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GPM Quarterly

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http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by John G. Perez, Recording Secretary

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.

October 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Mary Prior; Members at Large Jim Delton, John Perez, and Mary Prior, Member Tom Ron Draney and Guest Pete CostantinoAbsent was Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson.

Mitzi moved and Mary seconded the September minutes be approved as amended (to include Ron Draney as a member instead of a guest). Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- GPM Archives—Pet to ask M. Johnson for back numbers of newsletter. Mary to scan back numbers prior to 1994.
- RG Status: 75 registrations in hand, predicted 90-95 participants. Program schedule nearly complete. Lynn to enter all information in hand to calendar. Mary to charge Wi-Fi hotspot after middle of November. Lynn to deliver PDF of Program to Richard by 11/15. David Coast to deliver Games Night games, signage and easels to next ExCom.
- Northern Arizona Coordinator—David Coast to propose three venues in Sedona for lunch for area members. Coast, Pivin, Prior, et al., to represent GPM at the lunchy. Tentative date early November.

NEW BUSINESS

- Member Appreciation Day: Richard moves, John seconded, motion passed for Dave Pivin to appoint Jim Delton and Pete Costantino to research venues, present three options to next ExCom meeting. Tentative date is early March.
- RG Credit Card—John Perez may be recuperating from surgery before the RG. Mary moved, Richard seconded the transfer of the use of Perez' RG debit card to Pete Costantino to purchase RG hospitality supplies. Motion passed.
- Vanguard Account—Mary moved, Jim seconded that the Vanguard account be closed. Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

- MAAM Editor — Mary to continue MAAM until Steve Cervera is ready to assume job.
- GPM Quarterly Newsletter Editor—Last quarter NL to go out before RG. Mitzi moved, Mary seconded that the NL be sent to lapsed members along with a separate postcard asking them to renew.
- ISCom — ISComm Chair angry about AMC policy that denies recognition unless GPM publish a minum of 10 newletters annually. Mary to contact back channels at AML to inquire.
- Programs — Meeting suspended for the remainder of the year.

Meeting Adjourned. Submitted to Marni Landry, GPM RecSec by Richard Morris, RecSec pro tem.

November 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris: MAAM Editor Mary Prior; Members at Large Jim Delton John Perez and Mary Prior, Member Dennis Franklin, and Guest Pete Costantino. Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere and Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson were absent.

OLD BUSINESS

- RG Registration Status Updated—Mary Prior, Richard Morris. 86 registrants; RG account balance as of 10/31 was $8,533.41.
- T-Day Potluck Reminder—Bring food and let Helen Goldman know what you are bringing.
- Report of Walk-Through with Hotel on 11/10. No major changes since last year. We are renting screens from them at a 50% discount
- Spring 2017 Member Appreciation Planning Update—Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Tempe Park. Park has been reserved for $90 and includes beer permit. 6 am—midnight. Can be cancelled up to 2 days prior. Has charcoal grills. Event will be officially added to the calendar.
    - North Area Member Appreciation Lunch Update—Good turn-out. $270 cost to GPM.

NEW BUSINESS

- T-Day Potluck is a GPM event that is not associated with the RG, per Richard Morris.
- MAAM—Mensa and GPM do not have opinions, only member [personal] opinions are reflected in the MAAM.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Treasurer: Balance is $21,4566. (including the RG account). Vanguard account has been closed. Check will be received this month.
- MAAM Editor—Mary is prepared for Steve Cervera to take over. Official change must be made with National Office.
- GPM Quarterly Editor—Mary is producing the fall quarterly this week.
- ISCom — All AV systems have been sorted and are in cases ready for use.
- Programs—Shutting down for the rest of the year. Geocaching party moved to first of the year. Needs to print up sign-up

sheets for SIGs at RG.

- Members@Karge—Members are unhappy at the Hilton location, but only just voiced this opinion. Need to consider a feedback form to hand out at RG.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BY MEMBERS/GUESTS

- Denis—Discussed entry in the MAAM about the marijuana joke.
- Pete Costantino—has not received the old print copies of the MAAM. From 1994 forward are available on the GPM Website. 1992-1994 is in hard copy.

The next ExCom meeting will be December 11, 2016 at 2 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn.

December 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian, Richard Morris; Member at Large Jim Delton; and Member James Giunta. Absent were Members at Large John Perez and Mary Prior; and Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson.

