

Minutes, Tampa Bay ExComm October 17, 2009 held at home of Barbara Loewe

Present: Barbara Loewe, Sylvia Zadorozny, Kathy Crum, Eloise Hurst, Maxine Kushner, Theresa Hohmann, Ronan Heffernan, Thomas Thomas.

Other Officers: Sandy Davanzo, Joshua Moore, Jay Johnson

Guest: Molly

Meeting called to order: 3:18pm

Minutes: Approved as read.

Reports:

LocSec:

SZ: Phoebe McCann's husband, Dan, died and a few of us went to pay the respects of TBM. Mel Dahl wrote about the mega-gathering. AML is now being distributed in an email newsletter. All officers got it. It is also available to regular members.

Today is Mensa Testing Day.

There is a new vendor for AML products: Fox Imaging.

The Statement of Ownership will be printed in the newsletter.

Culture Quest is coming up in April.

Commercial liability insurance is being offered free to all chapters. There several types of events that are not covered. We don't have to tell them of our events, we are just automatically covered at those events where coverage is offered. Some places not covered are dinners, concerts, or activities where the public is admitted, guests are not considered as public.

Treasurer:

KC: I sent everyone a report by email with comments: It is quite likely Anitha Reddy's ad in *Sounding* has expired. We need to contact her to see if she wants to continue.

Printing costs listed are just for 9 months, I don't know exactly what September was, I need the receipt. October was \$521, September about \$200 more. But we have two rebate cards for the next issue.

September Crewe List issue cost only \$5 more in postage, it is usually around \$100, so our basic rate change last May is helping.

Misc Postage are over budget because of the post cards for 3 events. If we want to continue doing postcards for the picnics and Socials we may need to make a budget item just for them.

Same thing with Refreshments, that is because of picnics and the Social.

I updated to Quicken 2009.

Office Supplies are up as well.

For RG 2010 I have 11 registrations, \$880 in the bank.

I will put a little money in 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> bank to keep the account active and our options open.

Barbara will be repaid for her deposit on Bilmar in January when we cash in the CD and keep a little for a cushion rather than roll it over entirely.

Editor:

JM: November issue is about done. FSM dates are correct in printed issue.

We do not have an ad for RG 2010 in this issue. I will get it into December.

Circulation:

EH: I have resigned as Circulation Officer. Thomas will stand in for November.

We have an online source for clear tabs, Uline, also perforated for the same price if we want.

They are cheaper in bulk. Each roll has 1000 pieces, we use about 1800 a month, 3 per issue.

You will need to increase the budget at the next meeting for this item; it is quite a bit more expensive than cellophane tape. They also have dispensers for about \$10 each that work just like a regular tape dispenser and will likely hold any make of roll.

I already have places booked until January.

November FSM is next week at Barbara Loewe's, 2:00 pm  
Josh will take the *Sounding* to the printer, it is convenient for him.

Web Spinner:

RH: I will put the RG information on as soon as I get the registration prices all the way out.

Membership:

SD: We have 6 renewing, 3 reinstating, 3 move-in, 3 totally new. The exact total is 699. I am having trouble getting membership figures.

TT: They only send one copy, and there is a lot of stuff you have to do with it such as separating out birthdays, anniversaries and getting it to Joshua, and all to Circulation. The LocSec has to request it go to you.

SD: I rip out the Crewe List but not the Member's Interest section from September *Sounding* and send it to each new member along with a cover letter explaining they will get their *Sounding* within the next month.

Testing Coordinator:

TT: I did 2 sessions, tested 3 people. Many are interested but want Pinellas and Clearwater locations. I need proctors to test in Clearwater.

JJ: We can't test in Pinellas libraries any longer. They changed their rules and the new ones are quite specific.

TT: No one used the coupons; they are only good until November 1. We held at least one test every month this year. We could do small numbers in small rooms if we gave a lot of tests at many different times. Right now in Hillsborough I am doing evening tests which did well in the past, not now. I ask people to let us know of a day or location that would work well for them, no one answers. I have about 400 names still on the database, many are old. It is likely a matter of how National counts a prospect. They are changing it so that the information we have is who ordered a home test, who asked for a proctored test, who asked for prior evidence, and they are going to flag them so we are only contacting those who ask for a proctored test. That should increase our hit rate.

Gifted Children:

TH: We had 2 fossil digs, with 3 people. I emailed info about Busch Gardens and the Beach Breakfast. The teen thing I have to schedule. I will set up a pizza party.

KC: I can advance you funds if you schedule the party.

Programs:

TT: The Richard Lederer talk is coming up next Saturday at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar. I will find out if it is in the online Calendar and on FaceBook.

