Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter July-August-September 2017

GPM Quarterly

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Mike Johnson	mikejohnson@cox.net
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GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by Marni Landry, GPM RecSec

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, at 2 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND.

April 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (via phone); Members at Large Jim Delton, John Perez (excused), and Mary Prior (excused), Member James Giunta and Guest Pete Costantino. Absent was Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson.

Motion to Approve Richard Morris. Mitzi Olivere seconded. Motion passed at 2:01pm.

OLD BUSINESS

- LibraryCon Update - Richard Morris
  Spoke to Cholla Branch manager - no knowledge of any official events

NEW BUSINESS

- Mensa Database system update
- As of Nov '16 all purchases on site must have an account including test vouchers by non-members.
- As a result, GPM had not had any voucher purchases until last week
- LocSec reports are now efficient and up to date
- Renewals Due
- We lost ~200 members as of 4/2/17 due to the system difficulties. 824 members listed as of 4/9.

OFFICER REPORTS

Assistant LocSec - ntr

Parliamentarian - ntr

Treasurer - vangaard report not available, balance $15438.81

MAAM Editor - Quarterly uploaded

Newsletter Editor - ntr

RecSec - Not available for July excom if re elected - can call in, local group profile page on us.mensa.org page in inaccurate.

Proctor Coordinator - ntr

ISComm - How to join Mensa page updated, RG site page is in process

Programs - No volunteers

Member@Large - ntr

LocSec - ntr

Questions or Comments by Members or Guests

Comicon Chair James Giunta

- May 25-28
- Needs shift volunteers

Next Meeting: 14 May 2017, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Motion to Adjourn by Morris. Olivere seconded. Motion passed at 2:48pm

Submitted by Marni Landry, GPM RecSec

Morris moved to adjourn, Coast seconded, motion passed 3:28pm

May 14, 2017 - 2:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris: MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (via phone); Members at Large Jim Delton and Mary Prior, Guests Pete Costantino (absent). Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere. Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson (absent).

Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Mitzi Olivere seconded. Motion passed at 2:04

OLD BUSINESS

- 2017-2018 ExCom Slate - Submitted by Disa, Julie & Helen
  - LocSec: Dave Pivin
  - Asst LocSec: Alex Vrenios* is withdrawing his name, someone will be appointed for the position at the July meeting.
  - Recording Secretary: Marni Landry
  - Treasurer: none (to be filled by David Coast at the 2nd meeting)
  - Member-at-Large: Jim Delton
  - Member-at-Large: Mitzi Olivere
  - Member-at-Large: James Giunta
- Motion to send a message of appreciation to the nominating committee for their efforts by Richard Morris, Mitzi Olivere seconded, motion passed.
  - RecSec will draft a message and send it to LocSec.
- RG Hotel Contract - Morris has a proposed contract with Hilton Garden for the upcoming RG. LocSec will contact Desiree Elliott to approve the contract.
  - David Coast suggested including a Phoenix Suns game as one of the RG outings.

NEW BUSINESS

- MAAM Editor Proposal for Puzzles -
  - Motion by Richard Morris that the MAAM editor be directed to feature a puzzle in the MAAM every other week and offer a $10 gift card for the first correct submission, Mary Prior seconded.
  - Discussion to randomly pull the winner from the correct answers
  - Post the puzzle for the MAAM, then post the winner with the publication of the next puzzle.
  - Amendment to the motion by Richard Morris and seconded by Mary Prior that a $10 gift card to be issued to a member randomly drawn from the correct responses submitted before the publication of the following puzzle. Motion passed 2:41pm.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Assistant LocSec - Will not be present 6/11/17 meeting
- Parliamentarian - ntr
- Treasurer - $15,418.55
- MAAM Editor - ntr
- Newsletter Editor - ntr
- RecSec - Will not be present for 7/9/17 meeting, nor the newly proposed 7/16/17 meeting
- Proctor Coordinator - ntr
- ISComm - ntr
- Programs - ntr
- Member@Large - Jim Delton - has the squishy brains, no one knows where the stickers are. Mary Prior - scholarship recipients will be announced mid-late June. Proposes a fund raiser or a donation fund to increase next year's scholarship from $600 up to $1000 or $1200.
- LocSec - July meeting will be moved from 7/9/19 to the 7/16/17

Questions or Comments by Members or Guests

James Giunta - Still needs to fill 7 shifts for Comicon 5/25 (load in) 5/26-28 convention.

Next Meeting

11 June 2017, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris. Mitzi Olivere seconded. Motion passed at 3:06

Submitted by Marni Landry, GPM RecSec

June 11, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 2:05pm. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian, Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (via phone); Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson; Guest Pete Costantino . Member at Large Jim Delton, Mary Prior and John Perez (excused).

Mitzi Olivere moved and Richard Morris seconded minutes from February be approved. Motion passed at 2:01 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

- GPM 5-Year Plan Update - Jim Delton
  - Distributed last fall, but there was no action
  - Commitment to the charter seems more important - increase involvement
- 2017 ComiCon Update - Jim Giunta
  - 73 signed up for July testing information
  - Thank you to our Volunteers: Jim Giunta, Viki Prescott, Duane Eitel, Tom Albrigo, Lyn Stinnet, Marlene Buffa, David Coast, John Schroeder, Jeff Holland, David Zapatka, Dianne Zimmerman, Michael Prator, Michele Fleury, Adelaide Dippolito
  - Jim will write an article for the website
  - Had to purchase a new hotspot and purchase 5GB of data.

