Greater Phoenix Mensa's Newsletter January-February-March 2016

GPM Quarterly

Communication

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http://tinyurl.com/GPM-MAAM

To be emailed a digest of the previous week's MAAM postings, please email Editor@phoenixmensa.org with a request to be added to the list, giving us permission to use your email address for sending the *MAAM Digest.* You may also be added by filling out an online form that is linked on the *MAAM* page above.

We want to enhance the way we communicate to gfive you the most current information available. Here are the details of all our print and electronic publications:

- *The GPM Quarterly* — This lets you know the basics and how to get in touch with your elected officers and other Mensans. It is mailed to print preference members and also uploaded to American Mensa Limited (AML) each quarter and appears on the AML web site in the same newsletter are as before. Members with email ePublication preference get a notification email that it has been published and linked for download if desired. All previous GPM newsletters continue to be available in this way as an archive. information, go to the Greater Phoenix Mensa ("GPM") web site at:

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

- *Much Ado About Mensa ("MAAM")* — This carries the "meat" of events, opinions, articles, ideas, letters to the editor, poetry, photography, artwork, and whatever else our local Mensa minds want to share. This is where the most current information and articles. We welcome input from in any electronic format.

- *MAAM Digest* is a weekly email with all that is posted in the *MAAM* in the previous week. Subscription to this is automatic for members who provide an email address to AML and can also be obtained by request to the Editor or filling in the form on the *MAAM* web page.

- *GPM Live Web Calendar* is an online calendar of all GPM events and public events of interest to Mensans. This is the main source of event information used by all other GPM publications.

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

- *GPM eUpdate* is a weekly email with news and announcements that may or may not appear in the *MAAM*; and it is a snapshot of the upcoming two weeks of events. Subscription to this is automatic for members who provide an email address to AML and can also be obtained by request to the Editor@phoenixmensa.org.

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Activity Coordinators — continued from page 2

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Interested in Leadership Development Workshop for GenX/Y?

Contact disarae@gmail.com to express interest or to assist the planning of a workshop workshop.

Tentative venue - Challenger Space Center.
Tentative date: April/May.

GPM ExComm Minutes

Submitted by John G. Perez, Recording Secretary

The ExComm meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, at 2 p.m. ALL MEMEBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND.

October 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; Recording Secretary John G. Perez; Member at Large Jim Delton, Parliamentarian Disa McAlister and MAAM editor Mary Prior; and Guest Pete Constantino. Absent were the Asst. LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Member at Large Maura Goldsberry and Dave Pivin; and Proctor Chair Nick Dodson. Dave Coast and Dave Pivin had excused absences.

Disa McAlisteer moved and Jim Delton Seconded the [September] minutes be approved; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- RG program is filled by Helen Goldman with backups available. Kids Track with Hope Wilson and Julie Garner and Stephanie (consultant) is coming along. Pete Constantino presented an inventory of the GPM Membership Appreciation party. Richard Morris said that the registrations are ahead of last year at 60.
- Scholarships — Mary Prior asked and Davie Pivin created a Scholarships page offering regular Mensa Scholarships plus a $600 scholarship from GPM Scholarship account that lives at AML.
- AG—No information to date from Vice Chair of Kentucky AG, tabled for now.
- Mind Games bid package due; Mary Prior has contract.
- Newletter and MAAM—Mary Prior is accepting articles and email for blog set up.
- New Members Owner's Manual-quoted cost $0.84 for 500;

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2015
David Coast, GPM Treasurer

Cash Assets

Checking	$ 5,262.85
Savings	11,131.84
RG	563.77
Total	$16,598.46
Total Revenue	$13,139.79
Total Expenses	$13,106.31

Dave Pivin has it; convert to PDF format; print on 60# offset. How many do we order? Add to RG tote bags. Cost: $0.68/750, $0.64/1000. Dave Coast moved, Disa McAlister seconded we copy 500, motion passed.

- PHX Comicon—Cost $875 for a 10x10 booth; estimated 30,000 will attend; no FanFest next year. Panel Discussion to be hosted by Disa McAlister in breakout rooms, Graham Dykes to chair with 4 attendees to help. Mary Prior moved and Disa McAlister seconded, Motion passed to go to Comicon.

