

Tampa Bay Mensa

- ExComm Meeting Minutes February 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM
- Call To Order by Thomas Thomas at 3:02
 - Roll Call / Establish Quorum: Thomas Thomas, Linda Christina, Kathy Crum, Dan Chesnut, Ken Silver, Jacki Nesbitt, Lisa Blair, Christopher Clement.
 - Quorum established.
 - Approval of December 29 Ex-Comm Minutes
 - Discussion of where to post the minutes – what versions get posted where?
 - To be continued in new business
 - Officer Reports (in order of listing in Sounding (mostly)) LocSec (Thomas Thomas)
 - Thomas is the Chair of the AMC election committee, for the 3 elections currently ongoing in the AMC
 - Thomas has uploaded some more Soundings since 2002 – 2004 in the National Archives
 - Deputy LocSec (Cathy Chopping)
 - Not present
 - Treasurer (Kathy Crum)
 - Year-End Report for 2024
 - We ended up getting more from National than we had budgeted for.
 - We also started to get an increased interest rate in the new Savings/CD. We were under budget for the socials.
 - The Sounding has been dropped to 8 issues, so our cost went down about 70%.
 - Scholarships – In prior years it was \$600, but it has been changed to \$1000.
 - Banking Summary
 - Kathy will be able to renew the CD in March, when it renews.
 - Proposed budget report, based on the end of year 2024 report
 - Inflows –
 - Proctor revenue –
 - Misc. Income
 - Outflows –
 - Cost of proctoring,
 - Materials for the proctors.
 - Consideration for test sites,
 - We have paid nominal fees as a courtesy for testing sites.
 - Gifted Youth events: The cost in 2024 was \$113.
 - Member Events - 2 years ago there was a billiards event, but there wasn't this year.
 - Office Supplies,
 - Storage Bins.
 - Election buddy software
 - The Publicity cost includes our domain name,
 - web hosting \$215 for 3 years,
 - Mensa Cares T-shirts for Community Events
 - Refreshments - \$100 budgeted
 - Possibly an ExComm Retreat budgeted

- Socials, Picnics, Gift Cards
 - \$900 per Social and Picnic budgeted. This was increased last year from \$750 to account for postcards
 - Gift Cards for Scholarship Judges
 - Linda will find out from Jill how many people judged for our group.
 - Picnics (per Ken)
 - We haven't spent anything.
 - The price for picnic food is usually lower than the price for Socials.
 - The money's purpose is to be spent on the members.
 - YTD Report
 - Total cost for the Winter Social cost \$782
 - \$456 was just the postcards.
 - Postage for the Sounding was in line with what National sends
 - We have spent \$500 more than we have taken in.
- Membership (Lisa Blair)
 - There are 644 members, which is a 48 member drop from last year. (692)
 - Lisa has had several questions regarding membership, especially youth memberships.
 - Lisa got the date for the picnic. It will be in April at Phillipe Park in Safety Harbor.
 - The date for Feeding Tampa Bay will be the 1st Saturday in May.
 - Lisa still has 4 boxes of her games to pick up.
 - The Central Florida Mensa RG was great.
- Recording Secretary (Linda Christina)
 - Was not present at the December meeting to take minutes, so nothing to contribute.
- Social Media (Jacki Nesbitt)
 - No Items
- Member-At-Large (Ken Silver)
 - Getting ready for the picnic in April. Miles for Moffett needs to be better attended. We can promote it and try to get people to sign up early.
- Member-At-Large (Daniel Chesnut)
 - Nothing to report
- Editor (Monroe Roark)
 - Not present
 - Monroe used photos from the Social.
 - We need to give him an update on the officer changes.
- Gifted Youth (Ashley and Rentz Phelps)
 - Not present
 - Neither Thomas nor Lisa have heard from either Ashley or Rentz.
 - Lisa is not sure if Rentz finished his background check yet.
 - Lisa is a member of the National Connect group for gifted youth, where a lot of activities are posted. She uses Email My Members to communicate with our parents.
 - Lisa has also created a Facebook page for Gifted Youth, of which she is the Admin. Ashley is on Facebook but not Connect.
- Scholarship (Linda Christina)

- The judging deadline extended to 3/17/25.
- Community Services (Lisa Blair)
 - Nothing to report.
- Webmaster (James Gamble)
 - Not present
 - There was discussion about other sites, including Blue Sky and Discord.
- Our Regional Ombud is (Maran Fulvi).
 - There was discussion regarding whether Regional Ombudsmen is still a position.
 - Maran did vote in the National Ombud election.
- Testing (open position)
- Young Adult Mensan (YAM) Coordinator (James Gamble)
 - Not present
- Old Business
 - The Winter Social on Saturday, Jan 25) was discussed.
 - Compared to other times when they used a postcard to invite members, this event was not well attended.
 - There were only about 25 members, several of which she had never met before.
 - The Social was under budget, rental was only \$90.
- Open ExComm Position (Member-At-Large)
 - No one has contacted Thomas regarding this position.
- Open Officer Positions (Publicity, Testing Coordinator, Programs, Calendar)
- Election Committee
 - Three members (including Election Supervisor) must be named by Jan 15 (deadline missed)
 - Chris Clement has created a Call for Candidates notice for the April Sounding
- The Spring Picnic will be Sunday April 6, Philippe Park, Shelter #7 in Safety Harbor
- Bylaws revision
- There has been no progress on the by-laws from Thomas, since National has kept him completely occupied.
- Example of items to be addressed:
 - The Call for Candidates must be published in the March and April issues of the newsletter, except we no longer publish the newsletter monthly.
- New Business
 - (per parliamentary procedure, a motion must be made and seconded before it can be discussed).
 - Dan moved to post actions-only minutes in the Sounding and full minutes in TBM Connect.
 - Lisa amended that to also posting full minutes on the TBM web site.
 - Discussion was interrupted by loss of Zoom connection for Dan.
 - Motion to be taken up under Old Business at the April meeting.
- Chris has created a request for candidates for the next Sounding, hoping to get at least 5 new members.
- A committee was discussed that would meet and generate new names before Chris sends out the request.
- Mid-March will be the next sounding.
- An officer has to be over 18.
- Chris only needs 2 members, including himself.

- The ExComm is not supposed to be involved in recruiting volunteers.
- Sylvia is not interested in being on the ExComm, but she could help us find people.
- Write something up for the election committee for Mensa Connect.
- Send submissions in middle of odd-month for inclusion in the even-month publication.
- Chris will put together a ballot.
- The Spring Picnic is also the Annual Business Meeting.
- Add to TBM Connect – summary of reports and actions taken and date taken, dates (approval of the budget was a motion)
- Don't post Unapproved Ex-Comm Meeting Minutes.
- We approved the minutes of last meeting and Linda should send to web master.
- The Bylaws need to be posted in April (March). Ballots in June/July. Call for candidates in Jan-march, ballots June/July. Results to be sent mid-July for the August publishing.
- Set April Meeting Date for April 27 at 3:00.
- Closing comments
 - At 4:35 PM Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting
 - Lisa seconded the motion.