NEW BUSINESS

- New GPM Web Page - Volunteering Opportunities
  - Under the "info" header on the main page and in one of the main front page columns
  - Consider replacing Sapphire award GIF with a hyperlinked box "click here to get involved"
- Gifted Youth Program
  - Please recommend nominees
  - Mary is going to contact a parent of child member

OFFICER REPORTS

- Assistant LocSec - ntr
- Parliamentarian - ntr
- Treasurer - $16,575.29, Jim Giunta needs to be added to the RG checking acct.
- MAAM Editor - ntr
- Newsletter Editor - ntr
- RecSec - Cannot attend 7/16/17 meeting David says someone will volunteer to record minutes.
- Proctor Coordinator - ntr
- ISComm - Wants input about adding "volunteer opportunities" to the website
- Programs - ntr
- Member@Large - difficulty getting items published in the MAAM
- LocSec - ntr

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2017

Bank Account	**$ 7,937.86**
Vanguard Account	**7,694.28**
Credit Union Savings	**55.00**
RG Account (pre-RG)	**2,805.15**
Total	**$15,268.57**

Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

AG: Annual Gathering (convention)
AMC: American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
AML: American Mensa Ltd. (National Office and employees)
ExCom: Executive Committee (Local Group elected/appointed Officers)
GPM: Greater Phoenix Mensa
GYP: Gifted Youth Program
LocSec: Local Secretary, President
MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation a.k.a. Mensa Foundation
MIL: Mensa International, Ltd.
M/Ms: Mensan/Mensans
MO: Mensans, guests and prospects only
ME/P: GPM Event, Public Welcome
NO: National Office
PE/M: Public Event, Mensans Welcome
RG: Regional Gathering (convention)
RVC: Regional Vice Chair (our Region's elected representative to the AMC)
SIG: Special Interest Group
SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance & Hospitality to Travelers

Weekly Event Details

◊ ME/P - Wednesdays @ 5–7 pm—*WHINE and DINE Happy Hour* @ Desert Jade Kitchen, 3215 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix. Mike Johnson 602-956-0180

◊ MO - Thursdays @ 5–7 pm—*Tuesday on Thursdays!* Ruby Tuesdays, 27 S McClintock Dr, #15, Temp. Gary & Gail 602-790-8626

Monthly Event Details

1st Thursday

◊ ME/P - Westside Lunch Group 1–3 pm at Little Bite of Italy, 15456 N. 99th Ave (at Greenway), Sun City. Contact Jean Barton t 623-546-3180 or Bartrabbit@aol.com

◊ ME/P - Thursday, 6:30–8:30 pm—*The Idea Exchange* at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd., Scottsdale. Contact Mike Johnson at mikejohnson@cox.net or 602-703-9324.

1st Friday

◊ ME/P DinDin With Lynne, 7–8 pm - at various locations. drvest55@gmail.com or call 480-254-3311.

1st Saturday

◊ ME/P - Casino Lunch, 12–3 pm—This alternates the location each month. About $18. Call 602 -703-9324 or MensaMike@gmail

2nd Monday

◊ ME/P - Prescott Minds in the Pines 8 pm—at Augie's Restaurant, 1721 Highway 69, Prescott. Will@Hepburn.com or 928-925-2685.

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2nd Tuesday

◊ ME/P - Burger Madness —4:30-8 pm—at Bar Louis, Tempe Marketplace Mall, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy #1220, Temp. Ken Brown, 602-492-8025 or John Randal at 480-361-2523.

◊ ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30–7:30 pm at Keegan's Grill, 4723 E. Ray Road, Phoenix. Michael Riordan 480-335-9890 or PHXRiordan@gmail.com

2nd Saturday

◊ PE/M - Sat., HSP Game Night, 6:30–10 pm at the Humanist Community Center, 627 W. Rio Salado Parkway (a.k.a. 8th St.) Mesa. Email ann.eisentraut@gmail.com.

◊ PE/M - Contradance 7:30–10:30 pm at Kenilworth School, 1210 N 5th Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

2nd Sunday

◊ MO - Executive Committee (ExCom) 2–3 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

3rd Sunday

◊ MO - Oh Hell! At Mel's, 12:30–6 pm. 6241 S. 16th Street, Phoenix MO. Contact Mel at mensamela@gmail.com or 602-989-2542 or 602-824-9389. (Canceled until January 2017.)

◊ ME/P GPM Cycling on Silent Sunday 10217 S. Central Ave., Phoenix. Contact Dave Pivin at mrpiv.me.com or Gene Holmerud at geneousmaam@gmail.com

4th Tuesday

◊ ME/P - Burger Madness —4:30-8 pm at Bar Louis, Tempe Marketplace Mall, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy #1220, Temp. Ken Brown, 602-492-8025 or John Randal at 480 -361-2523.

4th Friday

◊ ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7–8:45 pm on hiatus until September 2017.

◊ ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, 9–10 pm also on hiatus until September 2017.

◊ PE/M - Contradance 7:30–10:30 pm at Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N Central Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** As of the time the calendar was printed, this information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website*
http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/

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