Dave Coast moved and Disa McAlister seconded meeting to adjourn, motion passed. Next GPM [ExCom] meeting 11/8 at Hilton at 2 pm.

November 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:13 pm. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary John G. Perez; Members at Large Jim Delton, Maura Goldsberry and David Pivin; Parliamentarian Disa McAlister; and Guest Pete Constantino. Absent was Proctor Chair Nick Dodson. Editor Mary Prior had excused absence.

OLD BUSINESS

- RG—expect 120—130 registrants. Helen Goldman has filled the program with backups available. Mary Prior received list of speakers and registrants for ID tags, should be complete by November 15th.
- Scholarships—begins January 2016.
- Mind Games bid package emailed 11/1. Mary Prior has a list of volunteers to handle Hotel Liaison, Treasurer, Hospitality and Game Check In/Out; David Fischman, Chryssoula DePuydt, David Coast, Mel Anderson Michelle Muieller, Rebecca Roberts and Laura Lee Laundre.
- New Member Events—tabled to next month. New Member Appreciation party possibly February/March 2016.
- Team Building—separate event. What is cost?
- New Meeting Site—mentioned by Mitzi Olivere to Denny's at Dunlap & I-17. Richard Morris will investigate.
- Uncleared Checks—Dave Coast has checked the bank statement, still not cleared. Will investigate further.
- Member's Owner's Manual—Richard Morris asked the board to read, Dave Coast moved, Jim Delton seconded we increase the printing from 500 to 750. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of new Program Committee Chair, Dave Coast. Mitzi Olivere moved, Dave Pivin seconded; motion passed.
- Assistant Webmaster—Dave Pivin asked for assistance, Judy Hermann volunteered. Mark David Barrera also volunteered and is considering it. Dave Piving said that the Webmaster should have a MAC as the software used only runs on it. Jim Delton suggested we buy a used MAC; discussion continued. Jim Delton moved, Mitzi Olivere seconded, motion passed to accept Judy Hermann as Assistant Webmaster.
- Hope Wilson recommended we apply to Gifted Youth Program as an individual for $25. John Perez brought up the group membership for $50. Discussion continued. Jim Delton moved, Mitzi Olivere seconded that we buy both the individual and group membership for $75; motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

- ISCom—Dave Piven suggested GPM Internet Policy and possible ASIE.
- Editor—The GPM Quarterly was finished and currently being printed. MAAM—Dave Pivin has posted a few items. Mary Prior learning to use Tumblr.
- Members-at-Large—Jim Delton said the Forum not on 11/12.
- Treasurer—$26,584.75

David Coast moved and Dave Pivin seconded that we adjourn. Motion passed at 3:10 p.m. Next GPM [ExCom] Meeting 12/13 at the Hilton at 2 p.m.

December 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. Present were LocSec Richard Morris; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary John G. Perez; Members at Large Jim Delton and Dave Pivin, Parliamentarian Disa McAlister; Guest Pete Constantino; and Member Gene Holmerud. Absent were Member at Large Maura Goldsberry; MAAM Editor Mary Prior; and Proctor Chair Nick Dodson. Maura Goldsberry and Mary Prior had excused absences.

