

Minutes of Tampa Bay Mensa ExComm Meeting held August 14, 2010 at home of Sylvia Zadorozny

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

Absent: Kathy Crum (excused absence), Melissa Stephens (arrived very late)

Officers: Jay Johnson

Meeting called to order: 2:17 PM.

Motion: To approve the minutes as previously sent to all members. Approved.

Reports:

Scribe: Submitted earlier.

Treasurer:

SZ: Accepted as submitted earlier.

Scholarship:

TH: Nothing to report as yet. The winner was announced in August Sounding, and I will try to get it printed.

GCC:

TH: We had Bagels on the Beach that was very successful, we saw a manatee. Fossil dig is restarting in September. Lisa Menuto Barton wants to help coordinate the event. Lisa had a kid's night and fun stuff for the adults.

Publicity:

Melissa is not here.

Testing Coordinator:

MK: Thomas did a test; Fran is going to do one in October. I got a list with labels of 15 people who recently contacted National and I sent them all an email a few days ago.

Since National send us labels when people contact them, I would like to make a post card that is more local to us, more personal and including our web address. I can have the post card ready and then when I get a label I slap it on and put it in the mail the next day and then follow-up with an email a few days later. I can start with 100 to see how it goes.

Summer Social:

BL: Including food, ice, postcards, stamps, it came to around \$500. About 20 did RSVP and did not show, and we had around 40 all together.

Calendar Editor:

EH: Some people have sent events through December. I check the calendars and tbn-gm every few days and enter it all.

Editor:

RH: Sounding is with the proofreaders and will be ready for FSM. Some Crewe List surveys are coming in. I use the paper surveys, the on-line surveys and National PDQ. The Crewe List will be on the website. I requested a password-protected section on National so we can have a link from the website Members Section, and then they get a log-in from National.

Membership:

RH: I have done letters and phone calls. We have 8 new members.

TT: We have 283 members on FaceBook. What I want to do is send a note to each individual who did not renew and ask them if they are going to renew, and if not, to take them off FaceBook.

On a PR note, Broward Mensa has challenged TBM to a trivia contest which we will have next Friday. We will be at Prime Time and they will be at Ft. Lauderdale. We will team up at 7 to see if T-Mensa or B-Mensa is the best. They think they are going to kick our butts. The topics are general, something different each month. Usually something of pop culture, once the topic was movies, another time it was comic books, this month it is sports.

Circulation:

TT: We have 575 to go out this month.

LocSec:

SZ: My column in Sounding was comprehensive, that will stand as my report.

Proctor Report:

TT: I had 3 at my last test. The downtown library is good because it is relatively centrally located. I have procedure binders and test kits for proctors.

No other reports.

Old Business:

SZ: We still have unfilled assistant positions. Dan Chesnut has offered to be Assistant Treasurer.

Motion: To table appointing Dan as Assistant Treasurer until Kathy is back. TT. Passed.

Motion: To appoint Fran Orenstein as Assistant Testing Coordinator. BL, second TH. Passed.

Assistant Editor:

RH: 3 positions are listed; Research and Back-up Editor are open, Jay is proofreader.

Annual Meeting:

Motion: That we adopt the policy that: the annual meeting of Tampa Bay Mensa shall be held (ExComm choose one date to be discussed: the month before the annual election or the month after the annual election). This will take place during the next appropriate date as determined by today's selection of appropriate time. Furthermore: This policy shall be included in the next by-laws revision that is put up for a vote or published. BL. This way members can either hear candidate statements or be presented to the newly-elected ExComm board.

Discussion: When to have it, how to set it up, what would work best for members, impact on policy.

BL: I wish to amend the motion: That we hold this year's Annual Meeting sometime in October. That we establish a committee to explore the agenda, purpose and timing of an annual meeting that will be set as part of the policy by-laws. Second EH.

Resolved: A committee to discuss logistics of Annual Meeting will be formed with TT, BL, MK, and SZ. To report before next ExComm.

RH: I strike by-laws, make policy.

Vote: Opposed 1, abstentions none, motion passed.

SZ: We will have this year's Annual Meeting before the fall picnic at 11:00, picnic at 12:00, ExComm at 4:00pm.

MK: I will check the dates and let everyone know, and will try to get it into this Sounding. It will be at Lettuce Lake or another park close to that one.

Chair Limits:

SZ: I think this is a good idea but we need to have the By-Laws Review Committee look at it. The By-Laws Review Committee consists of SZ, TT, BL, MS, RH.

Discussion: To open committee to other members? 2-3 year project. Have to comply with National and National has to OK our changes.

No committee report at this time.

RG: 2011

SZ: Need to decide if, where, and who will be honcho. Even with all the research that has been done I think we should take a year off to build up to it, get some energy back.

BL: If we decide on which is the favored hotel then we can decide if we want to have it.

Discussion: Money. Timing. Hotel vs. Memorial Day Weekend.

