

## Tampa Bay Mensa ExComm Minutes December 14, 2025 at 3:00 PM

- Call to Order
- Roll Call/Establish a Quorum
  - Lisa, Thomas, Cathy, Jacki, Kathy, and Dan were on call
  - James Gamble was present
- Approval of October 12 Minutes with 2 corrections from Lisa
  - Chris Clement was present
  - Mensa Cares is correct name
- Officer Reports
  - Loc Sec (Thomas Thomas)
    - Almost done uploading Old Soundings. Only 1990 to 2002 need done
    - Ran National Elections
    - Reserved Winter Social Location
  - Deputy Loc Sec (Cathy Chopping) nothing to report
  - Treasurer (Kathy Crum) Report submitted with detailed numbers
    - Group Finance is in solid condition
  - Membership (Lisa Blair) Report Submitted
    - New Member Packet Updated
    - Conclusion reached that local group's focus was member retentions versus recruitment
  - Programs (Lisa Blair)
    - Fall picnic about 40 attended but with several youth members and family and two brand new members
      - Sent Postcard, Recruiting information on bottom blocked by post office tape. Will redesign next time
      - Excellent job on budgeting and supplying by Ken
    - Ongoing Book Club, GourMensans and French Brunch
  - Gifted Youth (Lisa Blair, Deputy Gifted Youth Coordinator)
    - Escape Room well-attended and under budget
    - Based on past spending more money should be budgeted
      - *Lisa made a motion and Kathy seconded to allocate \$1400 year for Gifted Youth events. Motion passed no objections.*
    - Plan for a museum event and ask National \$200 grant
    - Youth members count over last year has increased

- Our local group is participating in Region 10 virtual event to exchange Valentines
      - Will include youth members in local Region 10 groups with no coordinator
    - Exploring a youth member website that will also function as their newsletter
- Community Services (Lisa Blair)
  - Miles for Moffitt Completed
  - Waiting for registration to open for Feeding Tampa Bay in April
- Recording Secretary ( Dan Chesnut) No Report
- Social Media (Jacki Nesbitt)
  - The number of folks requesting entrance on our Face Book group has dcleind.
- Member-At- Large (Ken Silver) No Report
- Member-At- Large (Dan Chesnut)
- Editor
  - Lisa reported she had sent sympathy card to Monroe Roarks’s family on behalf of ExComm
  - Lisa will submit brief obit for Sounding
  - Thomas will get an issue out
    - Lisa has distribution information
    - We also have how to guides done by Rob Bradford to help a new editor
- Scholarship (Linda Christina) Report Submitted
  - Kathy to clarify where Linda’s judge list is from
- Webmaster (James Gamble)
  - No issues with site
  - Dreamhost , our webhosting site, could accommodate youth site
- Testing ( Lisa Blair)
  - One test was held in October, both candidates qualified
  - One TBM Member in pipeline as proctor candidate
- Young Adult Coordinator
  - Possible platforms: Mastodon, Discard, Blue Sky
- Old Business
  - 2026 ExComm Election ( LocSec, Deputy LocSec and Treasurer)
    - Lisa is now LocSec, Cathy Deputy LocSec and Kathy Treasurer

- Winter Social is set for January 31
        - Lisa and Cathy to handle refreshments
    - Open Officer Positions
      - Publicity, Testing Coordinator, Programs, Calendar and Editor
  - New Business
    - Election Committee
      - Thomas will ask Sylvia and keep Chris in loop
    - Spring Picnic
      - Tentative Safety Harbor April 19
    - Bylaws revision
      - Local Bylaws ( 2013 version) needs synched with new National Minimum Standard Bylaws requirements
      - ExComm reviews for changes
    - New Motion
      - Possible Open ExComm Positions
        - Need to Confirm Resignation Linda Christina
        - Confirm Marin Fulvi not accepting her position voted in July after numerous attempts to contact her
          - This also leaves her position as ombudsman in question.
          - Decision was made to reach out to Bonnie Wilpon as Region 10 ombudsman for guidance.
    - *Lisa made a motion that we appoint James Gamble to the ExComm for a one year term . Kathy seconded it . No Objections.*
- Follow up Items
  - Lisa: Check with Ken about available dates in April for the spring picnic (specifically April 19th or 26th) and confirm when he will be in town
  - Thomas to publish a group newsletter
  - Lisa to Submit obituary write up Monroe
  - Lisa: Follow up with Ken to get his mailing address for the reimbursement check
  - Lisa: Contact Bonnie (Regional Ombudsman) to inform her about the local ombudsman situation and ask for job description/suggestions
  - Lisa: Reach out to Linda to request official resignation confirmation from ExComm
  - Kathy: Email Linda to determine if she is aware of all scholarship judges who signed up through National

- Thomas: Review bylaws to identify points that agree/disagree with minimum standards as first step in bylaws revision
- Lisa: Forward new member welcome letter to Thomas and ExComm
- Lisa: Get more details about potential youth website costs before presenting them to group
- Lisa: Contact Karen Baldwin and Karina Boutwell about potential ExComm interest
- Lisa: Redesign postcard layout to avoid label placement issues for next mailing
- Lisa/Cathy: Decide on refreshments for January social event Possible BBQ
- Lisa: Contact potential editor candidates (note: Keith Jones and Rob Bradford already declined)
- Thomas: Contact Sylvia Zadorozny about serving on election committee
- Thomas: Contact Chris Clement about continuing as election supervisor

The conversation ended with the group agreeing to hold their next meeting on February 22nd at 3pm via Zoom, and briefly discussed potential new Executive Committee members.