

## Agenda ExComm Meeting October 16, 2022, 3:00 PM

- Roll Call – Lisa Blair, Kathy Crum, Rob Bradford, Jacki Nesbitt, Linda Christina, Art Schwartz
- Also Present: Micky Casey, Thomas Thomas, RVC, Chris Clements
- Open Meeting: 3:07
- Scribe's Report (Linda) Lisa submitted August, with no response.
  - Nothing to report.
  - Lisa did August – accepted.
- Asst Loc Sec (Art)
  - Nothing to report.
- Treasurers Report (Kathy) posted on RJ Connect, and will be uploaded with these minutes to the Tampa Bay Mensa website.
  - We are up by \$261.07 for the year.
  - The group was reimbursed for the lapsed member contacts - \$31.50.
  - The Sounding is a little over budget.
  - We have only spent around 10% of our budget on socials this year.
- Scholarship report (Linda)
  - Scholarship season began 9/15. So far, as of 10/15 at 6:45 PM we have received 34 essays, 7 of which had to be disqualified (including one from an adult Mensa member studying for his doctorate), who must not have read the instructions. The member named himself, thus disqualifying his otherwise very good essay.

We have never received this many essays this early in the contest. I am hearing the same thing from some of the other scholarship chairs. Since the majority of essays each year are submitted in the last two weeks of the contest, we are all expecting a banner year! So I think I am going to need more judges than the 11 who judged last year. Since non-members may also be judges, perhaps some of you know someone who would enjoy participating. Any referrals would be greatly appreciated!

I have only gotten 2 volunteers so far, both of whom responded to the ad in the Sounding. I have never met either of them. Some of the people here have reliably judged each year and I am hoping I can count on them to judge again this year.

- The following members volunteered during the meeting: Rob, Jacki, Art (along with Sapir Schwartz). Art will check with David to see if he wants to judge again this year.
- Lisa offered to send out emails to the local membership raise awareness of the program and to solicit more volunteers.
- Program Officer (Ken) - not present
- Membership Report (Art)
  - 651 members, pretty equal to where we were last year.
- Testing Coordinator (Lisa)
  - We need a New Tampa Testing Site.
  - Lisa is checking with Stephanie to see if still wants to proctor – she hasn't heard from her in a while. She emailed her, and needs to call her.
    - Lisa, Art, and Thomas are all current as Proctors.
    - We haven't tested in 3 or 4 months.

- Thomas is looking for dates in Wesley Chapel.
  - There is a local testing center in Tampa.
  - In November, prior evidence for membership is free.
- Publicity (Open Position)
- Community Outreach (Lisa) NA
  - Miles for Moffitt November 2022
    - Donations are needed, even if you don't walk.
    - There should be a minimum donation, to get a t-shirt.
    - It might be a nice photo op if people show up, even if they don't walk.
    - Shirts are about \$20, and there are still some in stock.
    - Lisa will publish on FB Tampa Bay Mensa Cares, with a link to donate.
- Loc Sec Report (Lisa)
  - New Member Contacts has been completed by James Gamble
    - Deputy membership officer.
  - Gifted Youth Position
    - Mickey Hahn in Broward Mensa has been doing a good job and Lisa will reach out to her for descriptions of the things they are doing so that she can list things when recruiting a new gifted youth officer.
    - We should get a back-up. Both Jacki and Rob offered to be backup.
      - Thomas will find out if we can background check two people.
- Social Media (Jacki)
  - There have been a couple of new access requests.
  - Lapsed members requests are turned away.
  - In Jan and Feb Jacki will do a billiards meetup and a bowling meetup.
    - She will coordinate with young-adult officer.
- Web Master (Dan)
  - absent
- Calendar (Melissa)
  - Melissa resigned from ex-comm, and from her other volunteer positions. Lisa made a motion that we send her a thank you card, which was seconded by Jacki. Nobody opposed.
  - Reminder that you don't have to be a member of ex-comm to be a volunteer. This is an opportunity to get new volunteers from among TBM membership.
- Gifted Youth – New open position
- New Business
  - Fall Picnic – Safety Harbor, Felipe Park

There are no current plans for a Regional Gathering. Some difficulties are finding a suitable location, finding enough people to do the work. The cruise failed. Maybe a one-day games tournament.

Rob would volunteer to help. Kathy has always been Registrar. We need a committee to determine the parameters of the event.

Thomas said that at the Last AMC meeting they also discussed future Annual Gatherings. It is becoming more and more difficult to find locations that will let them do the forum they want. What could we do

that would be different from a typical RG? If we didn't have it at a hotel, what would we do? If we did find a hotel, how much would it cost? There are lots of questions to deal with. We need a committee to come up with new ideas.

The next Ex-Comm meeting will be 3:00 on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 3:44 pm.