

ExComm Meeting of April 3, 2010 held at home of Theresa Hohmann

Quorum: Sylvia Zadorozny, Theresa Hohmann, Barbara Loewe, Eloise Hurst, Kathy Crum

Late: Thomas Thomas, Ronan Heffernan, Maxine Kushner

Other Officers: Sandy Davanzo, Jay Johnson

Guests: Dana Groulx for Beach Bash, Chuck Baenan from Orlando

Discussion while awaiting quorum: Annual Meeting, some Beach Bash positions, Dana's schedule, website registration, set up of registration table, adding games and crafts.

Meeting called to order 2:34PM.

Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the last meeting as previously sent to all members. (BL). Second (TH) Approved;

Reports:

SZ: Suggestion: We can email our reports to the ExComm list before the meeting so if there is no further discussion they can just go through. Would save time.

Motion: That all reports be sent to ExComm List ahead of the meeting. Motion failed for lack of second.

EH: I second to bring to a vote.

BL: If we have full discussion at the meeting I have no objection. If we do not have discussion at the meeting than I am against it.

EH: If someone says they want to have a discussion then we have a discussion.

Discussion: They have to be received a certain time before the meeting, Treasurer report may not be up to date, too far ahead, same with LocSec Report from National, depends on when meeting is held, 3 days is probably plenty.

Motion with Amendment: Officers should send their reports to the ExComm List 3 days before the ExComm Meeting. In favor: 4. Abstention: 1. Motion Passed

Scribe:

JJ: No report.

Treasurer: (Full Report Appended)

KC: I removed "the categories "Donation", and "Phone". Everything looks fine. We are getting money for the RG with no expenses yet. RG '11 is listed with zero because we may have end-of-year registrations. We have between 30-35 registrations and so our balances are beginning to look the way they did before RG '09. I made a deposit to the post office account. The CD is still in checking and we will keep it there at least until after the RG. I refunded one hotel deposit to Barbara who had it on her card. \$1500 due is still on her card.

2:45 TT and RH arrived followed quickly by MK. (Traffic jam)

Membership:

SD: Numbers to come.

TT: We have 168 lapsed members. This is a little higher than normal because we didn't push for re-ups

so hard.

Proctor:

TT: Proctor: We have been testing 3-4 each month. I have over 400 on the list and they are informed of every new test date. Barbara Counts has one in North St. Pete that may attract a few. Those that are interested, are joining. Barbara Counts, Jay Johnson and Thomas Thomas are proctoring.

Circulation:

(There is no Circulation Officer), TT is filling in: Sounding went out.

Editor:

RH: We did the Sounding.

Web-Spinner:

RH: Nothing changed.

SZ: Please add "Please click here" to the web site, people are having trouble getting to the Registration page.

Gifted Children:

TH: I canceled the last Bagels at the Beach and the Fossil Dig for personal reasons.

Publicity:

SZ: Melissa is not here, she did not send a report.

Programs:

SZ: Maran is not here, she did not send a report.

Deputy LocSec:

BL: No report.

Beach Bash:

DG: Room count is one week old and at that time we had 70 room nights. I think we will pick up another 10 before the start which will give us 2 room-nights for Hospitality. I sent fliers to Merrill who put it in the Flame, and one to Darcy in Broward. I can send it to all the editors in Florida. I have a write-up of the programs to send as well and that will go in the Sounding and on our web site.

TT: Send it to Mel and have him add it to his column.

DG: Everything looks good with the hotel, I got the rooms assignments straightened out, and I will talk with catering Monday to confirm meal times. I have gotten requests for a day rate, I think We will get a lot of walk-ins.

SZ: Day rates are published at \$40 a day.

Election Committee:

JJ: Nothing new.

RH: The picnic is the 18th, too late to get signatures.

SZ: As long as we have a quorum. We may be able to fill in slots with write-ins.

Scholarship:

SZ: Marilyn is not here, she did not send in a report.

There has been comment on the LocSec List about the timing of announcements of scholarships. They are taking the suggestion seriously to move the date up so we can report in a timely manner. Officially, we cannot announce our Scholarship Winner until after MERF, and we can't print it until after we have announced it.

TT: Officially, they will not give an award to one we give to. If they give it first, then we can give it after. Theirs is a higher amount. We get no publicity out of the summer at graduations, but we can always get publicity for giving awards. We can put notices out that we have done this and get it to the press. It gives us a backlog of things that we have done that we can make available to the press when we talk about what we do. Marilyn has a long list of contacts. The scholarship is available to anyone going to a school, not just a graduating senior. It can be an adult. It is up to Marilyn if she wants to note that in the Sounding.

Picnic:

MK: I have the labels and the postcards are done. I will handle food. Guests still need to provide their own beverages.

TT: Suggestion: We are supposed to write notes to all lapsing members, I suggest we write notes to the people who have lapsed on the post card then we can get credit for contacting them. We already have the labels.

JJ: Are we going to organize some games for the kids?

TH: I will come up with some things.

Annual Meeting:

SZ: It was suggested we hold it at the picnic. . Add it to the post card telling them to bring their suggestions. We are sending it first class, we are notifying everyone, we will hold it early while everything is grilling up so no one is pulling away.

JJ: I will take notes. I don't think I have notes from the last meeting.

