

## Minutes

### Tampa Bay Mensa

ExComm Meeting, October 12, 2025

1. Call To Order                      Meeting began at 3:14 (late due to Zoom issues)
2. Roll Call / Establish Quorum

Present: Lisa Blair, Daniel Chesnut, Cathy Chopping, Kathy Crum, Jacki Nesbitt, Thomas Thomas

Absent: Linda Christina, Ken Silver

Non-ExComm members present: Chris Clement

Quorum established

3. Discussion of vacancy on ExComm, determining whether Maran Fulvi was a member.

Kathy Crum moved to defer approval of ExComm to December. Motion approved.

Lisa volunteered to contact Maran and promote more members for ExComm, particularly LocSec

4. Approval of August 24, 2025 ExComm.    Approval of August minutes was not addressed at this meeting, but this can be put on the December agenda and approved then.

5. Officer Reports:

- I.    LocSec (Thomas Thomas) Submitted column for Sounding. Thomas will not be continuing as LocSec after the end of this term.
- II.   Deputy LocSec (Cathy Chopping)
- III. Treasurer (Kathy Crum) Total account balance went up slightly. Spending less on socials than budgeted. Newsletter expenses are down due to the change to bimonthly publication. \$500 more income than expenses for the year. Full Treasurer's report is on Connect.
- IV.   Membership (Lisa Blair) Membership now at 574. This time last year was 618. Members are most likely to leave after one year. Lapses are at about the same rate, new member rate is lower.
- V.   Programs (Lisa)    Calendar events are going well. We tend to see the same people at events, not new people.

- VI. Recording Secretary (Daniel Chesnut) Sent approved June minutes to newsletter and webmaster. Not posted to website. Dan will contact James again about this.
- VII. Social Media (Jacki Nesbitt) One member wants to rejoin.
- VIII. Member-At-Large (Ken Silver) (absent) Ken will be buying supplies for the fall picnic.
- IX. Member-At-Large (Linda Christina) (absent)
- X. Editor (Monroe Roark) Thomas reported that the Sounding was sent out.
- XI. Gifted Youth (Ashley and Rantz Phelps) Lisa: (Deputy Gifted Youth Coordinator) 76 members, up from 69. Aiming for quarterly events.

Lisa: Motion to allocate \$400 Escape Room, Nov 1 (Escape Florida, in Largo . Approved by acclamation.

- XII. Scholarship (Linda Christina) (absent) Thomas shared that Linda is in contact with National regarding scholarship volunteers.
- XIII. Community Services (Lisa Blair) The chapter had two members participate in Miles for Moffit.
- XIV. Webmaster (James Gamble) (absent)
- XV. Ombud (Maran Fulvi) (absent) no report
- XVI. Testing (open position) Lisa reported that two people were tested at the Safety Harbor Library on October 4.
- XVII. Young Adult Mensan (YAM) Coordinator (James Gamble)

## 6. Old Business

- I. Open ExComm and Officer Positions No progress on filling these
- II. Bylaws revision No action taken
- III. Fall Picnic, November 16, 12 noon-2PM at Lake Park in Lutz
- IV. Upcoming Gifted Youth Escape Room event.

## 7. New Business

- I. Winter Social Need other members helping with socials. Considering Wesley Chapel Community Center, Thomas to reserve a place and choose a date. 12:30 start.
- II. Kathy has a shed with about twelve boxes of Mensa stuff in them. Saves on renting storage space.
- III. December Meeting Date set for Dec. 14

8. Good of the Order      Mel Dahl will be installed as the next RVC for our region.
9. Closing comments
10. Adjournment at approximately 4:40 pm

Action Items follow-up from August meeting:

- Lisa to secure a picnic site at Hillsborough River or similar location with large capacity for the fall picnic on November 16<sup>th</sup>      yes
- Lisa to send out postcards for the fall picnic      no (no need for)
- Lisa to provide budget details for the youth escape room event      yes
- Lisa and Thomas to coordinate testing at Safety Harbor Library in October  
yes
- Thomas to contact Maran to confirm if she accepts her position on the Excomm (emailed her, no reply)
- Daniel to send approved meeting minutes to Monroe and James Gamble  
yes
- Daniel to include action items in future meeting minutes      yes
- Kathy to send \$1,000 to Jill Beckham for the scholarship for 2026      yes
- Lisa to send receipt for the July 1st Zoom fee to Kathy      yes
- Ken to organize food for the fall picnic on November 16<sup>th</sup>      yes (he plans to)

Action Items from the October meeting for the December meeting:

1. Lisa to contact Maran to confirm her interest in being on the XCOM and report back to the group before the next meeting.
2. Lisa to use all our avenues of communication to publicize about a possible ExComm opening to recruit volunteers.
3. Lisa to organize the Escape Room youth event on November 4th with a budget of \$400.
4. Lisa to book Feeding Tampa Bay for Mensa Cares in April after checking with Kathy.
5. Lisa to look for a youth community event to apply for the \$200 national grant.
6. Thomas to check availability at Wesley Chapel community center for the Winter Social in January or February.

7. Thomas to invite incoming RVC Mel Dahl to the next XCOM meeting.
8. Dan to email James again about posting the approved minutes to the website and request confirmation of receipt.
9. Lisa to provide food for the Winter Social.
10. Cathy to provide drinks for the Winter Social
11. Lisa to send Thomas a copy of the new member welcome packet.