Richard moved and Mitzi seconded that the November 13, 2016 minutes as amended be approved. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Review of 2016 RG—Richard
  - Successful, with few complaints.
  - RG financials unknown.
  - Hospitality was under budget, under $1,500.
  - Attendance was 102.
  - Suggest a new member meeting.
  - Selecting a new RG Chair. Richard is working on it.
  - Game room area was better in the open area.
- AMS [national] Database Change Status
  - Still not fully operational.
  - This affects the GPM page. If members have not reset their passwords with AML, then the log-in won't work on the GPM web site either. Contact David Pivin for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

- GYP—Gifted Youth Program
  - Hope Wilson's term a Gifted Youth Coordinator is ending.
  - We need to recruit a new coordinator.
  - Position is recommended at the local level and appointed at the national level.
  - What is the status of the February 2-3, 2017 Gifted Conference for which $500 was appropriated on 7/10/16? http://arizonagifted.org/conferences/
- Proposed new ComiCon chair for May 2017.
  - Richard moved and Jim seconded a motion for Jim Giunta to be the new ComiCon chair. Motion passed.
- Richard resigns as Marketing Committee Chair.
  - Committee will reconvene in 2017.
  - Need to recommend a new chair.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Treasurer—Total cash balance $15,134.92. Money is back in Vangard because of transaction error. Check willfer funds out this month. GPM poaid $1,755.50 for GYP "Going Wild" event. December through May, the ability to use credit cards will be inactive to save use funds.
- ISComm —Web site is affected by AML log-in change. The MAAM is no longer a Tumblr plugin, it is now linked to Tumblr.
- Programs—Geocaching party tentatively schedule for January 2017.

Richard moved, Mitzi seconded adjournment. Motion passed. Adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Next GPM [ExCom] meeting 1/8/17 at Hilton Garden Inn at 2 pm.



Membership Appreciate Day in the Park

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Come gather with fellow Mensans because as always it means there will be good food and drink and good conversation as well as a $50 Gift Card Giveaway (must be present to win) to one lucky winner from the attendees. Tentative start will be around noonish, more details later. Location will be at Kiwanis Park in Tempe at Ramada's 10, 11, and 12. The Ramadas are covered and are immediately adjacent to Parking and restrooms. We want to see you there.

Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2016

Bank Account	$ 5,212.86
Vanguard Account	7,665.49
Credit Union Savings	55.00
RG Account (pre-RG)	8,533.41
Total	$21,466.76

Greater Phoenix Mensa Wants YOU!

GPM is seeking volunteers to take on some local duties:

Programs ChairM

&

Gifted Youth Program ChairM

Please contact the LocSec if you are interested in either Chairing one of these positions or perhaps being one of a committee to share the load.

Contact David Pivin at
LocSec@phoenixmensa.org

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

◊ PE/M - Inventors Club, 2–4 pm—*Inventors Club* at Techshop, 249 E Chicago St, Chandler 85225If you have Questions? Kevin Moriarty 602-303-6272 or kevin 7314@gmail.com

◊ PE/M - Saturday Night at the Movies, 6-10 pm at 5318 N. 20th Street, Phoenix. If you have questions, Bruce or Ann Marie at 602-212-1614 or by email to bruce.m.stiles@gmail.com

1st Sunday

◊ MO - Julieanna's Lunch in Yuma 11 am—1 pm Julieanna's Patio Cagfe, 1951 W 25th St., Yuma. Contact Julie Osborn Garner at Julie.osborn@gmail.com or call 619-549-2971. An adult event, but well-behaved children are welcome.

◊ *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.

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 Monday

◊ MO - Science and Technology SIG 7 pm at Burton Barr library (1st Floor). See SIG listing for contacts.

3rd Saturday

◊ Happy Hour at Yuma's Main Squeeze, 6 pm—9 pm at 251 S. Main St., Yuma. On the front patio. Contact Julie Osborn Garner at Julie.osborn@gmail.com or call 619-549-2971. Adult Event.

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 January 2017.

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

4th Saturday

◊ ME/P - Oenophiles SIG Contact Richard Poole—602-317-5977 or richardpoole2012@gmail.com

◊ ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7–8:45 pm on hiatus during the Summer.

◊ MO - Original Games Night 7–11 pm August—Cancelled. Contact Dave Coast @ dcoast123@gmail.com for more info

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/

It's Not Too Late to apply for a scholarship!

Deadline is January 15, 2017! Go to the following website and apply on-line. There are several new scholarships available as well.

http://www.mensafoundation.org/

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