Motion: That we have an RG 2011 on Memorial Day Weekend. TH, second RH. Opposed 2, motion passed.

BL: I have 2 reports: Postcard never got back to me, we don't know anything, so it is out. La Quinta is smelly, just awful. I am withdrawing La Quinta.

SZ: We have Hilton Garden Inn and Hampton in Ybor.

Discussion: Room costs, meeting space, parking, accessibility to outside activities, perceptions left over from Ybor. (see transcript)

Motion: To accept Hilton as the hotel for the RG: 4 votes. To accept Hampton as the hotel for the RG: 2 votes. 2 abstentions. No majority.

Discussion: What do we need to pass things: Quorum: Majority? Abstention is not a yes or a no. Call Kathy on phone, get her vote.

Kathy votes for Hampton in Ybor.

MS: Comprehensive recap of Hampton and Hilton, pro and con for each.

Revote: Hilton Garden Inn: 3 votes. Hampton in Ybor: 5 votes. 1 abstention. The Hampton in Ybor will be the RG hotel.

BL: I will make sure we have everything in it and I will sign it.

Honcho:

Discussion: Difficulties of job, getting volunteers.

SZ: MS, TH and TT will co-honcho. MS will report to the ExComm. BL will be hotel liaison and will negotiate the Spaghetti Warehouse on Saturday night.

New Business:

Crewe List:

RH: We will print up 100 to give to new members and hosts, and for members who request it. Old members either request it or get it online. We can print more at any time, we are not tied to a deadline or number of issues. No new

changes will be incorporated, just annually.

Fall Picnic:

MK: I am going to leave off the map from the postcards. I will put notice of the Annual Meeting on the post card. I will need a set of labels. I will put the date, either actual or tentative, in Sounding.

ExComm Retreat:

TT: This is separate from the PEP Rally. The purpose of the retreat is to help the ExComm set direction and figure out what the goals and obstacles are. More structured than an ExComm meeting. Usually an all-day thing, off-site.

MK: Who pays for it and who runs it? And is it something we organize ourselves?

TT: It comes from National. They will give us support but I doubt funding. Perhaps from Mel using his discretionary dollars. We have to have a neutral facilitator to help us be more clear about our direction. Do we have goals? What are TBM's goals? What are the ExComm's goals? Open to officers, not general public.

Discussion: Have a child member representative. Have an ExComm meeting with it? When. Agenda. Ask Mel to help. Look up docs on National under 'Leadership Development Workshops'. We want guidance, not a boss.

Date: November 20.

SZ: We have the other workshop – Leadership Development. That is open to the membership. I think we should be talking to local groups in Florida.

BL: Will this be a gathering of all the other chapters?

RH: Any officer can come from wherever to learn something. I want to invite everyone. It is for officers to learn how to become better officers. Like the one we had in Plant City. We have a budget of \$1000. Market it to people who want to be officers, not the general population.

Discussion: The Plant City LDW.

TT: We announce it as the Secret Mensa World Domination Techniques Workshop. There are other officers who need this, such as Gainesville.

BL: If you have a colloquium of officers from a lot of groups you will get a lot of good ideas.

MS: I think it is good to have members and leaders sharing to energize.

TT: It can go either way, depending on how you organize it.

Resolution: Committee to explore Domination Techniques: SZ, RH, TT, MS. To decide where and when.

By-Laws Committee:

Done.

Holiday Party:

Discussion: To have one. Not in the north. Is Sandy out? Need a committee to look around?

TH: I will look for a place.

Motion: That we adopt the policy that: All Mensa functions open to all members must be held in handicapped accessible locations with the only exception(s) being those social functions that are held in members' homes. This is to be effective immediately. Furthermore: this policy shall be included in the next by-laws revisions that is put up for a vote or published. BL, second EH.

RH: How do we determine what is acceptable? OSHA standards?

Discussion: What is official? Everything on the calendar is 'official'. Really? If it is not handicapped-accessible does that mean we can't have an event?

BL: I will withdraw the motion and when we have the next goal-setting we will relook at this policy.

Motion is withdrawn.

Mensa Testing Day:

TT: We are participating. I want to contact schools.

EH and BL have to leave.

tbm-ex list:

JJ: Whoever is in charge of that list needs to clear it out of those people who are no longer on the ExComm or officer.

TT: We need to give the ownership of the lists, including GCC, to an office rather than an individual.

Motion: That the webmaster be designated as the owner of the Mensa Yahoo! Groups lists. TT, second MS.

Discussion: Anyone can be moderator but only one owner. Don't want to end up with rogue lists, or mirrors.

Vote: For: 4, abstain: 2. Motion passed. The owner of the lists will be notified of the Board decision and asked to relinquish their ownership.

Next meeting:

SZ: The next meeting will be following the fall picnic.

Motion: To adjourn. TT, second TH. Yes: 5, abstain: 1. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 5:22 PM

Note: A list of policies is now on the website.

submitted: Jay Johnson, Scribe