

December 5, 2009 Tampa Bay Mensa ExComm Meeting  
Held at clubhouse of Sandy Davanzo to be followed by members' Holiday Party

Present: Sylvia Zadorozny, Eloise Hurst, Barbara Loewe, Theresa Hohmann, Kathy Crum  
Late: Thomas Thomas, Ronan Heffernan  
Absent: Maxine Kushner, Maran Fulvi  
Officers: Sandy Davanzo, Jay Johnson  
Late: Melissa Stephens  
Guest: Elizabeth Dougherty (to be put forward as new Editor)

Meeting Brought to Order 1:23 by Sylvia Zadorozny

Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes as previously presented. (BL, second TH) Passed.  
JJ will send full minutes to RH for inclusion on the website. She will also send a notice to the *Sounding* informing members of the change.

Reports:

LocSec:

SZ: National knew about the ink problem with the mailing labels and it is fixed.  
We have not found a new Circulation Officer.  
AMC has moved all member news online.  
MERF is seeking nominations for the Distinguished Teacher Award.  
Central Florida Mensa is having an RG in January; a copy of the announcement is added to the minutes.  
National is seeking nominations for their "Top 50 Websites" list. Send in your favorites.  
Over 1000 candidates were tested during National Testing Day across 220 sites.  
My LocSec Column in *Sounding* has notice of new web services.  
National is showing a holiday gift guide if you are looking for a Mensa-type gift.  
National has put new lesson plans for kids on the National Website, Kids Section.  
Interloc is now in e-letter format so all can read it.  
Culture Quest is scheduled for April 11, registration begins in January.  
Membership renewals will begin again in January.  
Our RG information is now on the website under "Upcoming Events".  
We are still seeking volunteers for several positions.  
Mel Dahl is doing well. He will start going around visiting again soon.  
We have a new editor; we will cover that in New Business.  
Thanksgiving Orphan's Dinner was good, we had 9 altogether.  
Jack's crossword puzzles seem to have gotten lost in the software, Josh is looking for them.  
The online Calendar shows FSM on January 17, that may not be correct.  
We have some issues with the online Calendar and we are taking care of it.

Treasurer:

KC: I sent everyone the report on their e-mail before the meeting.  
We took a big hit in overall expenses because of loses on the RG. Everything else is pretty much in line. Office Supplies are higher because of the additional costs of tabs for newsletter. I advanced Joshua some money for the newsletter that he didn't use so that will cancel out. He sent me a receipt and said he will send the rest to me. Other Expenses in Miscellaneous that seems high is postcards for the picnic and Summer Social. When I do the next annual budget I will put in line items for those events, and for the Christmas Party next year. Miscellaneous Postage is for stamps for postcards. *Sounding* printing is right in line. Postage has been lower than expected. Even with last month we are still only at 67% of budget. In the Account Balances report by year, you can see about \$4000 drop in overall total from the end of last year. The majority is from the RG, \$3800 from 2009. Hopefully this year we don't take that big a hit. The checking is down to \$2500. When the CD renews I will take some cash and beef up the checking

account. Barbara has a \$500 expense that I will cover. I made a small deposit to 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank to keep that account open; there are no additional fees with it.

Scholarship:

SZ: Marilyn is looking for judges for essays; we need a minimum of 3. Look to the website for more info.

ED: I will help with that.

Beach Bash:

SZ: Dana is planning a meeting at my house on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm. TBM web page now has the logo on it and soon will have full information. Bonnie has program ideas that Dana is working on. She sent me a guestimate of what she needs, days and times. Dana is changing jobs; she will be back in town working at a new pharmacy.

Membership:

SD: NO report.

Proctor Coordinator:

SZ: Thomas has been doing some testing.

JJ: We have a good location in Pinellas that we will schedule for the first of the year.

Circulation:

SZ: We still need a Circulation Officer.

Web Spinner:

RH: I am finishing off the RG announcement and registration form. I don't know what the cutoff date will be. Jay will send me the Minutes and I will add them to the site.

Gifted Children:

TH: We went to Heritage Village last month. Today we did ornaments from things of nature. No other members came. I have other things on the Calendar including Beach Breakfast. I am going to update my e-mail list. At Bush Gardens we walk around, socialize, meet up for dinners. It all depends on who shows up.

Publicity:

MS: I have a few things on FaceBook. Tomorrow is a big activities day. We have 6 confirmed, 6 maybe's. I hope we don't get rained out. If you need me to add something, let me know. Everything I have is on the Calendar. I posted Trivia Night. I hope Maran is getting better and will be taking back the Calendar.

SD: I want to plan a monthly Trivia Night in St. Pete. I found an English Restaurant that would work. I will send the info to Sylvia and to Melissa.

SZ: Send notices to the g-mail Calendar and our regular Calendar to make sure it gets posted.

Programs:

No report.

Member-At-Large/Deputy LocSec:

BL: No report.

Editor:

SZ: Joshua is leaving the post. I did the last *Sounding*. Consider going online for your *Sounding*, it is in color, and saves us printing and postage. New Editor will be handled in New Business.

Scribe:

JJ: No report. Thank you all for getting revisions to Minutes to me before this meeting.

SZ: Any thing else from anyone? (no)

Old Business:

SZ: Beach Bash was covered.

Crewe List:

SZ: We were talking about it being online instead of printed except for the 50-80 for new members.

Assistants:

SZ: We still have open positions.

Assistant to Treasurer would be auditor. We need someone who can add and look at a checkbook.

JJ: I will do it. I will talk with Kathy later.

SZ: Thomas is secondary Circulation Officer, we really need someone.

Programs:

SZ: Melissa, you and Maran will be doing it together.

Proctor and Testing:

SZ: Thomas needs someone to back him up.

Membership:

SD: I have someone in mind for Membership. Joyce is eager to join in. We already spoke about it. She is going to help me at the RG as well.

Proofreading:

JJ: I will continue to offer.

Historian:

SZ: We are going to stop looking for a Historian.

Holiday Party:

SD: I have 15 RSVPs and I cooked for 40 so we should be ok.

New Business:

Editor:

SZ: We have a volunteer for Editor, Elizabeth Dougherty.

**Motion:** To approve Elizabeth Dougherty as Editor. (BL, second EH) Passed.  
Elizabeth receives introductions all around.

Election Committee 2010:

SZ: We need to have the Committee and Chair by January.  
Sandy, Jay, Isabel volunteered.

JJ: Ask Erica (Rogers) if she would like to chair again, she sounded not opposed when last we talked.

Annual Meeting:

SZ: We will announce an Annual Meeting to be held at the spring picnic.

Spring Picnic:

Motion: We have the picnic at the beach in Oldsmar without asking anyone else, and Theresa will make the arrangements. (BL, Second TH)

Discussion: Ask Maxine first.

Vote: 3 in favor, 3 against, no abstentions. We will ask Maxine first and then see if we can go to the beach.

Summer Social:

BL: I will coordinate it again. I can get my clubhouse for free. I will book a Saturday in August and let you know. I will need a budget of \$550.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 3:00 pm at home of Barbara Loewe.

Motion: To adjourn. (EH, Second KC) Passed.

Meeting adjourned 2:31 pm.

Jay Johnson, Scribe