Beach Bash:

SZ: Theresa will do Outdoor Games, Rebecca can check hospitality a few times a day if she will, we need awards and registration packet. Dana, when you check with the hotel can you see where they will accommodate the Registration table in the lobby.

Registration Packets:

SD: We need someone to print out Dana's Schedule of Activities. I will pick up brochures and beach papers for filler material. I will have the magnets. We need a small group to assemble them.

DG: I have the activity schedule. (Appended) I will do the name tags. We have to have an FSM on

May 16th and a Beach Bash meeting with packets at the same time.

BL: I will do trophies if you tell me exactly what we will need trophies for.

DG: I don't have the list of games Sylvia is doing but I am doing Poker and Theresa is doing Wii Bowling.

Going down the schedule, (review of schedule) we could use a few more Wii controllers, a back-up projector. I have all the items for pool and beach games including the air pump. Whoever is running the tournament will provide the rules. Armchair Treasure Hunt is scheduled to encourage people to stay. All speakers have been confirmed. I want a Hugging Contest, judges will be anonymous. I need to call about umbrella tables.

SD: Buried Treasure clues will be in the packets, it will be an on-going thing as people will just bring in their certificates. You can give out as many minor awards as you want, I have about 80 of the little gold pins.

DG: The Awards Ceremony will be done at the brunch, Thomas will host that. Jack will tally up the Treasure Hunt totals and have that available for the hospitality dinner.

TT: Hell's Ms usually do a Party Animal Award and they traditionally volunteer with Hospitality.

BL: I will handle the Hugging Contest.

SZ: I will come up with a new list of games.

Assistant Positions:

KC: Brandy has not gotten back to me about Assistant Treasurer.

SD: Bring up the Assistant Positions at the Annual Meeting.

Old Business:

JJ: I will PDF the Audit Report to the Editor of the Sounding.

KC: The Treasurer Report is almost done.

SZ: I submitted a package to PRP, it was last minute and not great.

PEP Rally:

SZ: I would strongly suggest we all go. Expenses are reimbursed to \$1000.

EH: I have a his list of the Westshore Hotels. The hotels closest to Dale Mabry didn't have anything that would work for us. I found I have to deal with restaurants individually. I am trying to stay close to access. I am going for June 12th with the 5th as a back-up.

Discussion: Hotel and restaurant options.

SD: If you let this go longer it won't make it into the May Sounding and it gets into June only which won't be long enough.

BL: We can say 'a conference coming up, June 12, location in Tampa to be announced later'. As to meals, we can take them out and we can pay for them.

Discussion: Dinner, advertising, other groups.

SZ: I need to get people to look at the program list and figure out what we want. The idea is to get Tampa people inspired. This is our chance to get volunteers.

TT: Suggestion: Everyone should look at the list within the next week, pick 5 programs and state why you think they should be included. Then we can discuss what the final program will be.

No further old business.

New Business:

SZ: Submit your nominating petitions.

BL: I have a bowling party, free for us. I can get that organized.

I have been contacted by a Mensa member who is lapsed but is sick and broke. She would like to rejoin but needs financial help. One year we voted special payment for one of our working members and we paid his membership. I would like to propose something dealing with something of this nature. I have always been disgruntled with scholarships; we get no publicity, little thanks, and no recognition. I would like to propose that 15% of our Scholarship money be designated for a lapsed member to pay for National Dues.

Motion: That 15% of our Scholarship money be designated as an assistance grant to cover National Dues. (BL) Second. (EH)

Discussion: Need guidelines. Financial Statement? How to decide?

BL: All I am asking is should we do this, and then we refer it to Committee as to how.

KC: You suggest make the Scholarship \$435 and the rest to a grant?

TT: The purpose of Scholarship is to provide Scholarships. The problem with publicity is how we have been going about getting it. One of the purposes of Mensa is recognition and fostering intelligence.

Discussion: Suppose we get more than one person applying? People should come up with it on their own. People will start crying poverty to get us to pay. A lot of people don't merit. Quid pro quo. What makes one more needy than another? Can of worms. National used to do it but stopped. Do it on a private basis if you want to help someone. May need to make sacrifices, Figure out what your priorities are.

BL: I want to have something humane coming out of our money. I think it would be a humane thing to have something available on a need basis. That need would be determined by a committee or whatever. We haven't set this up. If we set it up then let's look into this. We may have it available, there is no guarantee we would grant it one year or any. It would not be automatic renewal. On a hardship basis.

Would have some kind of stipulation with it that we would look into. I am asking, should we consider this idea?

TT: I am calling a question.

SZ: That demands an immediate vote.

Vote: In favor: 1. Opposed: 7, No abstentions. Motion failed.

RH: Don't take it from Scholarships, make a pool. The pool is divided by the number of people that apply.

KC: The last time this came up we had no special fund. It was a discretionary expense if we have an individual as in a prior instance, someone who worked a lot and did a lot and was having a difficult time. Even when we did grant help he came up with the fee on his own.

Next Meeting:

SZ: June 19 is Election Date. I would suggest we not designate a time or place.

BL: The ballots will be at Erica's house but if she is unable to hold the meeting I will volunteer.

Next meeting is set: June 19, time and location to be determined.

Motion: To adjourn: (KC), second (TH). In favor: unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 4:15PM.