Mitzi Olivere moved and Dave Coast second the minutes be approved as amended; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- RG—had a favorable review; the weather was too cold. The venue was good, as well as the programs. Hospitality spent less money than last year. Vendors were problematic in that what was ordered was NOT what was ordered. There were too few diet drinks. Registrations were 94 adults and 7 children. We were a net -100.
- Mind Games was awarded to Washington DC [for 2017].
- Scholarship—[judging] begins January 2016. Needs judges.
- New Member Events—need a chair; possible date 4/2/16. Need a location. We had 160 last time, and expect 200 next.
- Team Building—Disa McAlister will chair. On hold until 1/16.
- Uncleared checks—none. Science $250.00.
- New Meeting Site—mentioned by Mitzi Olivere to Denny's at Dunlap & I-17. Richard Morris investigated; not a good feel.
- Member's Owner's Manual—postage to mail to new members at $1.20 each; envelopes at $0.20 each. Ned to buy stamps; need to send 200. Mitzi Olivere moved, David Pivin seconded; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Julie Garner was name Yuma Area Coordinator.
- PPT Systems—Bruce Stiles proposed buying 4 projector systems. Committee to be Jim Delton, Dave Pivin, Ron Draney and Bruce Stiles; Jim Delton as chair.
- Speakers for Banquet at $750.00. Jim Delton moved, Mitzi Olivere seconded; motion passed.
- Science Bowl Participation—Gene Holmerud—on 2/20 or 3/6.
- Proposed ASIE of GPM electronic communications—Dave Pivin.
- New Member Promotion—Richard Morris. Give voucher to each new member ($42) test; 50-100.
- RVC2—going to electronic form of membership on Web/pdf about 30 pages. Policy follows AML. Dave Pivin and Jim Delton discussed policy and definitions. Deferred to 1/10/16.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Programs—next meeting on astronomy.

Disa McAlister moved, Mitzi Olivere seconded that we adjourn; motion passed at 4:04 p.m. Next GPM [ExCom][meeting 1/10 at Hilton at 2 p.m.

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
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

◊ Wednesdays @ 5–7 pm — ME/P
WHINE and DINE Happy Hour @ Grassroots Kitchen, 2119 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix.

◊ Thursdays @ 5–7 pm — MO
Tuesday on Thursdays! Ruby Tuesdays, 27 S. McClintock Drive, #15, Temp.

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday—ExComm Meeting

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

1st Thursday

◊ Thursday, 1–3 pm — ME/P
Westside Lunch Group at Little Bite of Italy, 15456 N. 99th Ave (at Greenway), Sun City (1st Thursday of each month).

◊ Thursday, 6:30–8:30 pm — ME/P
The Idea Exchange at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd., Scottsdale

1st Friday

◊ Friday, 7–8 pm — ME/P
Din Din with Lynne at various locations.

1st Saturday

◊ Saturday, 12–3 pm — ME/P
Casino Lunch. This alternates the location each month. It will be at either the Corbin Casino Lunch at Casino Arizona, 524 N. 92nd St., Scottsdale (Nov. & Jan.) OR the Talking Stick Resort, 9800 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale (Dec. & Feb.)

◊ Saturday, 6–10 pm — PE/M
Saturday Night at the Movies at 5318 N. 20th Street, Phoenix. If you have questions, contact bruce.m.stiles@gmail.com

2nd Tuesday

◊ Tuesday, 5:30–7:30 pm — ME/P
Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, at Keegan's Grill, 4723 E. Ray Road, Phoenix. ME/P

2nd Wednesday

◊ Wednesday, 7–11 pm — PE/M
Up in Smoke at Fox Cigar Bar, 1464 E. Williamsfield Road, #105, Gilbert. PE/M

2nd Saturday

◊ Sat., November 14, 6:30–10 pm. *HSGP Game Night @* the Humanist Community Center, 627 W. Rio Salado Parkway (a.k.a. 8th St.) Mesa. PE/M

3rd Sunday

◊ Sunday, 12:30–6 pm.
Oh Hell at Mel's, 6241 S. 16th Street, Phoenix (3rd Sunday of each month). MO.
Contact mensamela@gmail.com if you have questions

4th Friday

◊ Friday, 7–8:45 pm — ME/P
Beginning in January 2016!
Mensa Forum at 1700 N. Granite Reef Road, Scottsdale 85257. Topic to be determined later.

4th Saturday

◊ Saturday, 7–11 pm — MO
Original Games Night at 2149 W. Kathleen Road, Phoenix. BYOB and a snack to share. The gate code may be found on the GPM Live Web Calendar

Unique to January 2016

◊ Sun., January 10, 2–3 pm —*Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting* at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ALL MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Unique to February 2016

◊ Sun., February 14 @ 2–3 pm —Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ALL MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Unique to March 2016

◊ Sun., March 14 @ 2–3 pm —Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. ALL MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the time the calendar was printed, this information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the web site.



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