Deputy LocSec:

BL: We had 83 people at the Summer Social. Our expenses were \$597.11 which is under our budget of \$675.

SD: I had feedback from new members who thought it was great. You had the old members who came out for the food, and the new members liked it. I made it a point to talk with new members.

Consensus: It is a good event and we should continue it. The mix of indoor social with outdoor picnic is good.

Discussion: The social cost about twice as much as the picnic because of the facility, but we had more people. The end cost per person is about the same - \$7.00-7.50 per. The central location made a difference. Plan the next social for early August. Are we going to do a parallel event in December?

Scribe:

I suggest we just put motions of the ExComm meetings in the *Sounding* along with a note saying the full report is available on the web site and add the URL. That would save needing someone to abridge the minutes so they fit in the newsletter, it would save space in the *Sounding*, it would make the full minutes available to members, and make them responsible if they want to read them.

RH: I can make a link from "*Sounding*" location.

Scholarship:

TT: Marilyn said she is interested in doing it again.

Fall Picnic:

MK: People liked it; more said this was really great. The shelter cost \$26, the food was a few hundred, not much.

SD: I want to mention the terrific job Melissa did with 2 of our newest young members, she took them off and did an activity just for them. It was a good thing; the kids had brighter faces when they came back.

TT: We should try to plan an activity for young people at every picnic.

RG 2010

SD: No report. Dana sent hers in. (attached)

Motion: Move that we have a coupon for the people who have been to our RG in the past.

Discussion: Can we afford it? Do we really need it? What would it gain us? Isn't the beach attraction sufficient? The budget is already strained.

The motion is rejected.

Crewe List:

JM: Are we going to have it next year?

Discussion: Make it online, hard copy for those who ask for it. Can set it up as permanent file with password access so it is always current. Online only would save us a lot of time and money.

Motion: Move to table the issue of how to handle the Crewe List next year until the next meeting so we have time to think about it. Second. Passed.

New Business:

SZ: We need backups for Editor, Calendar, Circulation those 3 in particular. I am hoping we will agree to help each other and back each other up because I can't do everything.

JJ: I will proofread until we get an assistant.

Discussion: How to help the editor and get the Calendar updated. Deadlines. Setting the Calendar one year out with certain events already scheduled such as Summer Social, and ExComm meetings. Helping editor with formatting, and Calendar as well as proofreading.

TT: It is important that people know that the *Sounding* is the official place for putting events. Putting things last minute on the online Calendar and FaceBook is good, but people should not rely on those as the only way to get information.

RH: I suggest we actually establish a position and advertise.

Discussion: How to manage an assistant position. Need a job description? Groom someone to take over? Allow the assistant and officer to decide between them what will be done? Is it correct to set a policy that each position have an assistant? Have to be sensitive to the volunteers. Establish some possible responsibilities for an assistant.

BL: The Deputy LocSec doesn't have much to do, I can be backup for some things such as Treasurer.

Possible Assistant positions to: Editor, Circulation, Calendar, Membership, Programs, Publicity. LocSec is covered, so is Gifted Children. We don't need an assistant Ombudsman, Scribe just needs a back-up. We don't need Assistant Publisher, Scholarship or SIGHT.

Motion: To create assistant positions for the following: Treasurer, Programs, Circulation, Web Spinner, Testing Coordinator, Membership, Editor including proofreader, Publicity, Calendar. Second. Passed, one abstention.

TT: I move we create a position for Historian.

SZ: We are now seeking a Historian.

MK: It needs to be made clear that when information is put down on the events form of the Calendar, it is what the coordinator wants, and no one is to try to rethink what the coordinator might want.

TT: National has put on their agenda a Local Group Charter to apply to all local groups across the country. One point is that they have always had it, they just put it in writing. There is no choice for groups to use an alternative charter. It is going to vote next week; we just need to know about it. Our old by-laws were already up to the previous standards, any new changes in the national standards take priority over local bylaws if there are conflicts. We would still be responsible for updating our bylaws through our defined referendum process. New clarifications control new things such as electronic newsletter and electronic balloting.

Discussion: How to handle a membership vote on the new by-laws because if they reject them it doesn't matter. Because different groups have a different set-up they require a different form of charter.

SD: December FSM is at my house on December 20, we can have ExComm as the same time.

Consensus: No.

Discussion: Do we want to have a holiday party for everyone and ExComm at the same time in December? Do it same as Summer Social with Mensa providing entre and drinks. Do postcards again? (no)

Motion: Tentatively set ExComm meeting December 5, 1:00 at Sandy Davanzo's clubhouse, with a holiday party to follow. Passed.

Motion: To adjourn. Second, passed. Meeting adjourned 6:06pm

