

Minutes
Tampa Bay Mensa
ExComm Meeting, August 24, 2025

1. Call To Order Meeting began at: 3:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call / Establish Quorum

Present:

Daniel Chesnut
Cathy Chopping
Kathy Crum
Jacki Nesbitt
Thomas Thomas
Lisa Blair
Ken Silver

Absent:

Linda Christina (excused, advance notice)

Quorum established

3. Approval of June 22, 2025 ExComm Minutes

motion to approve by _____(Lisa?)

approved by voice vote

4. Officer Reports

- LocSec (Thomas Thomas)
 - Thomas has been occupied with national Mensa business
- Deputy LocSec (Cathy Chopping) no report
- Treasurer (Kathy Crum): full report is on TBM Connect
 - Up \$1,400 for the year.
 - Bank accounts look good.
 - The chapter is under budget for spending on socials.
- Membership (Lisa Blair): 562 current membership, 14% drop (from year-end high in March of 655 members). 151 are lapsed members, but 162 are life members, that cannot lapse.
- Programs: Members hosted dinners and brunches, Jazz Jam, games afternoon, games afternoon, book club (8 new members),
- Summer Social: attendance was low
- Gifted Youth. (Lisa gave the report)
 - The youth event was very successful (Busch Gardens).
 - They communicate via facebook, since Connect is not available to under 18 nor parents who are not members.

- 69 members of TBM are under 18. Of these 69 youth members, 6 are under the age of 6, 21 are 7-10, 23 are 11-14, and 19 are 15-17 years old.
- Next youth event is an Escape Room.
- Testing for youth: Might be a promotion in September or October (or send in prior evidence).
- Community Service. Lisa reported that we have a team for Miles for Moffit (in November).
- Recording Secretary (Daniel Chesnut) Will send the June minutes to webmaster and newsletter editor.
- Social Media (Jacki Nesbitt) no report
- Member-At-Large (Ken Silver) Is working on the next TBM picnic
- Member-At-Large (Linda Christina) (absent)
- Editor (Monroe Roark)
- Scholarship (Linda Christina) (absent) report submitted,
 - Scholarships season begins September 15.
 - She would like to step down after this year after six years as chair. Thomas will work on getting her an assistant that might step in the next year. Will put in the next column.
- Webmaster (James Gamble) (no report)
- Ombud (Maran Fulvi) no report
- Testing (open position) Thomas reported that no testing is currently scheduled. October is National Testing month. Lisa and Thomas will get together on testing in Safety Harbor that month.
- Young Adult Mensan (YAM) (no report)
- Elections
 - Chris Clements reported that we had five candidates for five positions. They all won as unopposed candidates.
 - Need to confirm that Maran Fulvi accepted her position on ExComm. Takes effect October. Thomas will contact her.

5. Old Business

- Open ExComm Position (Member-At-Large)
- Open Officer Positions (Publicity, Testing Coordinator, Programs, Calendar)
- Bylaws revision
 - Example of items to be addressed: Call for Candidates must be published in the March and April issues of the newsletter, but we no longer publish the newsletter monthly
 - Minimum Standard Bylaws did not change at July AMC meeting

- Since that has been established, we can get started on a bylaws revision

6. New Business

- Fall Picnic: Nov. 16 (Sunday) Hillsborough R St Pk, Lisa will set this up and send post cards.
- Discussed locations for testing

7. Set October Meeting Date: October 12, 3pm

8. Good of the Order Lisa proposed identifying action items that ExComm member have agreed to do; accountability for us to get things done. Put these in the main minutes. (see below)

9. Closing comments (none)

10. Adjournment, Kathy moved to adjourn, 4:02 pm

Action Items:

- Lisa to secure a picnic site at Hillsborough River or similar location with large capacity for the fall picnic on November 16th
- Lisa to send out postcards for the fall picnic
- Lisa to provide budget details for the youth escape room event
- Lisa and Thomas to coordinate testing at Safety Harbor Library in October
- Thomas to contact Maran to confirm if she accepts her position on the Excomm
- Daniel to send approved meeting minutes to Monroe and James Gamble
- Daniel to include action items in future meeting minutes (done)
- Kathy to send \$1,000 to Jill Beckham for the scholarship for 2026
- Lisa to send receipt for the July 1st Zoom fee to Kathy
- Ken to organize food for the fall picnic on November 16th