. She wants to limit to 12 and over for the moment, because they are vaccinated. Activities like parks, outdoor activities to minimize exposure. Substantial number of 12-18 year olds member of group. Parents can accompany.
- New Business
  - Event Jacki wanted to discuss was not discussed
  - Editor Change and August Sounding - Jen resigned via telephone to Lisa. Her resignation was unrelated to the questionable article. She has taken on a new position and is working 60 hours a week and doesn't have time to do the job. Lisa accepted her resignation.
  - Lisa read out the apology to be posted in the Sounding in response to the complaint letter written by Belinda, which will also be published with the apology. Sylvia suggested that going forward, new submissions be submitted to the Editorial Board prior to publication in the Sounding. This was widely agreed upon, because the ExComm is responsible for the content, not the Editor, ultimately. Lisa will ask Rob to help at least one more time to get out another issue while we are looking for a new editor. We have a member who is a writer and expressed a bit of interest.
  - Lisa said that after minutes go out and we confirm who gets what jobs, she will contact National to update the email aliases and contact info.
  - Art said we have to make a decision about an RG for next year by December at the latest. Please think about and have our arguments for and against by next meeting. It would be over Memorial Day weekend. We only have 7 months to plan. Maybe we start looking for a hotel. We can ask our Facebook group who would be interested in attending and who would be interested in helping.
  - Winter Social – January? We need to start planning. We need to find a place. Dave Bryant's clubhouse was discussed.
  - Rob Bradford and Ken Silver will be added to ExComm Connect
  - Charles has a Games Night next week. Art can't go. A total of 6 people attended the last games night altogether.

Next meeting is Sun, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25